

FIRST THOUGHTS

RICHLAND CELEBRATE RECOVERY HONDURAS MISSION TRIP June 25th - July 2nd

Members of Celebrate Recovery will be going on a mission trip to Honduras. If you would like to make a contribution to help fund this trip, please make your check payable to FBC Rayville and note "CR Mission Trip" in your memo.

For more information, please contact Myrt Hales at (318)503-4542.



END OF YEAR FELLOWSHIP

Monday, May 23rd, 6:00pm
Family Life Center

Lively toe-tapping entertainment provided by:

"The Jericho Project"

featuring Mike Purcell, Bill Stansbury, & Andy Smart.

The meal is "Burgers & Fixin's". This will be our last meeting until Fall so don't miss out on the music, fun, fellowship, and great food. Invite someone to come with you!

"Day at the Lake"

Friday
May 13, 2016
10:00 am

Free to Senior Citizens
age 60 & older



Sponsored by Sheriff Lee Harrell,
Richland Parish Sheriff's Office & TRIAD



Fishing, Food,
Music &
Fellowship

Transportation provided from Richland Parish Courthouse at 9:30am.

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Graduation!

Well it's that time of year again: Graduation! This is a time that is so exciting for all our senior students and their families. I want to ask you, church family, to keep these students and their families in your prayers as they graduate and move to the next phase of life. I pray that they will continue to follow Christ as they move forward. On Sunday, May 15 at the 10:40 service, we will honor these student and then will serve them and their families a meal following the service. I want to thank you as a church for supporting these students and for your prayers for them as they take the next step in their lives. Here are the senior students so that you can pray for them by name:

GIRLS

Maddy Blackwell
Erin Branch
Riley Bridges
Avery Crawford
Katherine Payne
Kirste Payne

BOYS

Tre' Cade
Hunter Clark
Bradford Doughty
John Kevin Greer
Cole Morris
Joseph Morris
Luke Senn
Jonah Sharbono
Kendall Stevens
Noah Wroten

Get Plugged into Sunday School: Every Sunday after or before church (depending on the service you attend) we have four Sunday School classes for your students! We have a junior high girl and boy group and two high school groups. This is a vital time for students to connect and be disciplined by our awesome Teachers!

Keep Coming to Refuge: Every Wednesday night @ 6:15pm we have our weekly student worship. This is a time for students to hang out, worship and be challenged by God's word.

Start Coming to Growth Groups: Every Sunday afternoon @ 5:00pm we have Growth Groups for students that are wanting to grow deeper in their faith. This is a great time to help disciple your students.

In His Service,
James

IGNITE NEWS

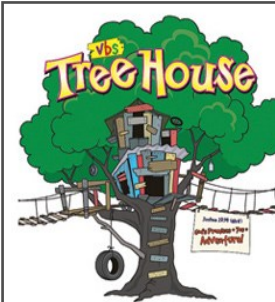
All hands on deck!

Vacation Bible School is upon us! We will need tons of help this year to make VBS 2016 a success. We are planning on this being the largest VBS ever at FBC Rayville. If you can help, please contact me so I can put you on the list. Our children have been working on the music and drama for our family night on June 12. This event is shaping up to be a great outreach opportunity for our church to build relationships with visiting families from our community. You do NOT want to miss being a part of VBS 2016.

Our father / son float trip to the Buffalo River has been postponed to June 23 - 25. We will spend two days and two nights on the river enjoying God's creation and each other. The cost for this trip will be under \$100 per person. Please let me know if you would like to go on this trip within the next two weeks so I can reserve the canoes.

Thanks for meeting the IGNITE Challenge.....I have really enjoyed seeing the kids answer the questions and reciting the memory verses each week. Keep up the good work!

In Christ,
Tim



"VBS TREEHOUSE"

June 6-10

PreK4-6th Grade

This year we have scheduled VBS for June 6-10. Our theme will be "VBS TreeHouse" and will be an action-packed adventure through the Bible!

The scriptures and Bible stories will teach us about the promises of God starting with our theme verse: Joshua 23:14 says, *The Lord Your God has kept all of the good promises he gave you. Every one of them has come true. Not one has failed to come true. And you know that with all your heart and soul.* We'll continue the adventure through skits, craftivities, games, and fun snacks that reinforce the themes for each day. Our 5th and 6th grade students will get to build and operate a Lemonade Stand to raise money for missions.

We will **NEED LOTS** of help to make this a successful event. If you can help, please let Tim Allen know so he can get you on the volunteer list.



FIRST NOTES

April Showers Bring May Flowers!

Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. Leviticus 26:4

The metamorphosis of Spring is nearly complete. On one hand, Winter leaves nature seemingly bare and lifeless. Yet the Spring rain and warmth of the sun makes God's creation come to life. And though we may have received more rain than we wanted to this point, the evidence of God's provision can be seen in the lushness and vitality of the fields and trees. It is nothing less than awe inspiring how God awakens nature with the work of His hands. As He was from beginning, He is still the God of creativity, and He is the God of provision through the changing of seasons for all of His creation, especially His most prized creation... man. Even in the darkness of man's sin and hopelessness, God has provided the way of life through Christ. What an awesome God! Such a God deserves and demands our most sincere worship and adoration.

Worship Ministry Upcoming Events

We've got some great things upcoming in the life of our church, especially in our music ministry. We will have our **Fifth Sunday Singin'** on May 29th, which will be an awesome evening of worship led by singers within our church. Secondly on June 26th during our evening service, we will have a celebration of God and Country where the Sanctuary Choir will be presenting a Patriotic musical titled, **Our Only Hope: A Musical Prayer for America** followed by some great food and fellowship. I know you'll want to mark your calendars and set your smart phone reminders for these 2 special events.

Let Us Make His Praise Glorious,
Raymond

SUMMER CAMP 2016

Richland Baptist Encampment - Alto, LA

Cost: \$125 per person

July 10-14 Youth: Jr. High-16 years old
July 17-21 Boys: 2nd-6th Grade
July 24-28 Girls: 2nd-6th Grade

Contact Shane or Marilyn Duke, (318) 348-3303, or email crossovermin@juno.com for more information.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

8:30am Worship Service
 9:45am Sunday School
 10:45am Worship Service
 5:00pm Youth - Growth Group
 6:00pm Evening Worship
 6:00pm Joy Explosion

MONDAY

1:30pm Helping Hands Ministry

TUESDAY

8:00am-12Noon Care & Share

WEDNESDAY

4:00pm "Through the Bible" Study
 5:00pm Supper
 5:20pm Praise Team
 5:30pm .. "Listening for God":An informal discussion
 5:30pm "The Case for Christ" Study
 5:30pm Men's Study
 "77FAQs About God and the Bible"
 6:00pm IGNITE-Children's Activities
 6:15pm REFUGE-Student Worship
 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

6:00am Men's Prayer
 9:30am Ladies' Prayer Group
 5:30pm Richland Celebrate Recovery

FRIDAY

8:00am-12Noon Care & Share

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Care & Share Thrift Store **1st Saturday**
 8:00am-12Noon 1214 Rosa St., Rayville, LA
Second Helpings **2nd Saturday**
 8am-Set-Up/Cook 9am-Prep Food Boxes 10am-Deliver
WMU **1st & 2nd Tuesday**
 10:30am WMU Downstairs
Men's Prayer Breakfast **3rd Sunday**
 7:00am Family Life Center
Wednesday Night Supper **Every Wednesday**
 5:00pm Family Life Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 7th
 8:00am-12 Noon Care & Share Thrift Store
Sunday, May 8th  *Happy Mother's Day*
Thursday, May 12th
 8:30pm Celebrate Recovery Leadership Cmte Mtg
Saturday, May 14th
 8:00am-10:00am Second Helpings
Sunday, May 15th
 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 4:30 Deacons' Meeting
Sunday, May 22nd
 7:00pm Business Meeting
Monday, May 23rd
 6:00pm Saints Alive End-of-Year Fellowship
Sunday, May 29th
 8:30am & 10:45am Lord's Supper
 6:00pm Fifth Sunday Singin'
Monday, May 30th
MEMORIAL DAY - Church Office Closed



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 The next issue of the First Ray
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MONDAY - MAY 30, 2016

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Our Church Goal: \$12,000
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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 15th, 7:00am
 In the Family Life Center

DEACONS' MEETING

Sunday, May 15th, 4:30pm

BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, May 22th, 7:00pm
 Immediately following PM Service.

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Online Giving is now available!

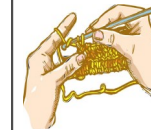
Go to FBC Rayville's website at www.fbcrayville.org and click on the GIVE button. After creating an account, you're able to give a donation or schedule a series of donations directly from your checking account or by using your debit or credit card.



SUNDAY, MAY 8TH



We extend Christian love and sympathy to the families of Mr. James (Jim) Letlow on his passing.



**HELPING HANDS
 MINISTRY
 of NORTHEAST
 LOUISIANA**

**Mondays - 1:30pm to 3:30pm
 WMU Building**

Join us at our weekly crochet circle. Visitors are welcome for fun and fellowship. If you'd like to learn to crochet, we can teach you!!

**SECOND HELPINGS
 Community Outreach
 Meal Ministry**

Saturday, May 14th
 Family Life Center

8:00am Prep/Cook
9:00am Prep Food Boxes
10:00am Begin Deliveries

For more information contact Lori Morris or Barry Collins.

- 1 Courtney Sepulvado
- 2 Ty Branch
- 3 Louise Cater
- 4 Briley Haught
- 5 Evie Eldridge
- 6 Kylie Mills
- 7 Jennifer Rogers
- 8 Liz Hogue



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Becky Hoychick
- 11 Dallas Bell
- 12 Eli Jones
- 13 Ricky Bridges
- 14 Sherry Hough
- 15 Taylor Allen
- 16 Katie Jones
- 17 Orié Morris
- 18 Ginny Richardson
- 19 Meri Hobbs Wren
- 20 Josiah Ramsey
- 21 Claire Aymond
- 22 Derrick Huber

- 19 Myra Alderman
- 20 Cooper Eldridge
- 21 Ty Allen
- 22 Kelly Kervin
- 23 Zac Carnegie
- 24 Jannah Ward
- 25 Brittany Hayes
- 26 Hunter Clark
- 27 Clark Adcock
- 28 Paisley Lewis
- 29 Beth Taylor
- 30 Will Senn
- 31 Myles Hayes
- 32 Lee Thomason
- 33 Rachel Stephenson
- 34 Kate Crawford