

## FIRST NOTES 🎵

### *The Importance of Singing*

*Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim His salvation day after day. 1 Chronicles 16:23*

God created us to worship Him. Worship begins in the heart, but one of the most simple and primary ways we get to express our worship and thanks is through singing. Even more, without going into great detail, God intricately designed our mind and bodies with instrumental capabilities to use for singing. Therefore, it could be said we were created to sing God's praise. Think about it. It is a very natural thing to sing when we are happy. Singing goes hand in hand with a joyful heart. Just observe a pure and happy child. It won't take long before you hear them singing. Perhaps your children like mine would create their own worship songs to God when they were young. The desire to praise our God with singing is innate within us. Yet as adults we often overlook the importance of singing. Unfortunately, we simply get bogged down by worldly pursuits and the pressures of life that we neglect intimacy with God. Perhaps you don't sing because you don't think you sound well. As a minister of music, I've heard these excuses and many more, but none of them are good. What I do know from scripture is that God uses our singing to minister to Him, to ourselves, and to each other. First of all, we sing to God because that is what He created us to do, and He deserves it. Secondly, our singing lifts our spirits and those around us by drawing our hearts' attention to the goodness and faithfulness of God. Brothers and sisters, don't worry about what others may say or think. Do what you were created to do. Sing!

#### Thanks:

A big thank you to our Sanctuary Choir and all those who had a part in our Easter Musical Celebration. What a joy to serve alongside of you! I'm also excited about our new music we have lined up for the remainder of Spring and Summer. Anyone interested is welcome to join us for Choir Meetings on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

#### Upcoming Events:

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.

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## IGNITE NEWS

### Summer time is upon us!

**First of all, I would like to say THANK YOU** for the amazing job you did for our Easter Egg Hunt. This was a big event for our church and it turned out to be a great event. It was super easy because of everyone that helped from set-up to clean-up! I believe that the name of Christ was lifted high and the true meaning of Easter was shared with our community. I can't wait to do it again next year!

**VBS is June 3 - 7!** This year's theme is "In The Wild, Amazing encounters with Jesus!" Kids will focus in on some amazing, real-life encounters with Jesus. Each encounter is like a snapshot—a special moment in time captured on the pages of Scripture. Through VBS, kids will discover that each snapshot of Jesus is an opportunity to respond to the gospel. And when put together, these isolated encounters clearly reveal the most amazing truth of all—Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing we can have life in His name.

**Father/Son trip is June 13-15!** This year we are going to Mt. Petit Jean in Morrilton, Arkansas. We will camp Thursday and Friday in the Petit Jean State Park! There are tons of things to do here. Fishing, canoeing, hiking, swimming, exploring, and a lot more. Please call the church office to sign up. The cost is \$25 per person.

**CentriKid is July 28 - August 1.** We have 5 spots available for camp. If you have a 3rd - 6th grader (or know someone who does) that is not signed up, please call the church office and sign them up. Camp is always a supper fun and encouraging week. Kids grow closer to each other and closer to God at camp. Don't miss this opportunity for your kids to have an awesome week away from home this summer. The cost is \$340 per child.

In Christ,  
Tim

#### 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

## IMPACT

### Youth CentriFuge

July 5 - 9, 2019

**Camp balance due by June 10.**

### CentriKid

July 28 - Aug 1

**Camp balance due by July 1.**

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 19th

8:00am in the Family life Center

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

Who is your one? Last Sunday you were introduced to an emphasis called *Who is your ONE?* The idea is for you to have ONE person you are intentionally seeking to bring to Christ for salvation. You have ONE you are committed to praying for. You pray for his or her needs for sure, but more you pray a drawing to Jesus from the Holy Spirit and you pray for opportunities to invite to church and opportunities to share the Gospel. You have ONE you bless with random acts of kindness that will afford you an opportunity to invite into the church and to share your testimony of salvation. Who's YOUR one?

We must be intentional about reaching those around us. If there is no plan to reach those around us, most of the time we will offer generic prayers concerning the lost and we will not be intentional about making disciples as we go.

Who's your ONE? Imagine if every church member could answer that question with the name of a person who is far from God—a person for whom they're praying and with whom seeking to share the gospel. That's the intention behind *Who's Your One*. We believe God's people do not merely need another method for evangelism—what they need is a white-hot passion to see people who are far from God experience the new life He offers through Jesus Christ.

If you did not receive a *Who's Your One?* book marker and prayer journal last Sunday, those items will be available for you Sunday in the Sanctuary. Let us determine to reach this community, one person at a time.

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**

**MAY**

11 Second Helpings  
 11 Gospel Singing  
 14 Adult Game Day  
 19 Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 Deacons' Meeting  
 20 Saints Alive  
 24 Adult trip to Brown's Landing

**JUNE**

3 - 7 Vacation Bible School



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**SECOND HELPINGS**

**May 11th**

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

**DEACONS' MEETING**

May 19, 5:00pm



May 20th, 6:00pm  
 Hamburger Supper  
 In the Family Life Center  
 Entertainment: The Jericho Project

**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

**GOSPEL SINGING**

**FBC Sanctuary**

**Saturday, May 11th, 6:00pm**

Featuring The Sanctuary Quartet, Southern Revelation, and Ben Waites  
 Join us immediately following the concert for light snacks and fellowship upstairs in the WMU Building.

**ADULT GAME DAY**

**Tuesday, May 14th, 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.

**ADULT TRIPS**

May 9th - Canton, MS - bus leaves at 7:45am  
 May 24th - Lunch at Brown's Landing - bus leaves at 11:00am

**A Study of The Revelation**

**Led by Dr. Eddie Wren  
 Begins Wed., May 15, 5:45pm**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

This month we are collecting small toys (jacks, small rubber balls, slinky, small cars, 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.

Allison	Williamson	2		Meri Hobbs	Wren	18
Louise	Cater	3		Ty	Allen	21
Randy	Walters	3	Brian	Sullivan	22	
Lillian	Morris	3	Becky	Ward	23	
Erica	Cherene	4	Sherry	Johnson	24	
Seth	Turner	5	Taylor	Hayes	25	
Erin	Branch	5	Aaron	Thomason	25	
Kylie	Mills	6	Katie	Taylor	27	
Caroline	Mills	6	Orie	Stephenson	30	
Liz	Hogue	8	Bryan	Cagle	31	