

Summary & Overview

Church

The First Baptist Church of Mandeville is a Christ centered and focused church, and is the largest Southern Baptist church in the city. It was originally founded in the Old Mandeville historic district and then moved to its present location in 1982.

The church has been under the pastorship of a single pastor for 22 years until his resignation at the end of 2017. The church has had a transitional interim pastor, Dr. Jake Roudkovski (a professor at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary), since the beginning of 2018. Under his leadership, the church has initiated a Strategy & Vision process.

This work has delivered a new mission and values statement which reflects the character of the church congregation.

Kingdom Concept: Mandeville's First Baptist Church glorifies God and makes disciples by being and building the biblical family.

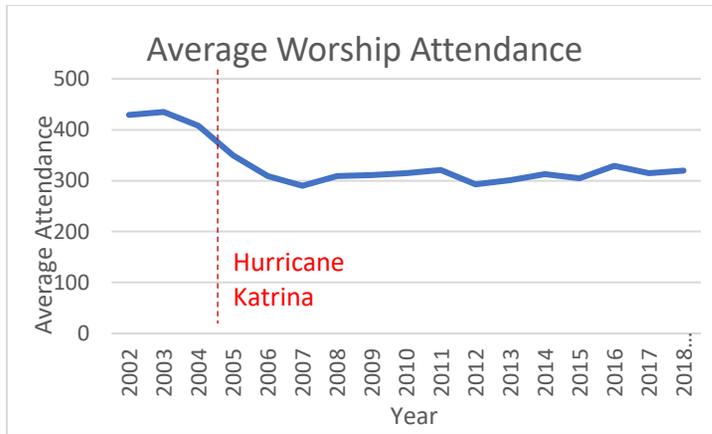
Mission Statement: Revere Christ. Rescue Families. Revive Community.

Church Values

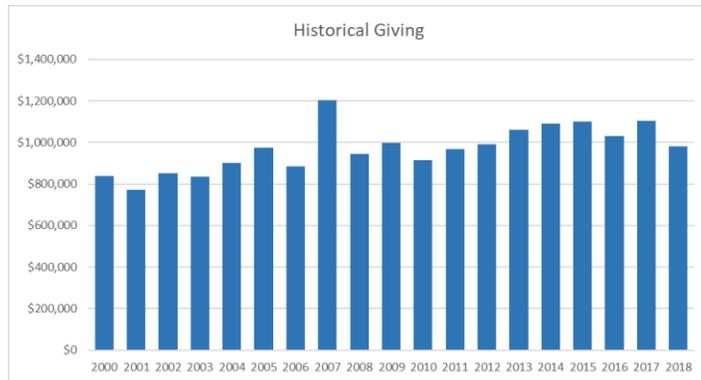
- **Biblical Truth:** We value biblical truth because we desire to know and follow Him more fully (Colossians 3:16)
- **Spiritual Maturity:** We value Spiritual Maturity because we desire to become more like Jesus every day (Hebrews 12:1-2a)
- **Compassionate Ministry:** We value compassionate ministry because Christ showed that meeting people's needs provides opportunities to share the Gospel (Matthew 9:36)
- **Joyful Obedience:** We value joyful obedience because we want to eagerly follow the Spirit's guidance (Romans 12:1)
- **Authentic Relationships:** We value authentic relationships because God's grace alone covers our weakness and failures (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Financial & Staff Situation

The church has tremendous potential in a fast growing community with strong resources. Over the last 15 years, the church has remained fairly stagnant in both attendance and giving. Since the resignation of the previous pastor, typical turnover in giving and financial impacts have occurred. While attendance has improved slightly during the interim, giving has seen a decrease.



While the church has seen impacts to finances, the giving amount per individual is still strong. Currently, our average giving per weekly attendee is just over \$3,000 per year. With this giving level, our church is able to maintain an



annual budget of nearly \$1 Mil., with weekly attendance of around 320 people.

Approved 2019 Budget

Budget Item	Amount
Missions	\$107,950
Ministries	\$91,212
Church Personnel & Related	\$491,632
Administration	\$56,009
Building & Properties	\$244,947
Total 2019 Budget	\$991,750

As shown in the chart, the single largest expenditure is for personnel – at 50%. The proportion of staff costs vs. overall budget has increased because of the decline in giving.

The ministerial staff consists of:

- Full time Administration/Discipleship Pastor
- Full time Associate Pastor for Music/Senior Adults
- Full time Student Pastor (w/ fully engaged wife)
- Part time Contemporary Worship Minister
- Full time Hispanic Mission Pastor

Community

The City of Mandeville and the surrounding communities (Covington, Madisonville, and Abita Springs) comprise an area called the Northshore of New Orleans. The area is situated on the northern shore of scenic Lake Pontchartrain, across the lake from New Orleans. While originally founded as a vacation destination for wealthy New Orleanians in the 1800s, the area has grown dramatically over the last few decades as a bedroom community for commuters into the

city. Over the last 10-15 years, the area has developed its own economic base, which has continued to drive growth and demand.

Summary Demographics of St. Tammany Parish (County)



The Mandeville/Covington area is repeatedly ranked as a top place to live in Louisiana. Bloomberg Business Week selected it as #1 place to raise kids in the state, RetirementLiving.com and SmartAsset.com both selected it as the best place to retire in Louisiana (in fact, Covington was #1 and Mandeville was #2), and CreditMonkey.com selected it as #2 in the state for best places to live.

The Northshore area, with its beautiful natural characteristics, sprawls along the shore of Lake Pontchartrain, a mere 24 miles from the urban setting of

New Orleans. This 24 miles is spanned by the Causeway Bridge over the lake, the longest bridge over water in the world.

More than 80,000 acres of wildlife refuge are easily explored by boardwalks, hiking trails, or kayak. Two major state parks (Fontainebleau State Park and Fairview Riverside State Park) offer wonderful access to the lake and to the Tchefuncte River (a great water sports and recreational river).

Because of the proximity to the city of New Orleans and its natural beauty and great public school system, the Northshore has been one of the fastest growing communities in the state.

