

FIRST NOTES 🎵

Contagious Worship

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. ²My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. ³Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!
—Psalm 34:1-3

No one likes being sick... Yet this time of year, it seems like everyone is sharing colds and sickness. Truth be told, most of us try to avoid others who are sick. Often, despite our best efforts, we succumb to those pesky illnesses. Why?... Because the other person was contagious. In those cases, being contagious is bad. On the flip side, do our lives radiate Christ in such a way that others are attracted to Him? Similarly, does our worship inspire others to join us? I heard it once said that an unbeliever should be able to distinguish whether or not we are a Christian by the way we worship. That statement has always stuck with me. Truth is most people can spot a fake. A true Christ follower ought to love to worship because we love the object of our worship, Jesus. Worship is the natural outward manifestation of a heart that has been saved and transformed to new life in Christ. Simply put, the joy of one's salvation cannot and should not be kept silent. In closing, ultimately our worship is for the Lord, but as those whose lives have been rescued and redeemed, we need to realize that others are watching and observing. Many around us, believers and lost alike, continue to struggle with sin and hurt, and they need to recognize we have the cure because He's living in us. I guess being contagious isn't so bad after all.

Let Your Light So Shine,
Raymond

Sanctuary Choir

Fellow worshipers and potential choir members, there's no better time than the present to serve the Lord and His church through lifting your voice in praise to the King. I'm very excited about our new, Easter Musical, **My Easter Story**. This musical may be our best one to date. It is so powerful and inspiring, fully arranged with fresh and familiar anthems of praise. It also contains stirring dramatic elements, including testimonies of biblical figures. In addition to our musical, we have a great new line-up of anthems sure to stir the heart of the Lord and His people. Remember we meet on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. We'd love for you to join us. You won't regret it!

IGNITE NEWS



Basic Training 2019!

Our 3rd annual Basic Training for 2nd graders - 6th graders will be March 8 - 10. This year Kids will be challenged to raise their game because knowing God and trusting in Jesus fills each of us with the Fruit of the Spirit!

1 Peter 1:3 says: His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence.

Do you want your kids to know that God gives them everything they need to live Godly lives? Would you like for them to be challenged to raise their game by being filled with the Holy Spirit and the Fruit of the Spirit? If so, you will not want them to miss out on this fun filled, action packed, bible studying, Jesus worshiping weekend.

We will begin with supper in the gym Friday, March 8, at 5:30. Then travel to the Baptist Encampment and remain there until Sunday morning. You may pick up your kids at the church after Sunday School on March 10.

Cost for this event is \$40 per child and includes a T-Shirt. Limited space is available so be sure to sign up today!

Send e-mails to tim@fbcrayville.org or call the church office at 318-728-3231.

In Christ,
Tim

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

IMPACT

As we move into the month of February, the thoughts of Valentine's day and love spring into my mind. Valentine's day has become a holiday which has turned into a card and flower giving contest. It is in this way that television and commercials say a true display of love for one another is shown. The Bible depicts a different way of displaying love to one another.

Jesus defined a great display of love this way, "No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13 CSB. Jesus displayed true love through denying self and giving everything for us. He displayed this love as He, one with God, did the lowly task of washing the disciple's feet. Then in His final act of love took the sin of the world upon Himself dying so that we may have life. It is through imitation of this love that I encourage all of us to display this sacrificial love to others during this Valentine's day and throughout the year.

Randy

Thank You

Thank you for all of the visits, food, phone calls and especially the prayers on my behalf since my last fall. I am still having some problems so please keep up the prayers.

With Christian love,
Helen Diamond

RICHLAND CELEBRATE RECOVERY

A Parish Wide Ministry

Meets Every Thursday

5:30pm Fellowship Dinner
6:30pm Large Group Meeting
7:30pm Open Share Groups

Life Issues & Chemical Dependency

8:30pm Solid Rock Cafe

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

We have arrived. Culture is where they said it would be. Who you ask? The men who penned the Scriptures as the Holy Spirit inspired. Isaiah wrote, "**Were they ashamed because of the abomination they have done? They were not even ashamed at all; They did not even know how to blush**" (Jeremiah 6:15). Timothy wrote, "**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires and will turn away their ears from truth and will turn aside to myths**" (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Our culture has arrived exactly where our God said it would. This week New York state signed into law a bill that allows abortion up until the moment before birth (with smiles all around). All in the name of women's health and women's rights. Homosexuality is celebrated and anyone who holds to a Biblical view of marriage is labeled as hateful, intolerant and ignorant. Sensuality has saturated our culture. Men and boys are entranced and devoured by pornography while women and young ladies have bought into the lie that they are sexual objects designed for men's viewing and physical pleasure, resulting in immodest dress and behavior. Sexual immorality abounds.

The question then becomes, *how does the church respond?* Timothy wrote, "**But you, be sober in all things.**" To be sober means to be clear headed. If one is "clear headed" he looks at life as it really is. God has given us His Word. His Word has been validated over and over through fulfillment of prophecy, history and archeology. If we are to be *sober*, we are to have a world view informed by and dependent on the Word of God.

Unfortunately, though we are to be sober in all things, **the church is running with the culture into the abyss of sin.** Statisticians continually report young people are leaving the church and church attendance is in a free fall. Think about it. Are you as faithful to the church and the ways of God as you were? Are you one who's regular attendance is one or two Sunday mornings a month? Sunday nights, should Sunday nights even be mentioned? Have you changed your position or become tolerant of attitudes and behaviors you once called sin?

Dear church, since the church began its retreat and fell in love with travel four square (or whatever it is your child plays); since the church decided to be more relaxed and casual in attitude; since the church has found better things to do on the Lord's Day than worshipping God, has our culture become more Godly? Be Sober in all things. I challenge you to chunk the world's way of living and cling to and stand firm in the ways of God.

Dr. 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

5:00pm SUPPER
 5:20pm Praise Team
 5:45pm Adult Bible Studies
 5:45pm IGNITE-Children's Activities
 5:45pm REFUGE-Student Worship
 7:00pm 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

FEBRUARY

9 Second Helpings
 10 Colonial Manor 2:00pm
 Deacons' Meeting 5:00pm
 12 Adult Game Day 11:00am
 14 Adult Valentine's Day Lunch in Monroe
 17 Men's Breakfast
 25 Saints Alive

MARCH

1-3 D'Now
 8-10 Basic Training
 12 Adult Game Day 11:00am
 19 Adult trip to Natchez
 25 Saints Alive
 30 Gaither Concert



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SECOND HELPINGS

February 9th, WMU

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.

COLONIAL MANOR

February 10th - 2:00pm

DEACONS' MEETING

February 10th - 5:00pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST

February 17th
 8:00am in the Family life Center



Feb. 25th, 6:00pm, in the WMU
 Potluck Meal
 Entertainment: Barbershop Quartet

First Ray

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This month we are collecting hair products, combs, brushes, hair accessories, etc., for the shoeboxes. You can drop them in any of the collection boxes located in the front lobby, the Sunday school building and the church office.

14th Annual Hunters for Christ

Sportsman's Banquet at the Farmerville Rec. Center

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019, 5:30-9:00pm

Tickets: \$25 Adults & Teens and \$12 Kids 12 & Under
 Includes Barbeque supper & chance at Great Door Prizes
 In Concert: The Sanctuary Quartet

ADULT GAME DAY

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 11:00am

WMU Building

Please bring finger foods, cards, games, etc. The church will supply the drinks. Join us and enjoy food, fun and fellowship!

ADULT TRIPS

The Adult Committee has several trips planned this year. **If you plan on going on any of the trips please call the church office (728-3231) ASAP.**

February Birthdays



Cassie Townsend	1	Maddy Blackwell	14
Debora Morris	2	Rylee Gibson	14
Mica Jo Holubec	2	Tracy Morris	14
Sandra Adams	3	Cindy Senn	15
Brenda McManus	3	Eddie Wren	16
Sandra Pettit	3	Garrett Brakefield	17
Richard Letlow	3	Jan Reeves	9
Melanie Gable	4	Jonathan Brakefield	9
Eli Corley	5	Dan Lane	9
Lee Hale	5	May Belcher	9
Kyle Stracener	6	Gabby Gill	9
Harold Gallman	7	Jase Barton	11
Sandra Johnston	7	Debbie Martin	11
Lois Smith	7	Shannon Clark	12
Michelle Bass	7	Pam Biggs	13
		Dana Parker	29