

FIRST NOTES 🎵

Is He Worthy?

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! — Revelation 5:12

It doesn't happen a lot today, but we know from history that it was highly common for subjects to bow before the presence of their king. Bowing was one of many ways an individual could show honor and respect to their ruler. So if people could bow before their earthly king, how much more should we do in the presence of our great and awesome God? After all, He is the king of the world, the creator and sustainer of the universe. Every breath is a gift from Him. He is our gracious and loving Savior. And while in the depth of our sin, Christ came to rescue and redeem us with His precious blood. We also have His Spirit living in us to comfort, guide and seal us to the very end. So... is He worthy?

I was moved this past Sunday as our choir led us in a stirring anthem titled, "*Is He Worthy.*" It is a very powerful, awe-inspiring song based on Revelation 5. When we read passages like Revelation 5 and those surrounding it, we are invited to see with spiritual eyes what John saw in heaven. Can you imagine the magnitude of that moment as Christ is proclaimed worthy? Everyone in heaven is bowing and singing to the victorious, risen Christ, the Lamb of God. What a scene! Even today and for all eternity, we are all summoned to join with the multitude of angels and other creatures in singing that the Lord is indeed worthy. So Brothers and Sisters, the question is not whether or not we should worship through singing or bowing. But rather in light of God's great worth, how boldly and reverently we should do it!

Sanctuary Choir

Again, I would like to invite you, my fellow brothers and Sisters in Christ to be a part of the Sanctuary Choir as we prepare for our new, Easter Musical, *My Easter Story*. This musical may be our best one to date. It is very 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!

In Christ,
Raymond

Our very own "**4 By Grace**," gospel quartet, will be in concert on **Sunday, March 17th at 6:00pm** in our sanctuary. It's completely free! Just come with a heart to worship. Please help spread the word.

IGNITE NEWS



Basic Training Is Here! (March 8-10)

I can't believe this is our 3rd year for Basic Training! What is Basic Training? It's one of the most anticipated weekends of the year for our 2nd - 6th graders. It is a weekend dedicated to Worshiping our Lord, discipleship, and having fun! This year our theme is Power Up. We will see that the God of this universe wants us to KNOW HIM! He has given us His word, sent His Son and loves us more than we could imagine. He promises to give us the power we need to make Him known. During Basic Training we will learn about this power, how we can tap into it, and how to utilize it. Every year we have several youth come to lead in worship and bible study. This is something that really excites me. I love to see our youth pouring into our children. I love to see them sharing their testimonies and the Love of Christ with kids.

I hope you will pray for our children and youth leaders. Please pray that God will move. Pray that God's power will be made known. Pray that lives will be changed for the glory of God!

There are still a few spots open for boys and girls. If you have or know of a 2nd - 6th grader that wants to attend, please let me know.

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

Hello FBC Family,

This weekend March 1-3, we are having Disciple Now. Our theme this year is Together. We will be looking at and discussing what the Church is to look like. With this idea of togetherness of the Body of Christ we will be joining with three of our area churches: Start Baptist Church, FBC Delhi, and Alto Baptist Church.

Please be in prayer for our students and volunteers as they go through this weekend. Pray that lives would be turned over to Christ and, that students would join together as one body in Christ to reach a dark world with the light of Christ. We are excited to see what the Lord has in store.

Thank You
Randy

Youth CentriFuge

July 5 - 9, 2019

CentriKid

July 28 - Aug 1

THANK YOU

Jeff Bolton, April & Jordan wish to thank First Baptist for all the prayers & support given to our family during this difficult time. The outpour of care & concern has truly been a blessing to our family.

Thanks to the ladies for the delicious lunch. It helped so much to feed our big family and out of town friends.

Thank you all,
Jeff, April & Jordan

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

The next several Sundays could be very impactful moments for our church. I have finished the sermon series through Ephesians and will begin a new series Sunday. The forthcoming series will not be a walk through a book but instead we will consider the purpose of the church. Why has God brought us together and what should be our aim as we live life together for God?

The vision I have for the church can be summarized with three words: Worship, Witness and Community. We are to be worshippers, witnesses and part of the community of faith and everything we do should fall into one of those categories. Over the next several weeks we will unpack what that means for the church collectively and the individual members thereof.

Over the next few weeks you will be hearing about exciting mission opportunities both nationally and internationally. Stay tuned for details and if you are interested in participating, please let me know.

I'm thankful for you and thankful to be here with you.

Dr. EW

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

Life Issues &

Chemical Dependency

8:30pm Solid Rock Cafe

Nursery Provided - Birth to 4 Years

Everyone is welcome to attend Large Group Worship at 6:30pm in the Gym.

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

MARCH

- 1-3 D'Now
- 3-10 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 9 Second Helpings
- 8-10 Basic Training
- 10 Deacons' Meeting
- 12 Adult Game Day 11:00am
- 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast
"4 By Grace"
- 19 Adult trip to Natchez
- 25 Saints Alive
- 30 Adult trip Gaither Concert

APRIL

- 3 LifeShare Blood Drive
- 14 Easter Cantata
- 23 Adult trip to Lorman, MS



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
March 9th**

- 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
March 10th 5:00pm**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST
March 17th**

8:00am in the Family life Center

Saints Alive!

March 25th, 6:00pm, in the WMU
 Meal Provided
 Entertainment: Sanctuary Quartet

First Ray



Your prayers and gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® provide support for more than 5,000 missionaries. These men and women are planting new churches in unreached communities and reaching out to meet needs through compassion ministries. Every day, lives are being impacted and transformed.

**"4 By Grace"
Sunday, March 17th, 6:00pm
FBC, Sanctuary**

Come with a heart to worship and enjoy a free concert.

**ADULT GAME DAY
Tuesday, March 12th, 11:00am**

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This month we are collecting soap, thin washcloths and toothbrushes (NO TOOTHPASTE) 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.

March Birthdays			
Nora Brooks	2	Mason Wooden	21
Sarah Thomason	2	Tim Allen	22
Dave Jackson	2	Sam Estis	25
Karen Duvall-Darling	3	Hannah Bass	25
Mandy Brakefield	4	Patsy Knight	13
Kaiden Krishna	4	Lilwin Norman	13
Donnie Lee	4	Rayland Trisler	13
Ian Hollis	5	H. C. Eppinette	14
Camron Hollis	5	Heather Stephenson	16
Ashley Hollis	6	Geraldine Harris	17
Kaitlyn Boles	8	Fred Perritt	17
Clayton Morris	8	Darla Thames	19
Tesa McManus	12	Bonnie Cooper	20
Matthew Senn	12	Malcolm Wasson	21
Angela Hales	13	Avery Wooden	21
Dennis Odom	26	Jared Perrin	26
Peyton Raborn	27	Emmett Brown, Jr.	27
Brett Herrington	27	Eva Horne	29
Helen Diamond	29	Johnnie Sorey	29
Jessica Neyland	31	Jason Livingston	31
Melissa Smith	31		