

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

JUNE 2020

FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings Church Family,
This Past Sunday Morning I preached a sermon on "*Hearing The Voice of The LORD: Seeking God's Perfect Will*", and I wanted to share these steps again with you via this article today.

1. BY KNOWING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES - Read the Bible. GET TO KNOW GOD!

Psalm 119:105

°We speak to GOD through Prayer HE speaks to us through HIS WORD!

°God's direction will not contradict His instruction.

2. LISTENING TO WISE PEOPLE - Wise Counsel (Parents, Pastor, Teachers & Strong Christian Friends) - Proverbs 15:22

3. FIND IT BY SPIRITUAL PROMPTING

Psalm 27:11

°Pray daily and in every situation: "Spirit of GOD, don't let me mess this up!"

°The HOLY SPIRIT will answer with "NO" or "This is the way, walk in it" - Is. 30:21

4. BY FINDING INNER PEACE

Phil 4:7

°The will of GOD will never lead you to where the peace of God will not keep you.

Two questions that you must always ask yourself before making a major decision:

Did you get any counsel before this decision?

Do you have a perfect peace about this decision?

The FOUR Answers that GOD will ALWAYS give you!

°Sometimes The LORD says: That's not my will, "NO".

°Sometimes The LORD says: That's My Will, but the timing is not right, "SLOW".

°Sometimes The LORD says: That's My Will, but you aren't where you need to be so "GROW".

°Sometimes The LORD says: That's My Will, so "GO!!!" And GO immediately and Deliberately!

DELAY DOES NOT MEAN DENIAL! IF IN DOUBT . . . DON'T and DO WITHOUT!

Praying for you as you serve HIM and as you seek HIS perfect will!

Bro. Thomas



COLLECTING IN JUNE
FLIP FLOPS
T-SHIRTS

FROM OUR YOUTH PASTOR

HELLO FROM FBC FERRIDAY,

My name is Bro. Dan Ratcliff, a.k.a., Danny Ratcliff from my growing up days here. I was talked to, prayed for and brought on staff as the interim minister to students, over 2 1/2 months ago, but never formally started because of the country wide shut down in mid-March. What crazy days & weeks all of us have experienced, for the first time in our lives. Probably events we never thought we would see. We have been through various emotions the last few months and I am sure, most of us have learned many things from all of this. Personally, I have not only learned the value of spending time with family but spending even more time praying, reading God's Word & memorizing these 3 verses.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths." With the emphasis on trusting in Jesus, the 3rd verse I have been clinging to has been Hebrews 12:2 (ESV), which says, "Looking to Jesus, the Founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

In everything we say and do in this life we are to fix our eyes on Jesus as the perfect object of faith and salvation. Jesus is the one who will carry life through to its perfect completion, so trusting in Jesus as well as keeping our eyes focused on Him are crucial in being able to obey His commands. This world is full of distractions and often the battles that are present for today's Generation of teenagers is the: 1. Busyness of their schedules, 2. Counter-Christian cultural influences at a young age, and 3. More unbelieving families. These battles are not just for our teens through as this pandemic allowed most of us to see how busy our schedules really are and how many cultural things we do, push God things down the ladder of importance. We were created by God, for God, to love Him and others, as well as, serve Him and serve others. We will reflect on such things at a later time.

Since I have yet to meet with youth & parents at this church except some of you at the worship service and online on Wednesday night, here is a quick overview of myself: Born in Natchez, MS in 1964, but raised here in Ferriday. My parents, Glenn & Mickey Ratcliff raised my siblings and I at this church all the way past graduation. I was in cradle roll, pre-school (and told I was a hand-full), children's ministry followed by youth choir and youth ministry days. I was even asked to lead summer programs in the FLC in 1983 and went as an adult leader on the annual youth summer trip. My parents were both active up until their deaths as many young & middle adults now had them as Sunday School teachers, when they were in 3rd & 4th grades. I have very fond memories of growing up and being discipled at FBC Ferriday.

Now, as the restrictions are easing up, I look forward to actually meeting teens and parents and getting to know each of you. The most important thing we can do right now is pray daily and consistently. Not only for the youth ministry but the future pastor of this church and the ongoing ministry through every area of this church.

We will celebrate our graduating seniors, Sunday, June 14, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please make every effort to be here for Jesus and to encourage these graduates in this important milestone in their life's journey.

I am humbled to be a part of this church family.

Because of Jesus, Bro. Dan

FROM OUR MUSIC MINISTER

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO NOW?

The world is certainly trying hard to establish a new normal for our lives because of the virus. It has affected all of us because it has affected everything we do. I'm not giving the devil his due here so I refuse to give him any publicity for his shenanigans. Suffice it to say, we should be aware he is not wasting an opportunity to rip us apart (support, encouragement) and pull us away from the church (purpose and calling). SOOOOO, here is my simple thought on what we, the church, should be about. The world is encased in fear and perfect love (Christ's) cast out fear, so we should be saturated with His love and sharing it with those who need it. We should STOP and take inventory of the things we WERE doing and take this time to push a reset button to embrace things that make us look more like our Savior.

Lastly, we need to pray, pray, pray. We are creatures of habit so we wait until July 4th to pull out our Chronicles passage, like we pull out our decorations for holidays. Unfortunately, we put them up afterwards as well. If we continue to do what we have always done, we will continue to get what we have always gotten. It's time to PERMANENTLY break that mold. Here's the key. **IF MY PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME WILL HUMBLE THEMSELVES AND PRAY AND SEEK MY FACE I WILL HEAR FROM HEVEN AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SINS AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.** Don't put that up. We are gonna need it.

Love you all,
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Deacon Team of the Week

May 31 - June 6 Joe Webber 601-334-1492 or 318-757-4855
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June 7 - June 13 Dallas Batey 318-623-4730
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June 14 - June 20 Bill Colvin 601-870-9681 or 318-757-7309
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Sunday, June 7 - Meeting @ 5:30 to discuss opening Sunday School and our regular leadership meeting.

Saturday, June 13 - Blood Drive in North parking lot 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 14 - Honoring graduating seniors, Sunday Morning Service 10:30a

Sunday, June 21 - Father's Day

FINANCES AS OF APRIL 2020

Spent YTD:	\$67,902
Budget Giving YTD:	\$93,840

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 5 -	Eddie Crow	June 23 -	Nicholas Doshier
	Renee Handjis	June 24 -	Rynn Tyler
June 6 -	Rick Raven		Paige Welch
	Natalie Hargis	June 27-	Averee Burnham
June 7 -	Kathy Finley		Mac Foster
	Susan Price	June 28 -	Carole Webber
June 16 -	Sue Barlow		Brooklee Hodges
June 19 -	Wanda Hosea		Jimmy Wilkinson
June 20 -	Charlie Reeves		Jada Gibson
June 21 -	Gloria Beesley		
	Chris Bryant		