

## FIRST NOTES 🎵

### *My Easter Story!*

Don't you just love this time of year? Spring and new life is in the air. Trees are budding. Flowers are blooming. The birds are singing. The wonder of God's creation comes to life before our eyes with vibrant colors. Truly a beautiful sight to behold. But even more this time of year, we remember Easter as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Jesus Christ, the lamb of God, has overcome the grave! The seasons and our surroundings may change, but we know that nothing can change the fact that our Lord is alive and that He lives in us!

Church Family, as we celebrate another Easter together, I am so excited to tell you about our Easter musical this year, **My Easter Story: Personal Accounts of the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus**. Perhaps one of our best musicals to date. This is a powerful musical filled with powerful and inspiring anthems of worship. It contains fresh and inviting songs of praise as well as familiar favorites we have grown to love over the years. It also includes powerful dramatic testimonies from the perspective of Biblical figures. You certainly will not want to miss this event! It is Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm here in our church sanctuary. I encourage you to invite everyone you know to be a part of this. In closing, my prayer is that as you experience this musical you will be challenged to share your own personal story of how Christ has changed your life.

### Upcoming Events:

Also our church will be having a "Gospel Singing," on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, featuring **Sanctuary Quartet, Southern Revelation, and Ben Waites**. Don't forget to mark your calendars and make plans to attend this special event.

#### 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

## IGNITE NEWS

### Spreading the Gospel!

I am Eggcited about our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, April 20! We will have the opportunity to share the meaning of Easter with our community at the ball-park! What a great way to reach children and families! We are looking for 100+ volunteers to pull this event off. We need Hosts to hide Easter eggs and assist children in the egg hunt. There will be jumpers, a photo opportunity with bunnies/chicks, face painting, balloon animals, hotdogs, cotton candy, and 4 different age appropriate Easter egg hunting areas. We will also need greeters and servers to welcome and love on families. Look for the "Say Yes" wall located on the 2nd floor of the education building to sign up! Please select the job you would like to volunteer for, put your name and t-shirt size on the ticket stub, then place it in the basket. We will need to have all the positions filled by this Sunday afternoon so we can order shirts.

We are also planning a family mission trip to this Summer. If you are interested, Contact me or Randy and let us know! Be sure to look for more details in the coming weeks!

In Christ,  
Tim

Join us at  
**COLONIAL MANOR**  
Sunday, April 14th, 2:00pm

**LifeShare Blood Drive**  
Wednesday, April 3rd  
4:30pm - 7:30pm

### **Why Give Blood?**

Every two seconds, someone somewhere needs blood. One of every seven people who enter the hospital will need blood. That person may be you, your loved one, friend or co-worker. With all the wonderful advances in modern medicine, there still is **NO substitute for human blood**. The blood that helps patients comes only from caring people who volunteer to help others by donating their life-saving blood.

*In the short time it took to read the  
above paragraph, 11 people needed blood.*

## IMPACT

This passed month we had our Disciple Now event. The theme of our disciple now this year was Together. The event included four different churches and over a hundred students. The students came together with brothers and sisters in Christ to worship, study, and serve together. The Lord really moved in the lives of the students and those they came in contact with. Our students served in various locations like nursing homes, the rec center, some did lawn work and even fixed a roof. The students didn't just come and play games, but they gave back to their community and shared Christ with others.

It was exciting to see them not just serve, but to enjoy serving others. Our hope is that as the students are back at school, they don't just unite under the name of their respected schools or cliques, but under the name of Christ.

In Christ,  
Randy

#### Youth CentriFuge

July 5 - 9, 2019

Camp balance due by June 10.

#### CentriKid

July 28 - Aug 1

Camp balance due by July 1.

#### **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.**

## FIRST THOUGHTS

2019 is shaping up to be a great year! I am thankful the Lord counts us worthy to be instruments of grace as he continues to draw people to Himself and save souls. You will have many opportunities this year to engage in Kingdom building activities.

First, you will want to be a part of our first Easter Egg Hunt. May 20 FBC Rayville will host an Easter Egg hunt at the Tim McGraw Sports Complex from 10am – 12Noon. The hunt will be open to the community and affords us a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and serve our neighbors. There are opportunities to serve as hosts, clean-up crew, egg hiders, cooks, servers, cotton candy chefs, face painters and more. Please join us and lets make this a great event for Rayville, but more, for the Kingdom of God.

Thank you for supporting Bylorussian Mission. Andrew and his family thoroughly enjoyed their time with us. If you wanted to give financially to have Bibles printed but were not prepared that day, please contact the office for details on how to help. **If you are interested in the Belarus mission trip in September, please see me for details.**

The staff is investigating opportunities for a family mission trip in the near future, stay tuned for details.

We are approaching Easter. There is no time on the calendar when people are more receptive to an invitation to worship with you at First Baptist Church. Please seek out those who are not active in a church and simply invite them. Take time to do a random act of kindness for them and then invite them to join you at FBC Rayville.

May God continually use you for the good of His people and for His glory.

Dr. EW

#### **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**

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**

**APRIL**

3 LifeShare Blood Drive  
 9 Adult Game Day  
 13 Second Helpings  
 14 Deacons' Meeting  
 14 Colonial Manor  
 14 6:00pm Easter Cantata  
 20 Easter Egg Hunt  
 21 Easter Sunday  
 23 Adult trip to Lorman, MS  
 29 Saints Alive at Baptist Encampment

**MAY**

11 Gospel Singing



**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**

**April 13th**

8:00am Begin set-up & cooking  
 9:00am Serve up food trays  
 10:00am Begin delivery routes

**DEACONS' MEETING**

April 14th, 5:00pm



**April 29th, 6:00pm**

Fish Fry at the  
 Baptist Encampment  
 Bus leaves at 5:30 from FBC

**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY  
 of NORTHEAST LOUISIANA  
 Mondays - 1:30pm to 3:30pm  
 WMU Building**

Join us at our weekly crochet circle. Visitors are welcome for fun and fellowship. If you'd like to learn to crochet, we can teach you!!

# First Ray

## COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 20th, 10:00am-12Noon  
 Tim McGraw Sports Complex



**ADULT GAME DAY**

**Tuesday, April 9th, 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.

**TRIP TO LORMAN, MS**

**Tuesday, April 23rd**

We will tour the Port Gibson Presbyterian and Catholic Churches, Cane-mount Plantation, Windsor Ruins and a late lunch at the Old Country Store. You might want to bring a drink and light snack because lunch will be after the tour the area. The bus will leave at 8:00AM.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

This month we are collecting small stuffed animals (watch for clearance items after Easter) 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.

April Birthdays			
Myrtis Dewitt	1	Chris Sullivan	11
Kevin Carlisle	1	Ryan Felder	12
Andrea Morris	2	Glynn Garrett	13
Emilee Turner	2	Suzette Doughty	14
Bobby Barton	2	Chelsea Mitchell	5
Bill Martin	2	Natalie Reeves	6
Jenny Grantham	3	Brad Brown	6
B.J. McKnight	3	Kym Trisler	7
Cliff Mills	3	Kenneth Raborn	7
Gene Dewitt	4	Cameron Williams	8
Nicholas Heath	4	Jamie Williams	8
Ellen Perrin	4	Kaye Perritt	9
Jay Brakefield	5	Macy Lee Hale	9
Ken Branch	5	Kellie Thames	11
		Lee Williams	15
		Heather Harold	15
		Susan Hoychick	19
		Ryan Clack	22
		Alex McHenry	22
		Barnes Williamson	24
		Sarah Aycock	25
		Jace Clack	27
		Ethan Estis	30
		James Smith	30