

FIRST NOTES 🎵

You Are What You Sing

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Colossians 3:16

You've heard it said, "You are what you eat." Well... that not only applies to our bodies, but our souls as well. It is important that we digest God's word daily in order to enrich our souls and spiritual walk with God. In the same way, I believe it is also very important that we listen to and sing godly music throughout the week so that we can supplement and secure God's truth in our hearts. Worship through singing God songs are a fun and interesting way to grow in the knowledge of God. Therefore, first and foremost the songs we sing need to be accurate and scripturally based in the word of God. Not every song has to be a four-course meal, but it should accurately portray the nature of God. Secondly, I believe it is important that we diversify the songs we sing and listen to. Just like we don't eat the same food every day. We should seek out God songs that speak to the various aspects of His character. Perhaps you may even try to wet your spiritual appetite by listening to various arrangements of familiar songs to awaken your mind to truths that may have become stale to you. In this modern age, there are millions of songs at our fingertips. Why not use those resources to enhance our spiritual walk? Create worship playlists for yourself to listen to throughout the week. Don't let Sundays be the only time you sing and listen to Godly music. Christian radio stations are great... I listen to them a lot, but there is so much more out there. I'm available should anyone need advice or suggestions. Brothers and Sisters, as we grow in the Lord individually and collectively why not supplement and enhance your spiritual walk by listening to and singing God songs throughout the week. I promise you won't regret it. ...Bon appetite!!!

- Don't forget we post our upcoming worship set mid-week on the **Spotify** app. Search for **FBC Rayville-Sunday Worship** playlist, it's a great to be familiar with the songs we sing each Sunday.
- On awesome August nights in addition to great preaching, we will be having some great worship leaders and bands visiting with us as well: **Bradley Bridges and River Revival Band**, to name a few. Be there every night if you can!
- **This Hope** will be leading us in worship on September 8th in our 9:00AM worship service. You will be amazed and led to worship God through this very talented men's vocal band. You can check out their music online @thishope.org, YouTube, or just about any music app. You certainly don't want to miss this event. Help spread the word.

In Christ,
Raymond

Thank You

Our hearts are filled with appreciation and thanksgiving from our church family during the illness and death of Lavon.

Special thanks to Dr. Eddie, Raymond and members of the Open Door Sunday School Class for the love you displayed for us through your prayers and concern! WE appreciated the effort and time of all those involved in preparing lunch for us. Lavon would feel honored to know of the support from our Church family. Thank you!

Jenny & Jason Grantham, Jason & Lori McNaughton, Ainzley, Emma & Chloe.

Thank You

The family of Kyle Mills want to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, food, flowers and memorials. We especially thank the ladies for the lunch and all the ones that prepared the food.

Our family appreciates everyone that brought food to our homes. We are so blessed to have a loving and thoughtful church family.

The service and music were such a wonderful tribute to Kyle. Our prayer is that God Blesses each and everyone.

We love you!

The Kyle Mills Family

IMPACT

Sometimes we all need a helping hand. King Solomon writes in Ecclesiastes that "9 Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. 10 For if either fall, his companion can lift him up; but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up"

I am reminded about such a time. As an eleven-year-old we used to go to the neighborhood recreation center in South Bossier. Next to this center was a large concrete drainage ditch. Teenagers would often walk or ride bikes in this ditch. Every time I would see them in there, I would think to myself, that looks so fun. Finally, I got up the courage and made my way down the steep embankment. Upon reaching the bottom I realized that maybe being in this ditch was not all it was cracked up to be.

I began to attempt to exit the ditch. I did exactly what I saw the teenagers do and began to run up the embankment. I made it about half way out and slid back to the bottom. After about ten unsuccessful tries I did what any brave man would do, I began to cry and yell for help. Finally, someone heard my cries and pulled me from the ditch.

This is similar to the Christian life. The Christian life is not easy, in fact it can be downright difficult. We are in need of someone to be there for us, to pull us up in those difficult times. We need someone to keep us accountable and pick us up when we sin. We cannot go it alone. These friendships are vital to our walk with Christ.

In Christ,
Randy

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

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!!

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



AWESOME AUGUST NIGHTS

Aug. 5th, 6:30pm
MORE FAITH - Glenn Harrigill

Aug. 12th, 6:30pm
MORE GOSPEL - Dr. Steve Horn

Aug. 19th, 6:30pm
MORE FOCUS - Jeff Ginn

Aug. 26th, 6:30pm
MORE HOPE - Luke Hockenjos

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 Café

Nursery Provided - Birth to 4 Years

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

To find out how you can help with this community ministry, please contact any of the following people:

Myrt Hales Claude Mercer Terry Doughty
Edward Greer Rayland Trisler

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

AUGUST

- 10 Second Helpings
- 11 Deacons' Meeting
- 18 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 25 Movie "Overcomer" 5:00pm

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



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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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FBC STAFF

- Dr. Eddie Wren
Pastor
- Raymond Perrin, Jr.
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- Tim Allen
Minister to Children
- Randy Zeigler
Minister to Youth
- Beth Livingston
Ministry Assistant
- Annie Rucker
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SECOND HELPINGS

August 10th

- 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

August 11th

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

18th

8:00am in the Gym

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

First Ray

Tinseltown Movie Night

Movie - Overcomer

Sunday, Aug. 25th, 5:00pm

Ticket \$5 - Call the office and reserve your tickets.

AWESOME AUGUST NIGHTS

Each Monday in August

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This month we are collecting pencil sharpeners, erasers and small notebooks or pads 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 AUGUST 30th.**

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

August Birthdays			
Brooke Raborn	2	Cindy Odom	22
June McCartney	2	Lisa Rose	22
Dontrel Wilson	3	Michelle Bell	11
Ashley Hale	4	Carolyn Mercer	12
Nathaniel Barham	5	Stacy Wren	12
Raylee Boles	5	Dollie Clayton	12
John Roy	5	Samantha Davis	13
Jan Doughty	5	Jackie Harold Jr	13
Emily Morris	7	Stephanie Walters	14
Mary Bennett	7	Chastidy Brakefield	15
Josie Hoychick	7	Randy Bell	15
Angela Gill	8	RubyAnn Montgomery	16
Hope Vollmar	9	Susan Clark	18
LaQueeta Brown	10	Jeremy Vollmar	20
Lane Holubec	10	Lindley Sullivan	20
Claire Williams	10	Samuel Hoychick	21
Jacob Livingston	11	Jude Johnston	21
		Michael Barras	31
		Gordan Allen	31
		Bevie Tuckett	31
		Edward Greer	24
		Anna Cooper	24
		Liz Allen	24
		Sophie Heath	23
		Beth Livingston	25
		Holly Johnson	26
		Melba Sullivan	27
		Tom Heath	29
		Dewey Senn	29
		Kara Trisler	29
		Marjorie Bigham	29
		Randy Zeigler	30