

## FIRST NOTES 🎵

### Worship and Evangelism

*He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and will put their trust in the Lord. Psalm 40:3*

Worship is a form of evangelism. Truly, nothing can replace the importance of one on one evangelism. The Great Commission makes it clear that Christians are to actively and intentionally share the gospel whenever and wherever we can. But have you ever stopped to think that God could be using you as His witness as you worship. The way we worship God and the manner in which we do it sends a powerful message also. A god who is not worthy of worship is not appealing to someone who is seeking. A grateful song and a grateful heart speak loudly to someone who is hurting. Yes, we should engage the lost and seek to meet the needs of the hurting. But we can also demonstrate the change Christ has made in us by the way we worship. The goal of worship is to ultimately to magnify the Lord, but God could be using your worship to minister to someone else. Brothers and Sisters, I'm not exactly sure how it may take shape for you, but may we exalt Christ in such a way that people are drawn to Him and put their trust in Him.

### Never Too Old for Christmas: A Christmas Dramatic Musical

We've had some great musical, inspiring events this year. And still more to come that you can be a part of! God wants to use you as His instrument to declare His awesome love to others. Come be a part of our choir and drama ministry as we prepare for our dramatic play and musical, "*Never Too Old for Christmas.*" We want to make this year's Christmas celebration bigger than ever before, and we need your help. There is something special for everyone to get involved in, and we need people of all ages to pitch in. You could help with costuming, stage set up, choreography, sing, or be an extra in the play. This will be something people will talk about for years to come. So come and be a part it. For more information on how you can get involved you can contact Bro. Raymond Perrin or Jenny Grantham. Hope you can join us!

In Christ,  
Raymond

## IGNITE NEWS

Fall is here!

Fall is always a great time of year for kid's ministry and this year is no different.

**Wednesday night suppers are back!** Join us at 5:00 each week for a great meal before our bible studies and activities kick off. The cost is \$5.00 per person and includes a meet, two vegetables, salad, dessert, and a drink. You can't beat that!

**We are in the process of starting TeamKid** on Wednesday nights from 5:30 until 7:00. TeamKID is designed for Kids in Discipleship! It features Bible memory games and application of Bible truths, engaging missions videos and activities, and fun activity-based learning all while helping your kids grow to be more like Jesus.

**Our Harvest Celebration on October 27** is another event you don't want to miss. It will be at the Lane's home from 5PM until. We will have tons of fun for everyone! There will be music, games, a bon-fire, hamburgers, hotdogs, cotton candy, popcorn, s'mores, a hay ride, a dunking booth, and more! You will want to mark you calendars and be here for this wonderful evening of fun and fellowship!

In Christ,  
Tim

Dear First Baptist Church Members & Staff,

Thank you so much for the generous donation to Salvations Cross. The love and support has been humbling. Timmie Ray and I have also loved and felt loved by our church community. You are some of the kindest and thoughtful people in the world. I thank God for allowing me to be a part of this community.  
Darla Thames

The family of Nellie Henry would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, and food. We are grateful to all the ladies who prepared the delicious food for the luncheon.

Thank you to the wonderful ladies who graciously served the luncheon. We want to especially thank the members of the Esther Sunday School class for the food, love and support shown to our family.

Thankyou,  
The Nellie Henry Family

## IMPACT

This past month I had the great opportunity to spend time in Belarus. I would like to say thank you for all of your prayers and support. This was a wonderful time of sharing the Gospel with many who had never heard the good news of Christ. While nearly half of the country professes to be members of the Eastern Orthodox Church, the church itself does not focus on relationship with Christ. The Orthodox Church does not see it relevant for people to read the Bible. Instead they concentrate on allowing the clergy to interpret Scripture to the people. This has lead to lack of Biblical literacy among the people.

The second largest group in Belarus are those who claim to have no religious affiliations at all. Forty-one percent of Belarusians claim no religious affiliation. This stems back to communism and the spread of atheism of the former Soviet Union. Only two percent of the population in Belarus considers themselves to be evangelical Christians. Belarus is a beautiful and wonderful country, but is a country in great need of the Lord.

It was a true blessing to be part of a team that was able to shine the light of Christ in this country. Our group preached and shared testimonies in the churches. We were able to attend schools in several cities across the country, where we taught English classes to students. These classes lead to gospel messages as we discussed holidays and the history of the United States. We had English conversations with an IT company to improve their English. These too lead to great Gospel witnessing conversations.

Our group also spent time encouraging and witnessing to foster parents and children. The group spent time in the Universities discussing their careers and how the Lord has moved in the lives of the people. The trip was a success, the Lord moved and lives were forever changed. I will always be grateful to have played a small part of this team to serve the Lord in Belarus. Pray for the people of Belarus, and pray for more people to be sent to spread the Gospel. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

In Christ,  
Randy

## FIRST THOUGHTS

**HARVEST CELEBRATION**  
**Sunday, Oct. 27, 5:00pm - until**  
**At the home of Dan & Jennifer Lane**  
Cotton Candy, Food, Face Painting, Games,  
Dunking Booth, Hayride  
and Horse Riding!

**PACK A SHOEBOX PARTY**  
**Sunday, Nov. 3, 6:00pm**  
WMU Building  
Refreshments provided!

**HARVEST MEAL**  
**Sunday, Nov. 10**  
The church will supply Turkey & Dressing, rolls & drink. Please bring vegetable & dessert.

**Louisiana Baptist Convention**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Nov. 11 - 12**  
**Alexandria Riverfront Center**  
Alexandria, LA  
Call the office if you  
Would like to be a messenger.

Dear Friends & Precious Church Family,  
Mere words can not express my gratitude and appreciation for the love and concern that you have shown during my surgery and recovery time. Thank you for the phone calls and the cards and the many, many, prayers that have been offered up on my behalf. It is wonderful to have loving friends and family, and our church is very rich in that area. I look forward to being back with you soon. I love all of you so much, and I thank God for His Love and protection and healing.

Beth Haynes

**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  
 5:00pm Supper  
 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**

**OCTOBER**

12 Second Helpings  
 13 Deacons' Meeting  
 20 Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 27 Harvest Celebration  
 28 Saint's Alive  
 30 BCM—ULM

**NOVEMBER**

3 Pack a Shoebox Party  
 5-7 Church Directory Update  
 10 Harvest Meal  
 11 - 12 LBC Annual Meeting

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



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**DEACONS' MEETING**  
 Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>

**SECOND HELPINGS**  
 Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>

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.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
 Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>  
 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**

**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.



**Monday, Oct. 28, 6:00pm**  
 WMU Room - Catered Meal  
 Anyone 55yrs and older welcomed  
 Elvis will be in the house!!



**PACK A SHOEBOX PARTY**

Sunday, Nov. 3, 6:00pm  
 WMU Room  
 Refreshments provided!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

ITEMS STILL NEEDED: bars of soap, erasers, colored pencils, small stuffed animals, hair combs & pencil sharpeners 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.

Tacy	Allen	1	<b>October Birthdays</b>	Emme	Hoychick	21	
Blake	Branch	2		Noah	Wren	21	
Adam	Townsend	2		Corbin	Cater	23	
Tim	Boles	3	Annette Newsom	12	Fischer	Haught	23
Sharon	Massey	5	Merle Raborn	13	Daniel	Lane II	24
Forrest	O'Neal	5	Mallory Branch	13	Tammie	Berry	24
Trenston	Mize	6	Everett Brooks	13	Alexa	Clack	24
Claude	Mercer	6	Denise Copeland	13	Dee	Adams	24
Connor	Mills	7	Parker Morris	14	Erle	Barham	24
Emily	Garrett	7	Shannon Johnson	14	Massey	Thames	25
Jake	Perrin	7	Melissa Morris	15	Hal	Senn	25
Charlotte	Sims	7	Taylor Hixon	16	Sandra	Green	26
Reatagae	Wooden	9	Reed Trisler	18	Peggy	Eppinette	27
Christene	Stracener	9	Madison Mitchell	18	Brier	Williamson	29
Haleigh	Branch	10	Louise Trahan	19	Jennifer	Lane	30
Jeremiah	Abrams	11	Jacob Hoychick	20	Mary	Bruyninckx	30
Harrison	Cooper	12	David Knight	20	Barry	Collins	31