

Baptist Message 7430

The Voice



Ferriday First Baptist Church “A WISE Church”

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Service times: Sunday School @9:15 am
Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30 am
Sunday Evening Worship @ 6:00 pm
Youth/Children @ Wednesday @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting @ 6:30 pm

From the Pastor

It is hard to believe, but the calendar says it is already May. Next Sunday, I trust that each of you will be honoring or remembering your Mother. We will celebrate with a baby dedication service. I hope you plan to attend.

The Minister of Music search committee has been elected and is meeting. Please, pray for them and for God’s direction in the life of First Baptist Church. Know that your presence and input is needed during this time of transition.

The VBS team is preparing for Vacation Bible School this summer. We still need some volunteers. So pray about your place of service and join us in our labor of love for the Lord. Your help is needed.

Blessings,

Bro. Wayne



After the birthday supper on Wed., May 2, a reception was held for Butch Hosea in appreciation of his time at Ferriday FBC as Minister of Music. We shared cake and ice cream, words of thanks and encouragement.

Knowing Butch’s love of the Lord, his faithfulness, and his heart for ministry, I know we will see Butch involved in other church ministries. While we will miss him in his role as music minister, we look forward to worshipping and ministering alongside him for a long time to come.

Love you Bro!

Your FBC Church Family

Understanding Your Call

[Mark 8:34-35](#)

I like to use the word *believer* when talking about God’s children, as it specifically refers to those who have trusted Jesus Christ as Savior. That is a much smaller population than those who label themselves *Christian*. But did you know that even fewer people could rightly be called “followers”? These are the folks who passionately pursue the Lord’s will in all things.

Are you a believer or a follower? Trusting in Jesus Christ is fundamental, but doing so is the first step, not the culmination, of a person’s faith. Our primary purpose is to take a life-long journey following in the Lord’s footsteps, honoring Him with our actions and speech, and always increasing in biblical wisdom.

A follower’s life is summed up in the phrase *complete obedience*. In fact, Jesus defined true Christians as those who prove their love for Him by keeping His word (John 14:23). When it comes to obeying God, there are really only two responses—“I will” or “I won’t.” It’s tempting to say, “I will, but . . .” as some of Jesus’ would-be disciples did, but that’s a roundabout way of saying no (Luke 9:59). Followers remain faithful to the Lord’s plan whether doing so is easy or hard. Not only that, but they proclaim Him in both blessing and calamity, and go even when they don’t like where He leads.

Followers pursue the Lord because they know that the reward is a deeper, more passionate relationship with Him. They are not just waiting to spend eternity with God in heaven. They realize that eternity begins now, as they accompany Him on the righteous path He has set before them.

For more biblical teaching and resources from Dr. Charles Stanley, please visit www.intouch.org

WHO IS DOING WHAT
May 13, 2012

Sunday School Nursery: Catherine Dodd

Worship Service Nursery: Patsy Taunton

Children's Church: Polly Miley & Carole Webber

Greeters: Jack Adams

Ushers: (AM) Bill Beasley, Sonny Jones, Layne Washington, Zane Taunton, Gene Wilson

Money Counter: Joe Odenwald

Building Patrol: (AM) Dallas Batey

Sound System: Kathy Smith

Video: Mickie Harvey, Marguerite Gray, Kathy Smith

Benediction: (AM) Butch Stockstill

Deacon Team of the Week: Dallas Batey & Butch Stockstill

WHO IS DOING WHAT
May 20, 2012

Sunday School Nursery: Angie Washington

Worship Service Nursery: Jane Webb

Children's Church: Christina & Norman Carlock

Greeters: Jack Adams

Ushers: (AM) Jack Adams, Charles Webb, Ricky Raven, Craig Jackson, Curtis Savoy, Michael Burley

Money Counter: Joe Odenwald

Building Patrol: (AM) Sammie Parker

Sound System: Kathy Smith

Video: Mickie Harvey, Marguerite Gray, Kathy Smith

Benediction: (AM) Robert Dodd

Deacon Team of the Week: Sammie Parker & Robert Dodd

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BUDGET REPORT
April 22, 2012

	WTD	YTD
Budget	1,721.00	61,964.75
Designated	727;.51	1,272.46
TWG	-0-	865.00
Missions	12.00	3,147.81
Misc.	-0-	462.00
TOTAL	2,460.51	67,712.02
Budget Req.	3,796.16	64,534.72

BUDGET REPORT
April 29, 2012

	WTD	YTD
Budget	3,368.80	65,333.55
Designated	192.00	1,464.46
TWG	-0-	865.00
Missions	17.00	3,164.81
Misc.	8.00	470.00
TOTAL	3,585.80	71,297.82
Budget Req.	3,796.16	68,330.88

Sunday School Attendance
April 22, 2012

Department	Enrolled	Attended	Visitors
Preschool	11	6	
Children	12	5	
Youth	7	3	
Adult	96	48	
TOTAL	126	62	

Sunday School Attendance
April 29, 2012

Department	Enrolled	Attended	Visitors
Preschool	11	6	1
Children	12	5	
Youth	7	4	
Adult	96	52	1
TOTAL	126	67	2

YOUTH NEWS

- Sunday School is at 9:15 am on Sunday mornings.
- Wednesday evening Bible Study at 6:30 pm.



CHILDREN'S NEWS

- Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am.
- WOW at 6:30 pm on Wednesday.



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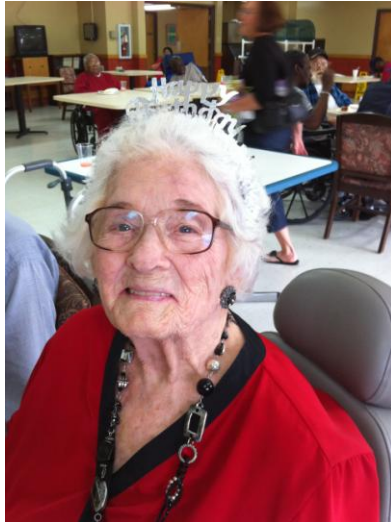


VBS Coming to a church near you! June 18 – 22

We are excited about the possibilities in VBS this year. Much will be the same but much will be different. We will have the same great Bible teaching and fun, but different structure of the children's class rotations. Each year VBS goes over budget, also teachers purchase supplies out of pocket. This year there will not be as many separate classes with teachers in each. The Teachers will be rotating with groups of kids. We will also change crafts to "Fun Sciency Gizmos". These are activities that involve small science projects that will reinforce the Bible story and main truth for the day. We all love VBS, but not everyone can be hands on, so this year we have the opportunity to participate through lending or donating needed items. There will be a list of things later for lending. Donating can be done through the church office or online at www.fundrainggroup.com/siteSky/Ferridayvbs2012. We have calculated that it will take \$10.50 to sponsor one child's activities during VBS. Also, check out our VBS website, www.groupvbs.com/vbs/ez/ferridayfbcvbs where you can pre-register or volunteer. As always, continue praying for VBS, for the health of the volunteers, for the salvation of the kids, and positive contacts with their parents.

VBS Director
TJ Batey

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Thank you to all who helped me celebrate my 100th birthday. The day was made extra special by your cards,

visits and other expressions of love.

Thank you for remembering me in your prayers. I look forward to your visits each week.

Love to all,

Etta Hill

Things to Remember

Sun. May 6 – Voices of LC in concert at 10:30 am

Sun. May 13 – Mother's Day and Baby Dedication

Sun. May 20 – Deacon's Meeting at 4:30 pm in the choir room

Wed. May 23 – Business Meeting after prayer meeting

Mon. May 28 – Office will be closed for Memorial Day



We will recognize our Mothers during the service on May 13th.



We Dedicate This Child

Our Baby Dedication Service will be on Mother's Day, May 13, during morning service. If you would like to have a child, newborn to preschool age, dedicated, please contact the office by Thurs. May 10.

From mothers and fathers to babies to seniors, and all ages in between—summer time is focus on the family time.

Congratulations to our Graduates!



Taylor Greene, Tucker Bruce, Dalton Corbet t& Blaine Fletcher – all graduates of Tensas Academy



Graduates and their families enjoying lunch in the FLC



Introduction of the Graduates



Thank you to our hostesses, Alli, Ann, Erin & Angela



*I know the plans I have for you. . . plans to give you hope and a future. (Says the Lord.)
Jeremiah 29:11*