

## FIRST THOUGHTS

Even when you have looked at the pictures, *seeing* the rubble piled up on street after street, in front of home after home, is mind blowing. The destruction of the flood across South LA is unbelievable. Not only were homes and businesses destroyed, but church buildings as well. Several of us spent Monday through Wednesday working at the Sherwood Baptist Church facility. We were tearing out sheetrock and insulation so the drying out process can begin. Then the rebuilding can begin, hopefully, sooner rather than later. It's a terrible thought to think that so many people can't even go to their church facilities where they usually sense peace, encouragement, and hope for the future. Let us continue to pray for all those affected by the flood.

You may not have had the opportunity to go this week, but, I assure you, the southern region of Louisiana will need help for months to come. Please, consider taking the time to go to south Louisiana somewhere and helping our friends, our brothers and sisters and the body of Christ there in those places affected. **A big thank you to: Mr. Gordon Allen, Bro. Tim Allen, Ty Allen, Mr. Jim Adams, Mr. Bo Clark, Mrs. Suzette Doughty, Mrs. Lori Morris, Mr. Leroy Ractliff, and Mr. Rayland Trisler for serving in Baton Rouge this week.** You did a great job! I am thankful to be your pastor and serve with you.

It's already September! Beginning on September 11 all Sunday Schools from 5 grade up will study a book entitled *Tell Someone*. There is no greater need across the World or in our own community than the church being willing to tell someone the good news of Jesus Christ. Sometimes we ask ourselves how we got in the shape we are in as a nation and I believe it is because the church has become increasingly inwardly focused. We must break that trend and focus on telling others about Jesus and the great salvation of God.

You want to be in our morning services on September 25<sup>th</sup> as the Voices of LC and the President of Louisiana College, Dr. Rick Brewer will be in Rayville to share with us. Dr. Brewer continues to do a great job at LC and The Voices are always great. Make plans to be in services on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Press on!

Dr. EW

## Week of Prayer for State Missions & Georgia Barnette Offering Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
Sunday, Sept. 18, 7:00pm  
Immediately following PM Service

**DEACONS' MEETING**  
Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00am  
In the Family Life Center

### DR. WREN'S SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Go to [fbcrayville.org](http://fbcrayville.org) and click the Sermons link at the top of the page. Church activities and upcoming events are also posted on the website. Share the web address with someone and invite them to church.

### BECOMING A NURSERY VOLUNTEER!!

If you are available to help in the church nursery for an hour or two Sunday mornings between 8:30am and 10:45am, on a rotating basis, please contact Mrs. Wanda Ringle in the nursery or the church office to be added to the volunteer roster.

### Online Giving is now available!

Go to FBC Rayville's website at [www.fbcrayville.org](http://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.

## IGNITE NEWS

Teach them diligently!!!!

We have had an awesome summer and have seen God moving within our children. Several children have come to know Christ and accept Him as their Savior through VBS, CentriKid, and Preteen Invasion this summer. Several others heard the Holy Spirit speaking and were obedient by rededicating their lives. As school gets back in full swing I think it is important for us to keep engaging our children and encourage them to continue growing in the Lord. **Deuteronomy 6:4-7 says:** *"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

We want to partner with you to fulfill this command! This fall we will be offering a special program for our 5th and 6th graders to help them grow spiritually. **Introducing PB&J!** PB&J stands for: Prayer, Bible study, and Journaling. Each child will be given a daily devotional guide and encouraged to Pray for 5 minutes, read their Bible for 5 minutes, and Journal for 5 minutes 5 days a week. Once a week we will meet with Children in this program to review the material and answer any questions they may have had in the previous week. Children that faithfully complete this challenge for 5 months will be treated to a special trip to Six Flags in the spring! I am looking forward to what the Lord is going to do through this new opportunity for our 5th and 6th graders.

IGNITE is back in full swing! Be sure to have your Pre-K - 6th graders here each Wednesday night as we continue going through the Gospel Project. We will start large group time in the chapel at 6:00 pm sharp followed by small group time at 6:30. Pick up will be in front of the new education building at 7:00.

Wednesday night supper will begin on September 7th at 5:00.

In Christ,  
Tim



## FIRST NOTES

### Whistle While You Work

Studies have shown that perhaps the seven dwarfs got it right. I heard and was reading an article this past week that suggests whistling and/or singing while you work helps relieve stress and improves productivity. And you can probably guess where I'm going next. Now if that study encourages secular music as a source of help, how much more beneficial would Godly music be for us? How helpful would it be to listen to songs that remind us of God's faithfulness throughout our hectic day? In conjunction with daily reading God's word, I can't imagine anything better to lift our spirits throughout the day. Now I'm not proposing you loudly blast out your co-workers, but consider using soft instrumental hymns and worship music to encourage you throughout the day. Of course this is not a new concept. Psalm 32:7 says, *"You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance."* Just try it, you may be pleasantly surprised just how much better your days go by.

### The Arrival: Celebrating the Joy of His Birth

I know it's only September, and it's still hot outside, but before you know it Christmas will here. And what better way to celebrate our Savior's birth than singing His praise. And I am very eager to let you all know that we once again have a special musical lined up for this Christmas season. *The Arrival: Celebrating the Joy of His Birth* is a powerful and uplifting musical sure to stir our hearts to worship the Lord. Let me also take this opportunity to invite all those singers and would-be choir members to join us for a great season of worship. God has blessed our choir with some tremendous singers who are humble and faithful to lead our church in worship. Nonetheless, we can always use a few more. But whether from the choir loft or the pews remember God calls us all to be participants in worship not mere spectators.

### Voices of LC, September 25<sup>th</sup>

Let me also remind you church family that the Voices of LC will be singing and leading our church in worship in the morning services of September 25<sup>th</sup>. They are very talented group of young singers and have always been a tremendous blessing to our church so I know that you will want to be present that Sunday.

Raymond

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**SUNDAY**

8:30am.....Worship Service  
 9:45am.....Sunday School  
 10:45am.....Worship Service  
 6:00pm.....Evening Worship

**MONDAY**

1:30pm.....Helping Hands Ministry

**TUESDAY**

8:00am-12Noon.....Care & Share

**WEDNESDAY**

9:30am.....“God Speaks”  
 4:00pm.....“Through the Bible” Study  
**5:00pm ..... Supper**  
 5:20pm.....Praise Team  
 5:30pm.....“God Speaks”  
 5:30pm.....“Jesus Continued”  
 5:30pm...Men’s Study-”Fascinating Stories of Forgotten Lives”  
**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



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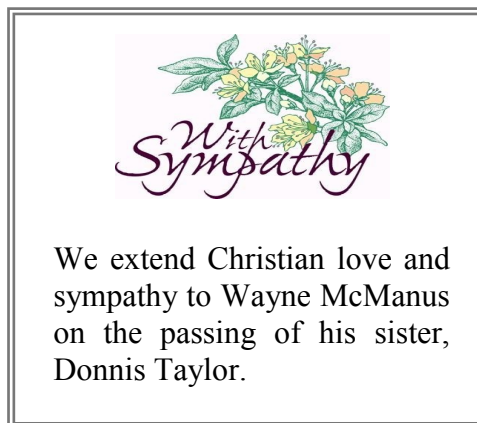
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# First Ray

**Altar Flowers  
 2016 - 2017**

Sandy Adams is preparing the calendar for altar flowers. If you would like to sign-up to provide Sunday flowers for the sanctuary, please call Sandy at 728-2238.

**Church Directory Portrait Dates  
 Sept. 7th-10th & 16th - 17th.**

If you have not already scheduled your appointment time there is still times available! Go to fbcrayville.org and follow the link or you can call the church office at 728-3231.

**LifeShare Blood Drive**

Wednesday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>  
 4:30 - 7:00pm  
 The bus will be in the gym parking lot.



MONDAY, SEPT. 26<sup>TH</sup>, 6:00PM  
 IN THE WMU BUILDING

**SEPTEMBER  
 BIRTHDAYS**

Left out last month: (August)  
 31st Ellie Hoychick

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|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Wallace Livingston | 10 Lee Prine        | 20 Dekota Huber      |
| 2 Ann Morris         | 11 Heather Guynes   | Joy Walters          |
| Beth Haynes          | Jim Adams           | 21 Phyllis Temple    |
| 3 Mary McConathy     | Gail Greer          | 23 Patricia Thompson |
| 5 Donna Eldridge     | Lee McDonald        | Orie Morris          |
| Evelyn Jo Pettit     | Cole Mills          | 24 Victoria Thames   |
| James Sullivan       | 12 Annie Frith      | 25 Terry Prewitt     |
| Corey Clark          | William Green       | 25 David Head        |
| 6 Vicki Greer        | Logan Morris        | Buddy McCartney      |
| Luke Barras          | 13 Ann Marie Clack  | 26 Marie Flattmann   |
| Carlton Clark        | 15 Don Feltenberger | Ryan Wilkerson       |
| 8 David Doughty      | 16 Mike McNaughton  | Lynsey Mercer        |
| 9 Kay Temple         | 17 Shonnie Dickens  | Teresa Barton        |
| Barkley Blaylock     | 19 LeAnn Thomason   | 28 Christian Knight  |
| 10 Julie cooper      | 20 Carolyn Grantham | 30 Javier Leija      |
| Alan Thompson        | Linda Rice          | Candy Norsworthy     |

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sept. 6 - 10 Church Directory  
 16 - 17  
 Sept. 11th Colonial Manor  
 Sept. 21st LifeShare Blood Drive  
 Sept. 25th Voices of LC and Dr. Brewer