

The Witness

The Newsletter of First Baptist Church, Dewitt, AR—The Church On-Mission

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AN EAGLE'S PERSPECTIVE



HAPPY NEW YEAR! It is now 2021! That means 2020 is over!

Last year at this time, we had no idea what laid in store for us and the world. 2020 proved to be a very challenging year to say the least. The church has not been exempt from these trying times.

Church attendance is obviously down. We shut down for two months and just did Facebook live. We are grateful for the online connection. After we opened back up in May, attendance picked up to where we were running about 75% of regular attendance by October. Then when new mandates came, we dropped another 40-50%. We still have a good following with 150 -200 people watching all or some part of our services, but there is still something about meeting together and worshipping together. Let me challenge you, if you are able, attend church - you will be encouraged!

There are several ministries that have not resumed yet because of COVID - CIA being one of them. It does not look like it will start up right away either. Keep praying that the children hear the gospel, that do not always get the chance to.

If you would like the opportunity to minister, we could use a few more people for Children's Church. I am grateful for Brandyn & Brandi England heading up this ministry, but they could use some help and relief. So if you could do one Sunday a month, let them, or myself know. This is a positive ministry!

We could also still use some help in the Sound Booth, working the cameras for FaceBook and the Computer. It is easy to learn and a great ministry for the church. Please contact Tammy Albrecht if you would like to be a part of this great ministry.

We do have several Sunday School Classes meeting if you would like to come to Sunday School - Mark Watkins is leading a Adult Sunday School - men, women & couples. Brad Hearn is leading a Younger Adult Sunday School - men, women & couples. Brandyn England is teaching our Youth. Heather Morgan & Beth Vansandt are teaching our children. (We could use one more children's teacher)

Let's make 2021 better than 2020! Let's keep the Lord Jesus Christ at the center of everything we do.

One more thing, I want to say **"Thank You"** for the generous love offering Christmas bonus, and other gifts that were given. It was greatly appreciated! Words cannot express the love Tammy & I feel here at First Baptist. I am ever so grateful God sent us here.

Remember, I love you all! Bro, Jimmy

A BIT OF HUMOR:

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher.

TEACHER: George Washington chopped down his fathers cherry tree & admitted it. Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....

TEACHER: Simon, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.



Breaking Bonds Ministry is a NEW Ministry First Baptist is now supporting through our Missions Team. Breaking Bonds is a 7 month Faith Based Men's Treatment Program. They have become a great part of our community.

Below is a list of items they need on a consistent basis. If you would like to donate any of these items, you can drop them off at the church office.

Food Items:		Cleaning Supplies:	Paper/Plastic Products:
Pancake Mix	Oatmeal	Laundry Detergent	Napkins
Pancake Syrup	Sugar	Fabric Softener	Paper Plates
Dry Rice/Beans	Crackers	Dryer Sheets	Paper Towels
Ramen Noodles	Coffee	Stain Remover	Toilet Paper
Dry Pastas	Dry Creamer	Pine-Sol	Plastic Cups
Dry Cereal	Jelly/Jam	Bleach	Plastic Forks
Canned Fruit	Snacks	Other Cleaners	Plastic Spoons
Canned vegetables			
Tea Bags (1 gallon sz)	Chips (individual bags)		



Our church website has NEW Pages for our Student Ministry & Kid's Ministry. There is a page for our Student Ministry where they can listen to messages & read devotions. There is a page for our Kid's Ministry with lessons they can watch & there is also a Parent Resource Page for both ministries.



Are you are looking for a place of service in the new year?
We could use help in the following areas:

Worship Team Singers, Guitarist, Instrumentalists, Keyboard Players, Sound Techs, Computer Techs (training available), Teachers & Helpers for Children's Church, & SS Teachers.

If you are willing to serve, please contact Bro. Jimmy.



Generate Summer Camp Sign Up for grades 6th-12th. We are making plans to attend Summer Camp in Ruston, LA. If you signed up last year & plan to attend this Summer, please let me know. If you did not sign-up

last Summer & want to attend this Summer, I need a \$75 deposit. **The Deadline to Sign Up is Sunday, January 10th.**

Deacons Meeting



Sunday, January 10th at 5:00 p.m. in the Parlor.




Budget & Finance Meeting



Sunday, January 17th at 5:00 p.m.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Deacon's Mtg 5:00	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Budget & Finance Mtg. 5:00 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Ricky King—1st
Joseph Kinley—1st
Vida Gordon—3rd
Wanda Kinley—3rd
Jo Ann Hestir—3rd
Leslie Baker—3rd

Christen Earhart—8th
Sydney Bueker—8th
Macon Endsley—10th
Darleen Frizzell—11th
Mallory Sweetin—16th
Luke England—19th

Mackie Hearn—26th
Michael Meins—27th
Trey Baker—28th
Deena Bly—30th
Lincoln Watts—31st



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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor—Bro. Jimmy Albrecht
Student/Children Minister—Kevin Gantt
Leslee Lamb—Secretary
Tammy Albrecht—Worship Leader Interim



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