

FIRST NOTES 🎵

Fight Your Battles with Praise!

To grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. Isaiah 61:3

Some days we wake up ready to conquer the world. However, most days we wake up praying, “Lord, get me through the day.” For those difficult days it’s important to remind ourselves of what the Word of God says. Whenever we feel overwhelmed by the circumstances of life we can fight our battles with praise, knowing God is in control and that He will lift us up. There’s a line from a song I heard recently that said, “It may look like I’m surrounded, but I’m surrounded by You.” How true that is! Whenever we feel trapped and discouraged, we know that God is greater than anything we can face. Often times, all it takes is simple vocal expression of praise to get your day going in the right direction. Though His power and trusting in His promises we can overcome whatever the enemy can throw at us. Brothers and Sisters, I encourage you to wake up each new day and put on the garment of praise!

Upcoming Musical Events:

On July 1st at 6:00pm during our evening service, our Sanctuary Choir will be presenting a powerful patriotic musical titled, **We Believe: A Call for Revival in America**. This powerful corporate expression of worship will be followed by our Colorful Children’s bike Parade accompanied by some good food and fellowship in our Family Life Center. You will not want to miss any of these special festivities so mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

*Make His Praise Glorious,
Raymond*



**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.

IGNITE NEWS

Vacation Bible School is next week, June 4-8!!

Each year, the first week in June, we open our doors to host VBS for our children and the children in our community. No other event brings more children to our campus than VBS. What a blessing it is to have the ability to pour into kids for 4 hours a day for an entire week! I am always amazed at the number of kids that show up. I am also amazed by the workers! We always have the best workers! They show up and give up their entire week to love on kids. Jesus said let the little children come unto me and do not hinder them. Our VBS workers have this same attitude and I am so thankful. If you want to join the workforce this year, show up and jump in. There will be plenty of kiddos to love on! This year our theme is **Time LAB, DISCOVERING JESUS FROM ETERNITY PAST TO ETERNITY FUTURE**. Children will “travel back in time” using a “time machine” and will hear from “biblical characters” during our bible study time. Kids 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, dress up days, and much more!

CentriKid update

CentriKid is July 30 - August 3rd this year. The balance for camp is due now. You may go online to pay or swing by the church office. **We will have a meeting for the parents July 8th in the discipleship room at 5 pm.** There will be a notary on hand to stamp your paper work. If you have any questions or need anything before then, feel free to call or text me!

Father/Son float trip!

We have approximately 70 men and boys signed up this year! We will have a meeting THIS SUNDAY night at 5 pm in the conference room to go over the details and come up with travel plans.

*In Christ,
Tim*

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



We extend Christian love and sympathy to Ann Marie Clack on the loss of her mother, and Mr. Lavon Grantham on the loss of his sister, Pam Grantham.

REFUGE

Matthew 25:35-40

35 “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me.” 37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and take you in, or without clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick, or in prison, and visit you?’ 40 “And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

This past week the youth spent a wonderful few days serving with Mission Arlington. The students worked hard delivering food and furniture to those in need. A lot of what we did was not glamorous. We sweated, we lifted heavy furniture & we walked long distances. We did all of this for a reason: helping those less fortunate in hopes they will receive the Good News of Christ.

Many times in our lives we lose sight of why we do the things we do to serve others. First and foremost we are called to treat others as better than ourselves. In doing this we become completely different than the culture of the world. When we serve others it is counter to our culture of selfishness. When we show the love of Christ it causes others to wonder why someone would love them enough to serve them. Serving others leads to wonderful opportunities to spread the gospel. If the church in America were doing this properly would it still have the same reputation? My challenge to the students and to the church body: let us live on mission and serve others every where we go.

*In Christ,
Randy*

**Youth/Parent CentriFuge
Camp Meeting**
Sunday, June 3, 4:30pm
In the Youth room

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

Why should you volunteer to be a messenger for the 2018 Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas? I am so glad you asked! I believe four reasons prevail. First, to witness the Southern Baptist Convention. Oh, some will say the SBC is nothing but an oversized business meeting, but the meeting is fascinating nonetheless. Get the business meetings from your grandmother’s church out of your head. The SBC is not like her meetings. Instead, there will be reports and presentations from the major entities of the SBC. The Executive Committee of the SBC, The North American and International Mission Boards, Lifeway, Guidestone, the seminaries and others will give presentations and answer questions. The meeting can actually be fascinating, or at least entertaining.

In the couple of days that are the SBC, you will also be privileged to hear good preaching from preachers you may otherwise only hear on television or the radio. If you go early you will hear lots of good preaching at the SBC Pastor’s Conference. But if you cannot attend the Pastor’s Conference there will still be opportunities to hear good preaching. Steve Gaines, Ravi Zacharias and Paige Patterson will all preach during the convention. Perhaps you have heard them on disc or audio of some type, but there is nothing like hearing the preaching of God’s Word in person with the gathered church.

Third, you should attend the SBC and experience the fellowship attending allows. Whether it be at dinner, in the display hall, the hall outside the convention hall, or on the sidewalk, you will meet someone or see someone you know and experience wonderful fellowship. Each year I get to see pastor friends I have known since seminary days and with whom I have remained friends. Each year the SBC seems to initiate new friendships as well. The SBC is great for fellowship.

The last and probably most obvious reason to attend the SBC is to elect a new president. This year is not like some years when only one nominee is announced. At least two men will be nominated to be President of the SBC this year. The Presidential election is important because the president is a representative of all Southern Baptist. He also performs important tasks such as making appointments to various boards. The election of the president should not be taken lightly. Louisiana Baptist should take this election seriously enough to investigate the two candidates, discover which one holds the values Louisiana Baptist hold dear, and then vote for that candidate. If you need information on the candidates, it is available in abundance. Simply google Ken Hemphill and J. D. Greear and you will find all you need. The SBC presidency is important to our work and worthy of your participation in the election of the president.

With the SBC in close proximity this year, take this opportunity to enjoy the SBC, enjoy friends, and vote for a president.

Dr. EW

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

JUNE

- 3rd 4:30pm Youth/Parent CentriFuge Meeting
- 3rd 5:00pm Father/Son Float Trip Meeting
- 4th-8th VBS
- 9th Second Helpings
- 10th Deacons' Meeting
- 14th-16th Father/Son float trip
- 17th Church wide breakfast

JULY

- 1st 6:00pm Patriotic Musical & Bike Parade
- 8th 5:00pm CentriKid Parent Meeting



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LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

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

CARE & SHARE MINISTRY

Tuesdays & Fridays:
8:00am-12Noon

THRIFT STORE
(Open to the public-
Everything 1/2 off)

First Saturday of each month:
8:00am-12Noon

SECOND HELPINGS

June 9th

Family Life Center

- 8:00am Begin set-up & cooking
- 9:00am Serve up food trays
- 10:00am Begin delivery routes

If you are interested in helping with this ministry and would like more information, please contact Barry Collins at 680-5818 or Lori Morris at 366-1571.

Deacons' Meeting

Sunday, June 10th, 5:00pm

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 Rayville, LA 71269-0810
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Vacation Bible School

June 4th-8th

8:15am-12Noon



Discovering Jesus from Eternity
Past to Eternity Future

Church Wide Breakfast

Sunday, June 17th, 8:00am
In the Family Life Center

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**

			June Birthdays					
Jenny	Branch	1	Kathie	Lambert	10	Crystal	Bennett	18
Timmie	Thames	1	Frank	Greer	10	Kellie	Prine	18
Noah	Wrotten	2	Dan	Branch	12	Emily	Abraham	20
Dustin	Morris	2	B. J.	Temple	13	Rhett	Gable	20
Forrest	Tuckett	2	Heather	Davis	14	Gloria	Gallman	21
Lance	Prine	2	Ashley	Goodwin	14	Ralph	Odom	21
Tyler	Heath	3	Jacklyn	Branch	15	Brennan	Cherene	22
Todd	Hough	3	Ronald	Middleton	16	Janet	Brakefield	23
Fred	Lambert	3	Kim	Mills	17	Shelia	McDonald	23
Patrick	Morris	4	Rayelene	McNaughton	17	Chris	Dickens	24
Beth	Lewis	6	Wayne	Flattmann	17	Sharon	Blaylock	24
Bradford	Doughty	8	Jennifer	Boles	18	Sharon	Feltenberger	24
Mandi	Hollis	8				Renee	Crawford	26
Carla	Walters	8				Emmett	Cobb	27
Lacey	Morris	8				Layton	Hough	27