

FIRST THOUGHTS

It's here! Revival week is here. Bucky Kennedy will be with us Sunday Morning through Wednesday night. God is bringing Bro. Bucky our way to pour out His grace on us. My prayer is that you have made these services a priority. I hope that you will also invite those in your circles of loved ones and friends to come and be apart, that they might hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and have their lives changed forever. I am praying for you, and I encourage you to pray for those you will invite and trust that God will do a great work in our lives through His word and His servant.

I would also like you to pray for our group as we travel to the Holy Land. Pray for safety in travel and while we are there. But more, pray that our souls will be enriched and encouraged as we walk where Jesus walked. A trip to Israel is an amazing journey, and I pray every person who is going will be blessed as much as I was the first time I went.

Dr. EW

RICHLAND CELEBRATE RECOVERY

A Parish Wide Ministry
**Every Thursday in the
FBC Rayville Gym**

Dealing with HURTS, HABITS, HANG-UPS? Do you know someone else who is? Join us on Thursday nights as we grow in the knowledge of God's mercy and grace in our lives.

5:30pm Fellowship Dinner
6:30pm Large Group Meeting
7:30pm Open Share Groups



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!!

IGNITE NEWS

Connect, CentriKid, & Basic Training!

I really enjoyed our **Connect Parenting Retreat!** We had over 100 parents attend. Dr. Josh shared lots of practical ways to help us create emotionally safe homes for our children. If you were like me, it can seem a little overwhelming. **Beginning** February 11th, we will be offering our first Connect parenting study. This study will be offered during the Sunday school hour AND at 5pm each Sunday for 7 weeks. We are offering the SAME class at two times to allow everyone to attend both Sunday school and the parenting class. This will be a shame-free time where we can encourage, learn, and grow together by sharing our own real life experiences in a safe environment. For our first bible study we will be using Dr. Josh's study, Safe House: How Emotional Safety is the key to raising kids who live, love, and lead well. Trying to raise our kids to follow Christ is HARD work, we all mess up and feel inadequate at times. I hope you will join us on this great journey!

It is time to sign up for CentriKid! This year's dates are July 30 - August 3. We will be going back to Timber Creek Camp in Pulaski, MS. This camp is very kid friendly and is only about an hour and a half away from home. The cost this year will be **\$330** and will include 2 t-shirts. **There is a nonrefundable \$100 deposit due by February 9th.** We have a limited number of spots and they are filling up fast. Call me or the church office to reserve your 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th grader's spot today!

Basic Training (D-NOW for 2nd - 6th graders) will be March 9-11. The cost will be \$40 per child and will be due March the 9th. We will be going back to the Richland Baptist Encampment this year. We will study why and how we are changed into new creatures when we come to trust Christ as our Savior. This is shaping up to be a fun and exciting weekend for our kiddos. Be sure to sign them up ASAP as there are a very limited number of spots for boys and girls.

In Christ,
Tim

REFUGE

We have the wonderful opportunity to start the month of February with Revival. While pondering on this coming weekend, I decided to look at the definition of the word itself. Revival means an improvement in the condition or strength of something. We have recently come out of a busy holiday season and been given the chance to start a new year. Many times the stresses and just life in general begin to take our attention from what really matters, Our life with Christ.

This weekend of revival gives us time to examine our lives. Revival helps us focus on our strengths as well as our weaknesses. Have we allowed certain things in life to take over? I venture to say everyone of us can improve and strengthen our walk with Christ in some way or another. Would you join us February 4-7 that we may come together as a body of believers to be strengthened by the Word of God brought by Bucky Kennedy? May we build up our brothers and sisters in Christ in ministering one to another. I look forward to seeing you all.

Randy Zeigler

Upcoming Events:

DNow March 2-4

Sign up now for CentriFuge Camp July 2-7 and reserve a spot as you pay deposit.

FIRST NOTES 🎵

Holy Spirit Rain Down!

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. Isaiah 44:3

In looking towards our revival in February, I've come across many songs and references to rain. Throughout scripture rain is used to literally and symbolically illustrate God's cleansing and restoration. And like you, I'm lifting up our revival speaker Bucky Kennedy to be God's mouthpiece, but even more my prayer is that God would rain down His presence and power upon us. We desperately need for God to rain down His showers of blessing. As the hymn "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing" reminds us, "mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead!" Brothers and Sisters, let us be faithful to our Revival meetings and pray for God to open up the heavens and rain down His power and love upon us!

Sanctuary Choir: There's no better time to be a part of our Sanctuary choir! We have new and exhilarating anthems. I'm also very excited about our Easter musical that we are working on. Come join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm for rehearsal and 8:45am for Sunday morning worship. We'd love to have you come and be a part of this dynamic ministry.

Make His Praise Glorious,
Raymond

ONLINE GIVING

Go to our church 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.

Saints Alive! 🎵

Feb. 26th, 6:00pm
Food provided - WMU Building
Entertainment: Bill Tharpe
Bill has been playing and continues to play music for 25 years now with Ace Cannon.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

9:00am Worship Service
 10:00am Sunday School
 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 Wednesday Night Supper
 5:20pm Praise Team
 5:30pm Men's Bible Study
 6:00pm "Prevailing Prayer"
 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-Noon Care & Share

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

4 - 7 REVIVAL with Bucky Kennedy

MARCH

2 - 4 Youth D'Now
 9 - 11 Basic Training 2nd - 6th grade



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LifeShare Blood Drive
 Family Life Center Parking Lot
Feb. 28th
 4:30—7:30pm

First Baptist Church
 PO Box 810
 Rayville, LA 71269-0810
 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Auto
 U.S. POSTAGE
 P A I D
 Permit No. 89
 Rayville, LA
 72169

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SECOND HELPINGS

Feb. 10th
Family Life Center
 8:00am Begin set-up & cooking
 9:00am Serve up food trays
 10:00am Begin delivery routes

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sunday, 18th, 8:00am
 In the Family Life Center

Deacons' Meeting
 Sunday, Feb. 11, 5:00pm

Wednesday Night Suppers
5:00pm - 6:00pm
\$3.00

Please note the kitchen closes at 6:00pm. *No meal will be served after 6:00pm.*

First Ray

**JOIN US
 FOR REVIVAL**

FEB. 4th - 7th

Evangelist

Bucky Kennedy

Sunday, Feb. 4th, 6:00pm

**Mon. 5th - Wed. 7th,
 6:30pm**

Cassie	Townsend	1		February Birthdays	Tracy	Morris	14	
Debra	Morris	2			Cindy	Senn	15	
Mica	Holubec	2			Eddie	Wren	16	
Sandra	Adams	3	Garrett	Brakefield	17			
Brenda	McManus	3	Avery	Blackwell	18			
Sandra	Pettit	3	Jonathan	Brakefield	9	Katelyn	Branch	18
Richard	Letlow	3	Dan	Lane	9	A. O.	Doughty, Jr.	18
Melanie	Gable	4	May	Belcher	9	Marylin	Lyles	18
Kyle	Stracener	6	Gabby	Gill	9	Grayson	Brakefield	20
Harold	Gallman	7	Andy	Eldridge	10	Jess	Horne	21
Sandra	Johnston	7	Jase	Barton	11	Stacey	Pettit	22
Lois	Smith	7	Debbie	Martin	11	Mandi	Gibson	23
Kolby	Meyers	8	Shannon	Clark	12	John	Cooper	23
Cole	Garrett	8	Pam	Biggs	13	Alyssa	Cowart	25
Randy	Walters, Jr.	8	Raymond	Gill	13	Laverna	Parrish	27
Chrie	Williams	8	Maddy	Blackwell	14	Tabitha	Carlisle	27
Bonnie	Rockett	8	Rylee	Gibson	14	Doyle	Clark	28
Jan	Reeves	9	Sonya	Neyland	14	Dana	Parker	29