

FIRST NOTES 🎵

Value the Presence of God!

The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; His love endures forever." Then the temple of the LORD was filled with the cloud,¹⁴ and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God. 2 Chronicles 5:13-14

God is certainly omnipresent. And as believers His Spirit lives in us. But do we love God's presence, and do we seek an awareness of it? Is it something we take for granted? No one can argue that when God's presence shows up amazing things happen. Throughout the Old Testament, we often see the manifestation of God's presence accompanied with the ark of the covenant. When God's people revered His presence, they experienced authentic and powerful outpourings of God's favor. Here in 2 Chronicles 5, God's presence was so thick the priests could not perform their duties. How amazing that must have been! What's even more amazing is that you and I as believers are carriers of God's presence by way of the Holy Spirit living and dwelling inside of us. We are a royal priesthood. And the obvious question is why then do we not see a greater moving of God among us. I believe it is because we need to seek a greater awareness of the presence of God. And remember the greatest reward of the presence of God is God himself. Brothers and Sisters, let us join our hearts together seeking the presence of God. I can't wait to see what God will do among us!

Sanctuary Choir, Christmas is just around the corner and we've been praising and progressing through our powerful Christmas Musical, *Christmas! We Remember, Rejoice and Worship*. It's still not too late to join us in case you've been on the sidelines. We meet every Wednesday at 6:30pm. And now in November, we'll be adding our bonus Association rehearsals on Tuesdays at 6:30pm at FBC Rayville. Thanks again Choir for all you do in leading our church in worship.

Children's Choir: We are excited to be working on our dramatic musical, *Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Night*. We are also working on selections that we'll be joining on with our Sanctuary Choir. Practices are Sunday during our evening services. Hope you all can make it.

School Christmas Play: For anyone interested in becoming involved with our School Christmas play please contact Raymond or the church office for more details.

Richland Association Christmas Musical December 9th 6:00pm at Start Baptist Church.

FBC Rayville Christmas Music Extravaganza! December 16th at 6:00pm. Musicals presented by our Sanctuary and Children's Choir.

Make His Praise Glorious,
Raymond

IGNITE NEWS

Movie Night & UPWARD Basketball!!!!



Movie Night is THIS Sunday night! This is our 3rd year to host movie night in our parking lot. Each year this event has grown and has become a great way to invite our unchurched community, family, and friends to our church. This year we will have a chili cook off at 5:00! There will be a trophy and a \$100 gift card to Doe's Eat Place. Think you can make the best chili? Prove it next Sunday night, Winner takes all!

We will watch *I Can Only Imagine* this year. I Can Only Imagine is a gripping reminder of the power of forgiveness that beautifully illustrates no one is ever too far from God's love—or from an eternal home in Heaven.

Invite everyone you know, bring a lawn chair, grab a blanket, and join us for MOVIE NIGHT!



Upward Basketball registration begins November 5th.

Our 2019 UPWARD Basketball season is underway! This year promises to be our biggest year ever since we were able to reduce the fees. UPWARD is an amazing way to reach the youth of our community and it only takes 2 hrs a week! God has called us to reach our city, state, nation and the world for Him! You can help by coaching a team. You do not have to have ANY prior basketball knowledge to coach. Just a willing heart! Call me today to sign up!

In Christ,
Tim

IMPACT

November is here. The hustle and bustle of the holidays is about to be in full swing. November brings about one of my favorite holidays, Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is important because it gives us a time to look back and reflect on the great things the Lord has done in our lives and the life of the church.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures forever." Ps. 118:29

We can be thankful in both the good and the bad times. It is in the bad times the Lord's caring and compassion shines through.

Thanksgiving should be a time of encouragement as we look to the future. When we look back, hind sight is always 20/20 and in our present troubles we tend to forget how the Lord has moved. I know when I look back at my life, I see several makers where God moved because there was no other way. When times are tough I can look back and know He has come though when I have needed Him. The great news is He will come through again.

One person's life from the Bible we can look at is Joseph. He was his father's favorite child and had it made until his brothers faked his death and sold him into slavery. Then he became head of Potiphar's house and Potiphar's wife falsely accused Joseph, causing him imprisonment. While in prison he interpreted Pharaoh's and ultimately became in charge of Egypt.

Throughout his life, Joseph was able to look back and see how God worked to overcome his difficult times. God's Faithfulness enabled Joseph to trust upon the Lord in all situations, good or bad. This Thanksgiving as you look back, thank God for the work He has done in the past, and look to the future thanking God for what He will do.

In Christ,
Randy

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

"Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand has provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me."

The Lord is indeed faithful. Several years ago, God gave First Baptist Church a vision, we thought, to improve the facilities for our children and students. What resulted was improvements in our facilities for children, students, young, middle and senior adults. The Lord led us to build a new education building and renovate almost every area of our campus except the sanctuary, WMU building and the gymnasium. We are grateful for the Lord's leading and I can't imagine what ministry would be like without the improvements.

Of course, when buildings are built and renovations are complete, there is a bill. But God is faithful when bills are concerned too! He prompted you to give generously toward the retirement of the debt incurred through the building and renovation project. Great is God's faithfulness to provide the resources and great is your faithfulness to generously give!

Now, the end is in sight! Less than \$300,000 of debt remains. *Let's Finish This!* I want to encourage you to pray and ask God what he would have you give over the next year to *finish* paying off our debt! I trust God to speak to you and I trust you will be obedient to God's voice as He instructs you in giving.

On November 11, during the morning worship service you will be given the opportunity to covenant with God concerning what He instructs you to give. Later that morning we will celebrate with our annual Harvest Meal in the Gym.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6).

In Christ,
EW

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

NOVEMBER
 4th Movie Night
 5th UPWARD Registration begins
 10th Second Helpings
 11th Harvest Meal
 11th Deacons' Meeting
 18th Men's Prayer Breakfast
 26th Saints Alive
 30th Mature Adults Christmas Lights trip

DECEMBER
 2nd Senior Adult Sunday
 2nd Randy Zeigler's Ordination
 9th Richland Association Christmas Musical
 16th Music by Sanctuary & Children Choir



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
 November 10th
 Family Life Center

DEACONS' MEETING
 November 11th - 5:00pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST
 November 18th
 8:00am in the Family life Center

Saints Alive!
 Nov. 26th
 6:00pm in the WMU
 Catered Meal
 Annual Auction

SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY
DEC. 2nd
Music by Southern Revelation
 We will have a mature choir and lunch will be provided in the WMU following Sunday School.

SUNDAY, DEC. 2nd
6:00pm
 Randy Zeigler's Ordination into the Gospel Ministry.

First Ray



3rd Annual Movie Night
Church Parking Lot
Hot Dogs, Popcorn, Cotton Candy

A gripping reminder of the power of forgiveness, **I CAN ONLY IMAGINE** beautifully illustrates that no one is ever too far from God's love—or from an eternal home in Heaven.

Let's share the love of Jesus by inviting our family and friends that need to hear about God's grace and redeeming power!

We will have a Chili cook-off and fellowship time at 5 and start the movie around 6PM!



SUNDAY, NOV 11th

Join us in celebrating all that God has done and is doing at FBC! We will join together in the Family Life Center following Sunday School for our annual Harvest meal! The church will provide the turkey, dressing, and rolls. Please plan to attend and bring a vegetable, salad, side, and/or dessert.

November Birthdays			
Zoe Cooper	1	Nancy Vasocu	21
Edwina Greer	2	Randy A. Bell	22
Sarah Williams	2	Blake Clark	22
Amanda Perry	3	Savannah Blackwell	22
Clint Horne	4	Jerome Vasocu	23
Jennifer Garrett	5	Karen Hollis	24
Martha Peters	7	Betty Jo Gray	26
Sarah Krishna	7	Stone Reeves	27
Laten Barham	8	Carol Ann Boughton	28
Catherine Cooper	8	Chad Ward	28
Sydney Leija	9	Jan Chapman	28
Melvin Hollis	9	Matthew Walters	29
Nathaniel Smith	9	Drew Holley	29
Luke Senn	10	Lora Sullivan	30
Grover Burgess	11	Preston Rogers	30
Colton Williams	12		
Todd Morris	13		
Hannah Gill	13		
Lavon Grantham	15		
Sharon Heath	15		
Jerry Brown	17		
Myrt Hales, Jr	19		
Kyle Mills, Jr	19		
Lasley Thomason	19		
Ann Hogg	20		
Hunter Adcock	21		