

## FIRST NOTES 🎵

### A Life Well Lived: Thank You Ginny!

*I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you.*

**Romans 1:8**

To God be the Glory for His faithful servants! This past Sunday we expressed our gratitude and said our good-byes to our friend and faithful servant, Ginny Richardson, who served as our church pianist for the past 15 years. Her tenure here at FBC Rayville started one normal Wednesday afternoon after a choir rehearsal by simply making herself available to be used as an accompanist. Now almost 15 years and thousands upon thousands of songs later, she and her family are beginning a new chapter in their lives. And I for one, as well as many of you, am very thankful that she said “yes” to the Lord so many years ago. She truly is an amazing woman of God who serves His church with a humble tenacity. The love God flowed through her fingertips onto the keys as she played. She is a diligent student of her craft spending numerous hours of preparation so that God would be honored. She also stepped up to serve as our bell choir leader. Furthermore, she is a great listener and source of encouragement to me and many of you. Indeed, she is a very talented person, but her talent is far surpassed by her generous and willing spirit to be used by God. She truly is a good friend, worship leader, and sister in Christ. She will indeed be missed, but I’m confident the Lord will provide as He always does. In closing, I know you’ll join me in giving thanks to God for sending us such a faithful servant. And when God reveals an opportunity for us to serve His kingdom may our answer to Him be always, “Yes!”

### Choir News!!!

In case you missed it, Choir rehearsals are back in full swing. We have some exciting new anthems as well as familiar favorites. We will also be working towards our Christmas Musical, ***Christmas! We Remember, Rejoice and Worship***. We practice every Wednesday at 6:30pm. Our rehearsals are like a mid-week revival service full of worship and fellowship. So come and join us. And Choir members don’t forget to take advantage of our online choir app, Planning Center Services, where you’re never far from your own personal worship and rehearsal. Thanks again for all you do in leading our church in worship.

Make His Praise Glorious,  
Raymond

## IGNITE NEWS

### Wednesday night activities

Join us every Wednesday, 6PM to 7PM for IGNITE!! Suppers will kick off again September 5th @ 5:00. We have redecorated the chapel and are prepared for an awesome year of worship and bible study. Our pre-k through 4th graders have just begun studying Jesus’s parables and our 5th & 6th graders are learning why we believe what we believe about God and the bible. If your children have never attended on Wednesday night, I encourage you to bring them. There are bible studies for adults too! Come join us, you won’t regret it!

### Bible Journaling Class

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 2, at 6 PM the newly promoted 4th grade girls are invited to join our Bible journaling class. This is a fun, creative way to get them interested in reading and studying God’s Word. No special supplies are required, but if your daughter would like to attend, please consider buying her a journaling Bible that she may draw, color, and write in. A great, inexpensive option can be found on Amazon. Search for “NIV Holy Bible for Girls, Journal Edition”. Other supplies that could be useful include colored pencils, highlighters, acid-free pens, watercolors, stickers, stamps, etc. We have plenty of art supplies for the girls to share during class, but hopefully that they will want to read, study, and journal in their Bibles on their own throughout the week. It is my prayer that this class will encourage a love of Bible study and Scripture memorization for our daughters.

### UPWARD Basketball

Believe it or not, it’s time to start thinking about Basketball! I realize that it is just now Football season (GO TIGERS) but we are looking ahead! We will be cranking up our campaign for UPWARD in the next few weeks. This is an awesome opportunity for us to reach our community for Christ. You do NOT have to be a “basketball person” or have ANY basketball experience to coach or volunteer. We will need Coaches, Referees, devotion leaders, and prayer warriors! We will hold evaluations in December, Begin practicing the week of January 7th. Games will begin January 26 and will wrap up on March 2nd! Please let me know how you want to get involved!

In Christ,  
Tim

## REFUGE

School and football are back in full swing. Our schedules are becoming jam packed with homework and extracurricular activities, it becomes easy to lose focus on what truly matters.

### Youth - Sign up now for YEC

I came across this story last week.

Once upon a time, a man took his new hunting dog on a trial hunt. After a while, he managed to shoot a duck and it fell into the lake. The dog walked on the water, picked up the duck and brought it to his master. The man was stunned. He didn’t know what to think. He shot another duck and again it fell into the lake and, again, the dog walked on the water and brought it back to him.

What a fantastic dog – he can walk on water and get nothing but his paws wet. The next day he asked his neighbor to go hunting with him so that he could show off his hunting dog, but he didn’t tell his neighbor anything about the dog’s ability to walk on water. As on the previous day, he shot a duck and it fell into the lake. The dog walked on the water and got it. His neighbor didn’t say a word.

Several more ducks were shot that day and each time the dog walked over the water to retrieve them and each time the neighbor said nothing and neither did the owner of the dog. Finally, unable to contain himself any longer, the owner asked his neighbor, "Have you noticed anything strange, anything different about my dog?" "Yes," replied the neighbor, " come to think of it, I do. Your dog doesn’t know how to swim." The neighbor missed how amazing this dog was because he focused on the fact the dog did not swim.

Instead of the fact the dog walked on water. Many times when we become so busy and focus on ourselves and our families we lose focus on what truly matters living our life for Christ and reaching those we come in contact with for His glory.

*In Christ,  
Randy*

**CARE & SHARE MINISTRY**  
Tuesdays & Fridays: 8:00am-12Noon  
**CARE & SHARE THRIFT STORE**  
**(Open to the public-Everything 1/2 off)**  
First Saturday of each month: 8:00am-12Noon

## FIRST THOUGHTS

### “Jesus My Glory,”

You have commanded me to believe in Jesus;  
And I would flee to no other refuge,  
Wash in no other fountain,  
receive from no other fullness,  
Rest in no other relief.  
His water and blood were not severed  
In their flow at the cross,  
May they never be separated in my creed and my experiences;  
May I be equally convinced of the guilt and pollution of sin,  
Feel my need of a prince and a savior,  
Implore of Him repentance as well as forgiveness,  
Love, holiness, and be pure in heart,  
Have the mind of Jesus, and tread in His steps.  
Let me not be at my own disposal,  
But rejoice that I am under the care of one who is too wise to err,  
To kind to injure,  
To tender to crush.  
May I scandalize none by my temper and conduct,  
But recommend and endear Christ to all around,  
Bestow good on every one as circumstances permit,  
And decline no opportunity of usefulness.  
Grant that I may value my substance,  
Not as the medium of pride and luxury,  
But as the means of my support and stewardship.  
Help me to guide my affections with discretion, to owe no man anything  
To be able to give to him that needs,  
To feel it my duty and pleasure to be merciful and forgiving,

### To show the world the likeness of Jesus.

*From The Valley of Vision, p. 42.*

## ONLINE GIVING

Go to our church 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.

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**SUNDAY**

9:00am Morning Praise and Worship  
 10:10am Sunday School  
 6:00pm Evening Gathering  
 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 SUPPER  
 5:20pm Praise Team  
 6:00pm Knowing God  
 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**

**SEPTEMBER**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday School Children promote  
 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Suppers begin  
 8<sup>th</sup> Second Helpings  
 9<sup>th</sup> Colonial Manor 2:00pm  
 Deacon's Meeting 4:30pm  
 16<sup>th</sup> Men's Breakfast  
 24<sup>th</sup> Saints Alive in the WMU  
 28<sup>th</sup> Youth 5th Qtr.

**OCTOBER**

12-13<sup>th</sup> Men's Retreat



**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.

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**SECOND HELPINGS**  
*September 8th*  
*Family Life Center*

**COLONIAL MANOR**  
 September 9th - 2:00pm

**DEACONS' MEETING**  
 September 9th - 4:30PM

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
 September 16th  
 8:00am in the Family life Center

**ONE FOR ALL  
 ALL FOR ONE  
 MEN'S RETREAT  
 OCT. 12th & 13th**

**OPERATION  
 CHRISTMAS CHILD  
 October 2018**

Go and tell through one small shoe-box. Pray, Plan, and Share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**First Ray**

GEORGIA BARNETTE STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

**THINK BIG**

WEEK OF PRAYER: SEPTEMBER 16-23, 2018  
 GOAL: 1.7 MILLION

A LOT OF SEEDS MAKE A BIG HARVEST.  
 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6 (CEV)

CHURCH GOAL **\$5,000**

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**BEGIN**  
 SEPT. 5th  
 5:00-6:00pm  
 Cost \$3.00

*Saints Alive!*

September 24th  
 6:00pm in the WMU

September Birthdays					
Ann	Morris	2	Josie	Bell	19
Beth	Haynes	2	LeAnn	Thomason	19
Evelyn	Pettit	5	Carolyn	Grantham	20
James	Sullivan	5	Gail	Greer	11
Erick	Cherene	5	Lee	McDonald	11
Corey	Clark	5	Cole	Mills	11
Luke	Barras	6	Annie	Frith	12
Carlton	Clark	6	Bill	Green	12
Connie	Rogers	6	Logan	Morris	12
Braedyn	Brown	7	Ann Marie	Clack	13
Paula	Cobb	8	Don	Feltenberger	15
David	Doughty	8	Kaiden	O'Quain	15
Julie	Cooper	10	Austin	Jackson	15
Alan	Thompson	10	Mike	McNaughton	16
Lee Allison	Prine	10	Landry	Morris	19
Linda	Rice	20	Joy	Walters	20
Phyllis	Temple	21	Patricia	Thompson	23
O.G.	Morris	23	Victoria	Thames	24
David	Head	25	Buddy	McCartney	25
Ryan	Wilkerson	26	Teresa	Barton	26
Javier	Leija	30	Candy	Norsworthy	30