

FIRST NOTES 🎵

Praise the God of Mercy!

But I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, Because He has dealt bountifully with me. Psalm 13:5-6

Where would we be if not for the mercy of God? As we read from scripture, we know God to be a holy and just God, punishing those who sin. What a revering thought! On the other hand, we see throughout the Bible that God is merciful and gracious to those who humble themselves before Him. So which one is He?... Simply put, He is both. Perfectly just and merciful! It is in the midst of recognizing His justice that we come to appreciate His mercy all the more. What a beautiful and mysterious balance for us as believers. We are to fear the wrath of a Holy God, and yet at the same time admire Him for His infinite mercy. Furthermore, what a great message is ours to share! That even in one's sin and wretchedness there is inexhaustible mercy and grace freely given to those who repent and turn their hearts to Him. We are also reminded in scripture that His mercies do not grow stale, but they are new every morning. Aren't you glad God's mercies are renewed on a daily basis! Yet another reason to esteem our awesome God. Brothers and Sisters, let us praise the God of Mercy!

Thank You Choir!

Thank you Choir for another great season of worship! You did a wonderful job in preparing our Patriotic musical, as well as leading worship with special anthems of praise. We will take a brief break for the Summer, and we will resume rehearsals in the middle of August with our batteries recharged, ready to take on another season of praise.

Raymond

IGNITE NEWS

VBS Update

Thank you to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School a huge success. We averaged 181 KIDS for the week! There were over 25 workers involved every day and we felt the prayers of many of others lifting us up daily. 29 kids expressed a desire to follow Jesus! We are in the process of contacting each of these children to help them with their decision and disciple them. Please continue to pray for these and others as the Holy Spirit works in their life.

Bike Parade

Don't forget about our 4th annual Bike Parade this Sunday afternoon! We will meet in the chapel this Wednesday night to decorate our bikes. We will provide some decorations for all the kids but feel free to bring your own!

CentriKid

We still have room for a few more kids to go to camp July 28th through August 1st. We also have a couple of scholarships available for kids that can not afford to pay for camp. Please let me know if you know a child that would like to go!

Summer is off to a great start and we are looking forward to the upcoming events.

Summer Schedule

- June 26 - Bike decorating party
- June 27 - Movie Day at the church
- June 30 - Bike parade
- July 11 - Altitude
- July 18 - Swimming
- July 25 - Bowling
- July 28 - August 1 - CentriKid (3 spots open)

In Christ,
Tim

SAVE THE DATE
Nov. 5, 6 & 7
Church Directory Update

IMPACT

Luke 10:38-42

38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. **40** But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." **41** But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, **42** but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

We live in a world filled with distractions. We are pulled from all sides family, work, entertainment, and lack of time are all reasons we feel we should skip time with the Lord. While taking care of our families, jobs, and partaking in leisure are important, they pale in comparison to the importance of our time with the Lord and His Church.

Martha became distracted by good things. She was preparing a meal fit for the Lord, she had her dining room prepared with her best China. All of which were important for a dinner with the Lord of Lords. The problem though was she missed something more valuable, time with Christ. She felt that Mary was in the wrong, she was just sitting at Jesus feet listening. As opposed to preparing the meal and setting the table.

The question is this, are you a Mary or a Martha? Do you become so distracted by things that are good, but miss you time with Christ? or do you seek your time with the Lord first and allow the other things of this live to be impacted by Him?

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

Summer is in full swing and heating up. I pray you are well and enjoying each day the Lord gives us.

I hope you will join us Sunday, June 30 for our PM service. Bro. Raymond and the Choir will be leading us in a time of celebration as we celebrate our country, but more, the freedom we find in Jesus Christ. Following the time of worship there will be a bike parade for the children and then hamburgers, hotdogs with all the fixings! Mark you calendar and make plans to join us.

Also, in August we forgo our Sunday night and instead have Awesome August Nights on Monday evenings. Each Monday evening in August we will gather to worship through music and the preaching of God's Word. Each Monday night a guest preacher will be with us preaching God's Word. Make plans now to be present. You will not want to miss what God will have to say to you as we worship together.

Don't forget to pray for our students and our children as they participate in various activities and camps this summer. The children will be going to CentriKid and the older students will be attending Centrifuge at Ridgecrest in North Carolina. The CentriKid and Centrifuge could be major spiritual markers in the lives of our children. Pray that God will convict hearts and save souls. Pray that God would call young men and young ladies to a lifetime of service to Him. Pray that God would grow our students in His grace and in the understanding of His ways.

Stay cool!
Dr. EW

Thank You

Dearest Church Family,
Thank you all for the cards, visits, thought and prayers during the loss of our mother, Ms. Lena. Thank you Pastor and Ellen for your dedication and love for your church family and to the Lord. A special thanks to the wonderful ladies that prepared the food. That is an amazing ministry that deserves applause. God will sustain us all thru our difficult times.

Love in Christ,
Gail Greer, Carl Mitchell & Deborah Ditto

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

Nursery Provided - Birth to 4 Years

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

5:20pm 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

JULY

1 CentriKid Camp Balance due
 5-9 CENTRIFUDE CAMP
 11 Altitude (2nd - 6th grade)
 13 Second Helpings
 14 Deacons' Meeting
 18 Swim (2nd - 6th grade)
 21 Men's Prayer Breakfast
 25 Bowling (2nd - 6th grade)
 28-1 CENTRIKID CAMP



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

July 13

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

July 14, 5:00pm

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

July 21

8:00am in the Gym

**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

FREEDOM CELEBRATION

In God We Trust: Musical—June 30th 6:00pm

Followed by
 Hamburger, Hot Dogs, Chips & Desserts
Please bring your favorite dessert!

AWESOME AUGUST NIGHTS

Each Monday in August

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This month we are collecting **small boxes of crayons, colored pencils and pencils** 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.

UPCOMING ADULT TRIPS

Dec. 9-11, The Singing Christmas Tree at Bellevue Baptist Church and other sites in Memphis. The cost is \$367 which includes 2 nights hotel (double occupancy), continental breakfast at hotel, BBQ Dinner, and tickets to the events. \$100 non-refundable deposit due by Oct. 15.

Jan. 26-Feb. 3, 2020, 7-Night Western Caribbean Cruise. \$250 non-refundable deposit due by July 16th.

Please call Betty Jo Gray 805-8874 or the church office 728-3231 for more information.

July Birthdays			
Trudy Barham	1	Matthew Brakefield	23
Zadee Love	1	Ashley Morris	23
Drake Raborn	1	Suzy Cherene	23
Alex Hayes	2	Dana Townsend	24
Lori Morris	3	Sarah Bolton	24
Lee Abraham	4	Tim Morris	13
Nikki Thomason	5	Virginia Lee	14
Judy Letlow	5	Jenna Brakefield	14
Ellie Hollis	5	Eddie Davis	15
Chris Mitchell	6	Lucy Allen	17
Lee Morris	6	Donna Bell	18
Luke Morris	7	John Hoychick	19
Olivia Trisler	7	Jonathan Knight	19
Jewellene Robinson	9	Hudson Brakefield	20
Drew Garrett	10	Balfour Pipes	20
Johnny B. Hoychick	11	Joy Anna Prine	20
Timothy Hoychick, Jr.	11	Eli Bell	23
		Bill Newsom	31