

FIRST NOTES 🎵

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus!

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. -Isaiah 12:2

What are you trusting God for?...

I don't know about you, but I enjoy hearing the story of how songs came to be written. And when I came across this one I felt led to share. Louisa Stead is the author of the beautiful hymn, *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*. Her young life began like so many, happily married with children. However, tragedy struck and her husband drowned while heroically attempting to save the life of another young child. This terrible event left her a widow with little to no means to provide for her young family. Yet even through hunger and desperate circumstances she continued to trust and believe that God would provide for their needs. It was in that anxious time that an anonymous gift of food and money was laid on her door step, and she penned the words to hymn we know today. *"Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take Him at His word; just to rest upon His promise, and to know Thus saith the Lord."* I don't know if your circumstances are as rough as hers, but perhaps some of you are dealing with a struggle or a difficult decision of some sort. Remember, 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, O for grace to trust Him more!

Sanctuary Choir News!

It's an exciting time to be part of our Sanctuary Choir. We've just started singing through our new patriotic musical, **We Believe: A Call for Revival in America** to be presented on July 1st. Also come join us for Wednesday rehearsals at 6:30pm as we also will be presenting some new as well as familiar anthems in our Sunday morning services. As always rehearsals are more than just work but an intimate time of worship and fellowship. We hope to see you there!

Make His Praise Glorious!
Raymond

IGNITE NEWS

Time flies when you are having fun!

I'm not sure where April went or what the weather is going to be like in May but I do know we have a lot of events coming up that our children will not want to miss.

Summer Kickoff Party!

Wednesday, May 9th from 5:30 to 7:00, we will have a party in the gym to kick off our summer schedule. Summer schedule???? That's right, this summer we are going to take a break from Gospel Project. PreK and Kindergarten will be learning the books of the bible and memorizing scripture. 1st - 3rd grade will be learning bible drills! 4th - 6th grades will be learning apologetics, focused on answering questions that children have related to the Bible. Our focus is to help create a powerful foundation of faith that our children can take with them through the summer and for the rest of their lives.

VBS is June 4-8!!

I can not think of a more important event for our children than VBS. Year after year all across the country church participate in VBS and numerous children's lives are changed. This year our theme is **Time LAB, DISCOVERING JESUS FROM ETERNITY PAST TO ETERNITY FUTURE**. Children will "travel back in time" and will hear from "biblical characters" during our bible study time. They will explore God's creativity through art and explode myths during experiments to reinforce the daily themes. There will be game time, snack time, music time, and much more! Each activity building the foundation of faith and introducing children to our loving Savior. We are planning for 200 children this year! Let me know now if you want to help!

Father/Son float trip!

We still have a few spots available for our 3rd annual Father/Son float trip coming up June 14-16. Be sure to let me know if you are planning on joining us.

Summer fun dayz!

We are planning on lots of fun for our children this summer. Trips to the zoo, trampoline park, water days, and just plain good old fashion fun days. Be looking for more information and dates soon!

In Christ,
Tim

REFUGE

With the month of May comes the end of the school year for our students. When school ends our students have the wonderful opportunity to serve others and shine the light of Christ at Mission Arlington. This will be a four day trip in which the students give of their own time at the start of their summer break. It is our hope that lives will be changed for the glory of Christ Jesus because of this trip. We ask that each of you be in prayer for our group in the time leading up to our trip and while we are there, May 23-26. It is also my desire that our service of others would not end in Arlington, but that we continue in service when we return.

Matthew 25:34-40, "34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"

In Christ,
Randy Zeigler

Attention Parents
CentriKid & CentriFuge
Camp balance is due June 1st!

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.

FIRST THOUGHTS

We do not enjoy difficult days. We do not enjoy the days of tragedy or slow moving difficult days. I got the call last Thursday explaining my 97 year old grandmother was under hospice care. Immediately I knew I needed to go to Dallas as soon as possible to see her. So, after being in Baton Rouge all day Thursday, I woke Friday and drove to Carrollton, TX to be with my Grandmother as she lay dying. Not a fun day as I watched her as she lay unconscious, sometimes laboring to breath and blood pressure dropping.

Even so, we must remember in difficult days God can make good things happen. For instance, my aunt's friend came to visit and we began to talk and had great conversation on mutual interests. But the conversation turned to life and death and in those moments, with my aunt napping and my grandmother lying unconscious, I was able to share about my salvation, the change Christ brought and the reason for my hope. I was able to pray with and for him and I am confident God used the time for His good.

Just remember, God can use you in those difficult days and those dull days. He can use you in frustrating moments and peaceful moments. For instance, I was in Brookshire's last night. There was hardly anyone in the store when I was checking out. In that seemingly dull moment I was able to engage the cashier in a conversation about church and then invite him into our church where he may hear the Gospel. Take advantage of every moment God gives you, whether that moment is boring or difficult or neither, to share His glory with those around you.

Dr. EW

DR. WREN'S SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Go to 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.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

- 9:00am Worship Service
- 10:10am 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 Jesus Among Secular Gods
- 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

MAY

- 6th Senior Recognition Day
- 9th Children Summer Kickoff Party
- 12th Second Helpings
- 13th Colonial Manor
- 20th Deacons' Meeting
Men's Breakfast
- 23rd - 26th Youth Mission Arlington

JUNE

- 4th-8th VBS
- 14th-16th Father/Son float trip



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If you are out of town or can't be in church join, us live any-time on Facebook under First Baptist Church, Rayville La.

COLONIAL MANOR
Sunday, May 13th, 2:00pm

Deacons' Meeting
Sunday, May 20th, 5:00pm

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
Sunday, May 20th, 8:00am
In the Family Life Center

SECOND HELPINGS
May 12th
Family Life Center
8:00am Begin set-up & cooking
9:00am Serve up food trays
10:00am Begin delivery routes

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Vacation Bible School
June 4th-8th
8:30am-12Noon



Saints Alive!

April 30, 2018
6:00pm at the Richland Baptist Encampment
Bus leaves the church at 5:30pm

RICHLAND CELEBRATE RECOVERY
A Parish Wide Ministry
Thursdays, 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

May Birthdays			
Courtney Sepulvado	1	Claire Aymond	18
Allison Williamson	2	Cooper Eldridge	20
Louise Cater	3	Ty Allen	21
Randy Walters	3	Bennie Robinson	9
Lillian Morris	3	Becky Hoychick	10
Ericka Cherene	4	Sherry Hough	11
Erin Branch	5	Taylor Allen	14
Kylie Mills	6	Katie Jackson	15
Caroline Mills	6	Orie Morris	17
Jennifer Rogers	7	Ginny Richardson	18
Liz Hogue	8	Meri Hobbs Wren	18
		Barbara Sullivan	22
		Jannah Ward	23
		Jeremy Johnson	24
		Brittany Hayes	25
		Beth Taylor	27
		Lee Thomason	29
		Rachel Stephenson	30
		Bryan Cagle	31