



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX COLLECTION

First Baptist Church Rayville will begin shoebox collection on Sunday, October 14 through Monday, October 29. Boxes will be available to pick up on Sunday the 14th and need to be returned by Monday the 29th.

A pamphlet with instructions for packing a shoebox will be included in the shoebox with a few ideas for items to put into them. Many, many more ideas are available on line at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-Christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>. Lists will also be available in the foyer and welcome center with ideas for items to pack if needed.

Do not forget to include shipping and handling for each box you pack. Like everything else, costs for S&H have increased.

There are 4 options to pack a shoebox:

- 1) You and your family pack shoeboxes, include the \$9 and return them to the church on or before October 29.
- 2) Follow your box that you pack and go on line to the web address above and get a tracking label.
- 3) "Build a Shoebox online" at the same email address above. Items can be selected for age groups and boy or girl.
- 4) The Shoebox collection team will be happy to pack the boxes for you for \$25.00 which includes some fantastic items along with the S&H. Please make your check out to the First Baptist Church for the number of boxes you wish to be packed.

Boxes that have been packed by the shoebox collection team will be on display in the sanctuary.

The shoeboxes can be dropped off in the sanctuary on Sundays or at the church office during the week. Then they will be stored and later packed into crates for delivery to the collection center during "Drop off" week.

"Drop off" week is November 12 through November 19 at our church. Our church is a location that other churches and groups in our immediate area can bring their boxes to be delivered to Fair Park Baptist Church in West Monroe on November 19. Volunteers are needed for this week. We will be open for 2 hours a day for the 7 days.

Interesting facts about the 2017 Shoebox Collection:

- 2018 is the 25th Anniversary for Operation Christmas Shoebox
- 1 box will reach 10 people
- 7 people will accept the Lord from that 1 box
- Northeast Louisiana sent 19,200 shoeboxes
- 192,000 people will see the boxes and the potential of 134,000 will accept the Lord

Since 1993, more than 157 million shoeboxes packed with fun toys, school supplies, hygiene items – and prayer. These shoeboxes have been delivered to more than 160 countries and territories to children suffering from poverty, natural disasters, war, disease and famine.

To my Dear FBC family:

How can I say "thank you" enough for the 15 great years of wonderful fellowship and worship with fellow believers? How can I say "thank you" for your most generous gift, especially one of love and caring? It has been an honor serving alongside many of you--I know I have spent the best 20 years of my life in Rayville!

I will pray for you and the staff of FBC continually. Please pray for us - that God will make His way evident!!! We love you.....

Ginny Richardson

P.S. A Great Big "Thank You" to Charlotte McKnight for getting the FBC Handbellers together one last time. I thank them for everything they have done for me. They have been a true blessing!!!!

IMPACT

September 26th was See You at the Pole for students around the nation. This years verse was Ephesians 3:14, and the theme was Broken. In this verse Paul writes, "For this reason I kneel before the Father." Paul was on his knees broken before God. This brokenness was not because of his current position in prison, but for the brothers and sisters in Christ. Paul was pleading before God for them to be strengthened even as they see his many afflictions.

It is this thought that brings me to ask you the church to pray for our students. Today in many places prayer and the name of Christ are banished from our school systems. Students are pushed to conform to the ways of this world. Schools are no longer places of safety but can be places of fear. Pray that our students would have the strength to be the light in a dark world, and stand for what they believe.

Pray for our teachers as those in the public school systems can not openly use the name of Jesus, pray that they would be strengthened even in the face of opposition. That their example would be an example of love and point students to Jesus. Lastly pray for our nation which is in such turmoil. That we would turn from the ways of the world and look to Christ as the answer. Our city, our state and our country are in need of revival. We must fall on our knees broken and ask God to bring about this revival.

Randy

YEC - Alexandria

Cost \$75

Nov. 18th & 19th

Sign up by Oct. 24th

Money due Nov. 1st

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone who came to visit, the beautiful cards, the delicious food and you prayers for me and Max after my fall.

Three broken ribs are very painful and I am finally beginning to get to where I can do a few things. Max and I are blessed to be a part of such a loving church.

A special thanks to Dr. Eddie and Randy for your visit and prayers.

Martha Peters

IGNITE NEWS

Welcome Lydia Jo Allen!

Late Saturday night we welcomed Lydia Jo into our family. As we held her and admired her I was reminded of God's love.

First, I thought about Psalms 121:4. "Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep." As we stayed awake all night, for a totally different reason, I realized that God WANTS to stay awake. He WANTS to watch over us because He loves us. As we waited for Lydia, we gladly stayed awake awaiting her arrival. I believe God does the same. He gladly stays awake watching and waiting for us to come to Him. He can't wait for us to be His!

Second, I thought about Luke 18:16. "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them." I hope and pray for all of our children. I pray that I/We never do anything to hinder them from "coming" to the Lord.

Third, I thought about Psalm 46:1. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Lydia is totally dependent on us to care for her and protect her. She can do nothing for herself. We will do the very best we can for her however, we are not perfect. We may mess up. We may let her down at some point in her life. God, on the other hand, will NEVER let her down. He will Never fail her. He will NEVER fail you!

May we become total dependent on God! He is watching over us and is waiting for us. He wants us to come to Him and He wants to be our refuge and our strength in times of trouble. He will NEVER let us down.

I pray that we will place our children at the feet of Jesus. I pray we live lives that lead them to Jesus and teach them to trust Him. He will NEVER fail!

In Christ,

Tim

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.

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
 5:30pm Remaining Faithful in an Ungodly Culture
 5:30pm Men's Bible Study
 6:00pm Knowing God
 6:00pm Young Women's Bible Study
 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

OCTOBER

3rd Young Women's Bible Study
 Remaining Faithful in an Ungodly Culture
 Men's Bible Study Respectable Sins

12-13th Men's Retreat

13th - Second Helpings
 14th - Deacons' Meeting
 21st - Men's Breakfast
 29th - Saints Alive

NOVEMBER

5th UPWARD Registration begins



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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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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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SECOND HELPINGS

October 13th
Family Life Center
 8:00am Begin set-up & cooking
 9:00am Serve up food trays
 10:00am Begin delivery routes

DEACONS' MEETING

October 14th - 5:00pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST

October 21st
 8:00am in the Family life Center



Potluck Meal—October 29th
 6:00pm in the WMU
 Speaker -
 Extreme Mission Adventure

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

First Ray

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

Speaker: Ernest Easley

Young Women's Bible Study

Led by Emily Abraham
 Begins Wed., Oct. 3rd, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
 Call or email the church office to sign up.

Remaining Faithful in an Ungodly Culture

Bible Study led by Susan Hoychick
 Begins Wed., Oct. 3rd, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
 Text or call Susan Hoychick, 318-547-8080 to sign up

Respectable Sins - Men's Bible Study

Led by Charles Johnston
 Begins Wed., Oct. 3rd, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
 Call the church office to sign up

October Birthdays			
Blake Branch	2	Emme Hoychick	21
Adam Townsend	2	Noah Wren	21
Tim Boles	3	Annette Newsom	12
Sharon Rogers	5	Merle Raborn	13
Forrest O'Neal	5	Mallory Branch	13
Claude Mercer	6	Everett Brooks	13
Connor Mills	7	Denise Copeland	13
Emily Garrett	7	Jack Neyland	13
Jake Perrin	7	Parker Morris	14
Charlotte Sims	7	Shannon Johnson	14
Reatagae Wooden	9	Melissa Morris	15
Christene Stracener	9	Taylor Hixon	16
Haleigh Branch	10	Reed Trisler	18
Lawrence Medlin	10	Madison Mitchell	18
Nellie Henry	11	Louise Trahan	19
Jeremiah Abrams	11	Jacob Hoychick	20
Harrison Cooper	12	David Knight	20
		Corbin Cater	23
		Fischer Haught	23
		Daniel Lane II	24
		Tammie Berry	24
		Alexa Clack	24
		Dee Adams	24
		Erle West	24
		Massey Thames	25
		Hal Senn	25
		Sandra Green	26
		Peggy Eppinette	27
		Brier Williamson	29
		Jennifer Lane	30
		Mary Lynn Bruyninckx	30
		Barry Collins	31