

FIRST NOTES 🎵

We Believe: A Call for Revival in America
July 1st at 6:00pm

The United States truly is an extraordinary nation. We have a wonderful heritage, and we have been blessed with tremendous prosperity. We are surrounded by God's beauty in countless ways from our beautiful mountains and vast plains to our gorgeous seashores. On the other hand, it's hard to turn on the television or read the newspaper without being bombarded by negative news and headlines within our country. To anyone willing to take notice, there is a serious problem within the spiritual climate of our country. Unless we turn our hearts back to God, I fear it will only get worse before it gets better. All these things I feel led me to this musical, "*We Believe*," because in it we are reminded of God's promise in **2 Chronicles 7:14** to heal our land if we truly seek after Revival.

Brothers and Sisters, I encourage you all to join us Sunday evening July 1st at 6:00pm to celebrate God's goodness and plead for Revival in America.

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 was a huge success.

Thank you to everyone that had a hand in VBS! We had the best decorators, leaders, teachers, helpers, rec leaders, kitchen staff, mission directors, and craft leaders ever! We had 233 students register for VBS this year! We averaged 187 kids and over 40 workers for the week! This year our mission emphasis was the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home. Our kids raised over \$800 and collected over 300 items for the children at the LBCH! Kids learned that Jesus is part of the trinity, that He helped create everything, and that He revealed Himself to people in special ways in the old testament. However, the best news is that Jesus came to earth as a baby to provide a way for us to have a relationship with Him in heaven! They also learned that Jesus is still ALIVE and in heaven preparing a place for them. We had several kids confess faith in Christ and ask him into their heart! That is absolutely the BEST part about VBS! I am thankful to be a part of a church that loves VBS and wants to reach kids for Christ!! Thank you all for praying and supporting VBS!!

3rd Annual Bike Parade is THIS SUNDAY!

This is always a ton of fun! I can't wait to see the kids all spiffed up and on their red, white, and blue bikes. This Sunday at 4:00 we will be at the church to decorate bikes. We will have some decorations for the kids to decorate with. Kids may bring their bikes any time after 4 to decorate them or bring them pre-decorated at 5:30. We will attend the patriotic musical at 6 then participate in the bike parade! After the parade we will have hamburgers and hotdogs in the gym. ANYONE is welcome to participate in the parade! Bring your bikes, scooters, wagons, pogo sticks, unicycles, or any other man powered vehicles! Please do not bring battery or gas powered vehicles.

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!

In Christ,
Tim

REFUGE

One of my favorite hymns is "Jesus Paid It All". It says, "Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe, sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow". I love the fact that Jesus paid for me and for you. *1 Corinthians 7:23a* says, "You were bought with a price." That price was paid by Jesus on the cross. We should find our worth and our value in Christ, not the things of this world. Far too many times we find our value in things that do not matter such as our cars, our clothes, and our houses, instead of in Christ. Since Jesus paid for us we are His, the Bible says, He will never leave us or forsake us. He loves you and you are valuable to Him.

July 2-7 We will be going to Centrifuge Camp at Union University. I ask that you would be in prayer for our students. That their lives would be changed, and that they would become closer to God in a way they have never experienced.

In Christ,
Randy

YOUTH GOING TO CENTRIFUGE

Alex Allen	Emily Garrett
Molly Allen	Hannah Gill
Taylor Allen	Nicolas Heath
Ty Allen	Taylor Hixon
Carson Arrington	Drew Holley
Eli Barnett	Samuel Hoychick
Mary Madeline Bennett	Kaiden Krishna
Savannah Blackwell	Sarah Krishna
Kaitlyn Boles	Madison Mitchell
Garrett Brakefield	Parker Morris
Hudson Brakefield	Kaiden Oquain
Alexa Clack	Jenna Payne
Blake Clark	Preston Rogers
Bonnie Cooper	Lee Alison Prine
Harrison Cooper	Nathan Springfield
Lilia Cumpton	Luke Townsend
C'na Ducksworth	Kara Trisler
Ethan Estis	Erin Tutt
Sam Estis	Barnes Williamson
Hannah Gable	Silas Wilson
Lily Gandy	Hayden Wisner
Drew Garrett	Brooke Wooden
	Sam Wren

FIRST THOUGHTS

Recently my son, Sam, sent me a link to an article from Fox News. The Article had a provocative title: *I'm a pastor and I want you to quit church. Now!* Of course, that is an attention grabber title and I knew the author had some reason for using such a title. So, I dove in and a lot of what he wrote about, scares me to death.

The theme of the article can be summed up in one sentence from the author, Chris Sonksen: "**A lot of people who attend church are passive towards serving, giving and community outreach.**" Sonksen went on to say only **39% of professing believers consider the Bible as the literal word of God.** Less than **20% of professing believers participate in Biblical giving** and only **5 percent share their faith** with non-believers.

Then Sonksen said, "**Casual attendance and the belief that OTHERS will serve, give and share the Gospel are tearing down churches across the country brick by brick.**"

Could the casual approach to one's relationship to Jesus and His church come to First Baptist Church of Rayville? Some indicators of a casual approach to Jesus and His church would be a decline in participation on Sunday mornings, Sunday nights, and Wednesday nights. When one becomes casual in his or her walk, participation in the body decreases.

Has the casual approach to a relationship with Jesus and His church infected our families? Indicators of "casualness" for the family would be a lack of Bible reading, prayer and allowing other activities to take priority over the church. Allow the Holy Spirit to search our hearts and our families for the sin of casual Christianity. May God help us and protect us from such an insidious infection.

I have asked the Lord to search me and convict me of sin and righteousness. I continue to pray for God's guidance and do my best to obey the Lord, *whatever* He tells me to do. I want to trust Him in all things and follow Him in all things. I do not want to be a hindrance to His Kingdom in any way. I have determined in my heart to trust Him and follow Him however He leads.

I am asking you to do the same. Ask God to search you and convict you. Ask God have you adopted a casual approach to Him and/or His church? We must allow the Holy Spirit to answer the question and convict us of truth. Then join me in the commitment to do what God calls us to do, *whatever* that may be.

God takes the church and His relationship with you seriously. He takes the church and your relationship with Him so seriously that He sent His Son to suffer and die on the cross for the church. Let us show our love and gratitude to Him by giving our lives to Him in return.

In love,
Dr. EW

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

- 9:00am Morning Praise and Worship
- 10:10am Sunday School
- 6:00pm Evening Gathering
- 6:00pm Joy Explosion
- 6:00pm Youth Bible Study

MONDAY

- 1:30pm Helping Hands Ministry

TUESDAY

- 8:00am-12Noon Care & Share

WEDNESDAY

- 4:00pm "Through the Bible" Study
- 5:20pm Praise Team
- 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

JULY

- 1st 6:00pm Patriotic Musical & Bike Parade
- 2-7th CentriFuge Camp
- 8th 2:00pm Colonial Manor
- 8th 5:00pm CentriKid Parent Meeting
- 30th-Aug 1 CentriKid Camp



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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

July 14th
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, July 8th, 5:00pm

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WE BELIEVE!
A Patriotic Celebration
&
3rd Annual Bike Parade



Sunday, July 1st, 6:00pm

**Followed by hamburgers & hotdogs
in the Family Life Center.**

COLONIAL MANOR

July 8th - 2:00pm

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

July Birthdays				
Trudy Barham	1	Joy Anna Prine	20	
Zadee Love	1	Dolly Bridges	22	
Drake Raborn	1	Eli Bell	23	
Dylan Raborn	1	Matthew Brakefield	23	
Alex Hayes	2	Ashley Morris	23	
Lori Morris	3	Suzy Cherene	23	
Lee Abraham	4	Dana Townsend	24	
Nikki Thomason	5	Sarah Bolton	24	
Judy Letlow	5	Tim Morris	13	Michael Anderson 24
Ellie Hollis	5	Virginia Lee	14	Billie Boughton 25
Chris Mitchell	6	Jenna Brakefield	14	Sara Ware 27
Lee Morris	6	Eddie Davis	15	Debra Cooper 27
Turner Bridges	7	Jacqueline Mason	16	Hillary Copeland 27
Olivia Trisler	7	Lucy Allen	17	Chris Morris 27
Natalie Rieger	8	Donna Bell	18	Hope McLemore 27
Jewellene Robinson	9	John Hoychick, Jr.	19	Kylie Leija 29
Drew Garrett	10	Jonathan Knight	19	Addison Morris 31
Johnny B. Hoychick	11	Hudson Brakefield	20	David Cooper, III 31
Timothy Hoychick	11	Balfour Pipes	20	Bill Newsom 31