

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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When We Meet:

Sundays

9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship

Wednesdays

6:00p Prayer Meeting
AWANA
Youth Study

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MISSION

STATEMENT

To make disciples of
all people by sharing
the Good News of
Jesus, starting in
Ferriday.

The VOICE

MAY 2020



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 7



SUNDAY, MAY 10

Deacon Team of the Week For May

May 3 - May 9

Dallas Batey 318-623-4730

Roy Lance 318-201-0540

May 10 - May 16

Bill Colvin 601-870-9681 or 318-757-739

Wayne Roberts 318-437-7072

May 17 - May 23

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Robbie Hargis 318-719-8881

May 24- May 30

Nobby Walters 501-250-6419 or 601-270-0454

Dennis Laravia 985-750-5205 or 318-757-4902

May 31- June 6

Joe Webber 601-334-1492 or 318-757-4855

Mark Welch 318-452-7999



COLLECTING IN MAY
AA & AAA BATTERIES
SMALL FLASHLIGHTS

FINANCES AS OF MARCH 2020

Spent YTD: \$51,121
Budget Giving YTD: \$68,703

FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings FBC Ferriday Family and Friends,

As of this writing, we are now on day number 40 of our state-wide quarantine and I can say with all honesty that these days have been filled with a litany of emotions. But I was reminded today that this is not the first time, nor will it be the last time that we will be in the midst of so much instability and uncertainty. During the American Civil War, there were claims that President Abraham Lincoln was an atheist. It was once reported that, as a young man, Lincoln openly questioned the truth of Scripture, according to Marvin Olasky's book, *The American Leadership Tradition*. Even after he became president, Olasky writes, Lincoln's "god in 1861 and 1862 was the Union," not Jehovah. Then, in 1862, Lincoln's life took a dramatic turn. The war was not going well for the Union, and Lincoln was being savaged in both the Yankee and Confederate press. Personal tragedy struck as well, when his beloved son Willie died suddenly. Lincoln sought his solace in the Bible. Confronted with the loss of little Willie and yet another devastating Union defeat at the second Battle of Manassas, a humbled Lincoln finally embraced Christ. "My own wisdom seemed insufficient," he wrote to a friend. I was "driven many time upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I have nowhere else to go." Reportedly after receiving another Bible, Lincoln wrote, "In regard to this Great Book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good the Saviour gave to the world was communicated through this book. But for it, we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are to be found portrayed in it."

Never forget the promise, reality and hope that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. And even when "Heaven and earth shall pass away" Jesus' words shall not pass away. (Matthew 24:25)

I pray that we will continue to trust Him, especially during this time!

I am looking forward to us all meeting together very soon!

In HIS Service,

Bro. Thomas

FROM OUR MUSIC MINISTER

When Ms. Micki reminded me it was time for an article for the voice, I ended my day by sitting down and putting my thoughts on paper to submit for publication. Would you believe it was all about corona? Not surprising since it is dominating everyone's life these days. It's now very early in the morning the next day and I must admit I have had a change of heart. The virus is evil and whether satan concocted it or not, he has certainly used it to do what he does best, spread fear and destroy lives. My conviction this morning is that my job as a Christian is to exalt the name of my Lord and my God and to edify His church and my brothers and sisters in Christ. It's all a matter of perspective. Can you see what God is doing right in front of us? If absence makes the heart grow fonder, then we are REALLY fond of the church right now. We are more aware of our brothers and sisters in the faith than at any time in recent history. We have spent more time, had more meaningful conversations, and realized how much we love our families than ever in my lifetime. We actually eat together and spend time. Who could have believed that would happen again. Our lives were out of control. Sports and entertainment ruled the day and we were all gerbils on a wheel trying to keep up with it all. Are sports evil? Only if they replace your relationship with God. I'm a sports fanatic. When I stand before my God when I've breathed my last breath on earth, I assure you He will NOT ask me about who I played for, rooted for, or how good I was. He will ask me what I've done for Jesus. This could get lengthy so I better shut up here but I'll conclude with this. If it ends tomorrow and we are allowed to start again, will we start over or just start again? I'm expecting a pretty large crowd at church the first Sunday they say we can meet together. I'm not so sure about the next Sunday though. That'll depend on what we have learned won't it? I sure love you guys. You make my heart sing. Be careful and be faithful.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1 - Wayne Miley Sharon LaRavia	May 19 - Patsy Taunton Kayleigh Doshier
May 2 - Mollee Johns	Shad Roberts
May 5 - Bennie Barlow Carolyn Porter	May 21 - Emily Merrill
May 7 - Haleigh White	May 22 - Benjy Huffman
May 11 - Jessica Fletcher	May 23 - Jack Welch
May 15 - Joe Webber Ryan Lance	May 24 - Joseph Bryant
May 17 - Craig Jackson	May 25 - Hannah Hargis
May 18 - Raymond Kelly	May 29 - Bella Taunton
	May 30 - Chris Haines Curtis Sayoy
	May 31 - Madalyn Cupit

Annie Armstrong Offering collected to date: \$1,250