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We do life together.



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CHURCH WIDE CHRISTMAS CAROLING

DECEMBER 19
AT 6:00 P.M.

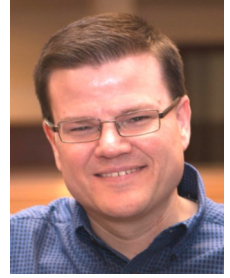


BE F.I.R.S.T.

Focused on God, **I**nvolvement in ministry, **R**espected by peers, **S**trengthened in faith, and **T**ransformed by Christ



If there was a support group for pastors, it could be “H.S.A.” – Holiday Sermons Anonymous. All pastors struggle with holiday messages. If they say they don’t, they’ve not been pastoring long enough or hop to a new church every three years. The longer you preach and, especially, the longer you stay at one church, the harder it gets. The questions begin as early as the summer:



- How am I going to tell the same story in a fresh way?
- Could I shake it up with pyrotechnics or laser lights? The youth would like that; the senior adults . . . not so much.
- What scripture texts should I use? I’ve already preached Luke and Matthew a couple of times each. I know most everyone has forgotten what I said, but some lady has written in her Bible margin, “Dr. Stewart Holloway, 12/12/10,” and a few have detailed notes in their journals.
- Should I do a monologue like I did back in 2008 and 2009? Maybe I should reprise Joseph from 2008 or the King from 2009? (I do need to do that sometime, but baby Zach was the real draw in 2008!).

This year, the idea for the Christmas sermon series didn’t come until early November! I was STRESSING! But it was worth the wait. I’ve enjoyed preparing the *Humble or Humbug* Christmas series more than any series I’ve preached in my fifteen years of preaching Christmas sermons as a pastor. It’s brought me to new ideas, helped me learn new legends behind traditions, and even caused me to discover new traditions (like spider ornaments – I still don’t get why anyone would want that!). Most of all, it has done exactly what a Christmas series should do – help us look at Christmas in a fresh way.

As you enjoy the celebrations over the last few weeks of this year, remember to stay humble and don’t be a humbug. Be a genuine follower of Jesus Christ. It’s not Merry MEMas, it’s Merry CHRISTmas! AND – Jesus doesn’t need any tinsel. I hope you have a blessed Christmas. As always, “It’s a great time to Be F.I.R.S.T.!”



Dr. C. Stewart Holloway, Pastor

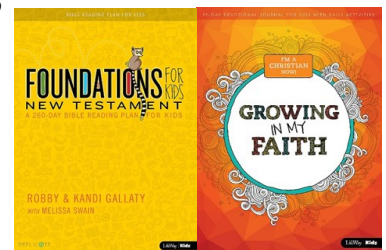
CHURCH-WIDE

F.I.R.S.T. Kid’s Corner

As we wrap up 2018 and look forward to 2019, this quote by Benjamin Franklin came to my mind, “If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail!” My desire is for 2019 to be an even better year for our Children’s Ministry. We can get so caught up in the busyness of life that we fail to make plans and goals for ourselves and our kids spiritually. At the end of 2019 I want us to be able to look back and to see how our kids have grown spiritually! This upcoming year, help your child to be grounded in their faith by giving them resources and tools to grow deeper in their walk with the Lord. One great resource is *I’m A Christian Now: Growing in My Faith*. It is a 90 day/15-week devotional for kids, that also includes a family devotional. Another great devotional guide is *Foundations for Kids: New Testament*. It is a 260-day Bible reading plan for kids.



This school year, we have been focusing on the “I” in our F.I.R.S.T. tenants. The “I” stands for Involved in Ministry. How have you and your family been involved in ministry? How can you plan for your family to be involved in ministry in 2019? We have so many opportunities at First Baptist to be involved in ministry. This January we will launch a special needs ministry! How can you be involved in this much needed ministry? We will do a block party for families of special needs children in January, followed by a special needs parent’s night out in March! Another opportunity to be involved in ministry is our Upward Sports ministry! It has already kicked off for the 2018-2019 season, but there are still many opportunities to minister. Each Saturday it takes numerous volunteers to run this ministry! Some examples of ways you can help are on our clean up crew, sound tech crew, half-time devotion ministry, and in our concession stand. These are just a few ways that you can serve in this ministry. We would love to have you join us!



Kimberly Aguiard

CHURCH-WIDE

END OF YEAR GIVING

Finance End-of-Year Note:

Please remember that any contributions you want included in the 2018 calendar year must be received in the church office before 11:30 A.M. on December 30, 2018, or post-marked on or before December 31, 2018.

Deacon Ordination, Installation, and Recognition January 6

Please join us Sunday, January 6, at 6:00 P.M., for our Deacon Ordination, Installation, and Recognition Service. We will recognize our outgoing deacons as well as install our 2019 deacon body and ordain Wes Aguillard to the Deacon Ministry. All ordained members are invited to attend the Ordination Council at 4:30 P.M. in the chapel.

DEACON ORDINATION

Time to Order 2018 Advent Poinsettias
Deadline: December 19
 If you would like to order a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, forms are available in the Sanctuary foyer, church office, and Welcome Center. You may return your form with payment to the church office or in the offering plate no later than December 19. The cost is \$15.00 per plant. **Please complete one form for each plant ordered.**




January 11:
Women's Card Class in the Snack Bar from 6:00-8:30 P.M.




January 27:
LAP Night/Chili Cook-off at 5:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

January 20
at FBCP
Please contact Kimberly Aguillard if you are interested in helping.




YOUTH



DISCIPLE NOW
JANUARY 18-20
 Cost \$65.00
 To register see Kelsey in the

December 19
at 6:00 P.M.




YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
and caroling



NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Children

January 12: First Upward Games



January 27: Parent/Child Baby Dedication Class at 9:00 A.M.

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION CLASS

No Wednesday Night Activities December 26 and January 2.
We will resume January 9.

Thank You!

Dear FBC Pineville,
Thank you church family for your prayers, cards, and concern during my recovery from a broken wrist as a result of a fall. Also, thankful for Love III Sunday School Class for their ministry to me and Ed through prayers, food, cards, telephone calls, and texts. They really live up to their name! Thankful for a pastor and church that "does life together."
Sincerely, Margaret Boniol

Dear Friends of FBC,

There are no words to express our appreciation for providing the food for visitation. You were so kind and generous. Thank you for showing Christ's love in our time of grief.
We Love you,

Martha Jenkins and Family

I would like to thank everyone for the out pouring of kindness during my recent hospital stay. Thank you for the visits, cards, food and most of all for your prayers. The joy of having Christian friends is amazing. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Audis Dawson

God blessed and enveloped me with His unwavering protection on the evening of 10/31-early hours of 11/01, during the storm. I live in a heavily affected area. My home was not damaged; however, as daylight dawned, what was revealed was a wrecked backyard, due to numerous falling trees from neighboring yards. Yes, trees, not just limbs. By Thursday afternoon, Nick Waas showed up and raked my front yard. He had received an email from Pastor Stewart, saying I might need some help. Then, on Friday afternoon, Ray Doucet showed up with 2 chainsaws. He worked as hard as he could for several hours. On Saturday morning, Ray showed up again, along with Ann and Jim Williamson. We gathered, dragged, and hauled debris and limbs of all sizes for pickup. But wait, there's more...David Bates showed up Saturday to assess what was left, which was the large trunks. He returned on Monday afternoon. He cut up and hauled the large pieces to the pickup pile. A simple Thank You to these folks seems so insignificant.

Our church family really does DO LIFE TOGETHER. We are God's family, of which I am blessed to be a part. Glory to Him!

In Christ's love,
Nancy Jo Thigpen

UPCOMING JOY CLUB:

December 20:

Joy Club Christmas party at the home of Lennie Westbrook at 11:30 A.M. Please bring a covered dish, meat will be provided. To RSVP contact Lennie at 619-9044.



COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



Visit the church library to find many Christmas books for your holiday reading. Some of these include the following titles:

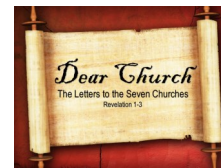
- Christmas at Stoney Creek* by Martha Rogers
 - A Simple Christmas Wish* by Melody Carlson
 - Operation Christmas Child* by Franklin Graham
- Come by and check us out from 8:00-9:00 A.M. on Sundays!

Your Librarians,
Judy Dubea and Glenda Monroe

New Year Discipleship Opportunities

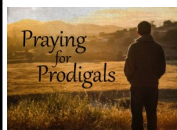
Are you looking for ways to get focused on God in the new year? Watch for more details coming soon on these Wednesday discipleship opportunities.

Join Pastor Stewart in a study through Revelation 1-3. Get grounded in the background of the book of Revelation as well as discover what the Spirit says to the churches then and us today.



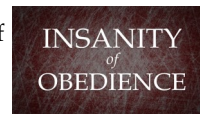
Participants will use in-depth Bible study and careful observation of the text to explore Revelation 4-22 during this 12 week study.

During this 9 week study about finances members will use video teaching, class discussions, and interactive small group activities to explore biblical principles and practical steps for handling money.



Do you have family members who you are praying for regularly? Join other believers in prayer specifically for these individuals every Wednesday night.

In this 6 week study members will be invited to open their heart, mind, and eyes to the realities of walking with Jesus in difficult places. Participants will engage with Scripture and see what it means to be a true follower of Jesus, not just someone who believes certain truths.



This ongoing group for moms is designed for them to fellowship and relax while the kids are in Wednesday activities! There is a short devotion, prayer time, visiting, and building relationships. We have coffee, tea, and treats every week!



Men, are you looking for something to do while your kids are in Wednesday night activities? How about learning self defense from a 7th degree black belt? Each Wednesday night you will advance your karate skills and hear a manly devotional.

Love and Sympathy Extended:

- Linda Easley's family on the loss of her son-in-law.
- Denyse Holt on the loss of her dad, Wayne Jenkins.
- Family of Willie Mae Connell
- Family of Wayne Jenkins
- Family of Tommy Stepp
- Family of Roger Seals
- Family of Clay Berlin
- Barbara Brown's family on the loss of her mother, Ellen
- Family of Lucille Thompson
- Fran Kemper on the loss of her husband, Royal.

Baby Announcement:

- Taylor Landry, born November 15, 2018, at 8lbs 10oz and 20 in. long. Congratulations to parents Jonathan and Jessica Landry and big brothers Tucker and Tarver.

CHURCH-WIDE



Homebound Member of the Week:

Please consider praying for and sending a letter to our Homebound Members.

December 23-29

Vyrtis Cox
Hilltop Rm. 24
Pineville, LA 71360

December 30-January 5

Melva Fairbanks
606 Pearce Rd.
Pineville, LA 71360

January 6-12

Mr. Milton Frost
408 Holiday Circle
Pineville, LA 71360

January 13-19

Melba Gibson
Canterbury House
Rm. 313
1101 16th St.

Sunday School Report

Date	11/04	11/11	11/18	11/25	12/02
Members Present	290	283	333	306	343
Guests Present	11	11	17	11	9
Total Present	301	294	350	317	352

Giving Options



Gifts of stock, estate stewardship, and more can be handled efficiently and inexpensively by the Louisiana Baptist Foundation. See Thomas Martin or Pastor Stewart for more information. Visit lbinfo.org.

General Budget

	11/04	11/11	11/18	11/25	12/02
Weekly Goals	28,023.87	28,023.87	28,023.87	28,023.87	28,023.87
Weekly Gifts	41,810.67	29,785.00	23,370.72	16,878.80	41,212.48
Goals to Date	1,233,050.28	1,261,074.15	1,289,098.02	1,317,121.89	1,345,145.76
Gifts to Date	1,117,042.46	1,146,827.46	1,170,198.18	1,187,076.98	1,228,289.46
Making Way	10/29-11/04	11/05 - 11/11	11/12 - 11/18	11/19 - 11/25	11/26 - 12/02
Weekly Gifts	3,033.00	3,277.50	2,300.00	1,761.00	16,989.00
Total Gifts	1,617,999.70	1,621,277.20	1,623,577.20	1,625,338.20	1,642,327.20



On-Line Giving
Visit fbcpineville.net and click on the link that says "Give."



Birthday Blessings

Please pray for our friends on their birthday.

December

- 16 - Laura McKay, Madison Book, Allie West
- 17 - Donna Winegeart, Thomas Martin, Myrna Kinnison, Pam McGuirt
- 18 - Kory Bryant, Maygen Jackson, Gavin Blackwell
- 19 - Taylor Strange, Neal Aycock
- 20 - Kennon Roshto, Daniel O'Reagan, Ragen Barton, Kimberly Aguillard, Noel Worsham
- 21 - Bruce Perkins, Holly Malone, Robin Jackson
- 22 - Ki Cha Yi, Logan Stafford, Paul West, Katie Kelley
- 23 - Ben Cleveland, Eric Huff, John Wilks Jr.
- 24 - Elaine Ward, Laura Pharis
- 25 - Jacob Allen
- 26 - Jamarkus Johnson, Macy Claire Johnson
- 27 - Brenda Wagnon
- 28 - Thomas Newman Jr., Christy Beall, Wynn Doyle
- 29 - Matt Clair, Don Bates, Judi Kent
- 30 - Tom Pharis, Traci O'Brien
- 31 - Allison Cain, Jennifer Gallagher, Diane Thornton

January

- 1 - Emma Cavanaugh, Jade Ontimara, Gary Wilson, Linda Canady
- 2 - David Stevens, Donald Roberts, Ashley Guedry
- 3 - Benjamin Prymek, David Culp
- 4 - Parker Causey, Lenora Shohan
- 5 - Benjamin Cripps, Will Nixon III, Tammy Malone, Brenda Plauche
- 6 - Davon Jenkins, Diane Tamburo, Amela Nogie
- 7 - Laura Johnson, Paula Rawson, Henry Powell, Conrad Ontimara
- 8 - Jason Gauthier, Cheyanne Brittain, Emily Needham, Kaylee Dodge
- 9 - Charlie Weber
- 10 - Jenny Corley, Sara Toal, Jack Stevens
- 11 - Kalani Antoine
- 12 - James Rachal, Olivia LaBorde, George Hughes, Margaret Mertens, Thomas Lasyone
- 13 - Abby Gore, Aimee Kelley
- 14 - Molly Plauche, Blakeleigh Nugent
- 15 - Fran Kemper, Becky Cook, John George, Megan Redmon, Tracy Liotta, Lynn Hudgens, Richard Chaisson



PostScripts



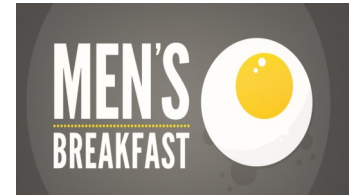
January 10

Women on Mission at 9:00 A.M. in the Snack Bar.

As we begin a New Year, won't you include Women on Mission as one of your New Year's Resolutions? We meet on the second Thursday of each month. Our meetings are fun, engaging, challenging, and rewarding as we do life together by being the hands and feet of Jesus. Look for what's happening in WOM each month in the Sunday Worship guide. We hope you will join us!



Man Church will meet January 24 in Room 112 at 6:30 P.M.



Men's Breakfast is Tuesday, January 8, from 6:30-7:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Precept Class: Revelation Part 2: Unveiling the Book of Revelation

The focus of chapters 4-22 is the end times. Through careful observation of the text, discover exactly what God says will take place.

Starts: Wednesday, January 16 (Purchase books December 19 and January 9 from 4:00-6:00 P.M.)

Place/Time: Room 112; 9:30-11:50 A.M. or 5:15-7:10 P.M.

Books: \$29.00 (+ \$2.00 binder)

RSVP: Pam Tullos at pgtullos@gmail.com or 451-0097



Business Leader Luncheon

Monday, January

7 at Noon

Guest Speaker:

Curt Iles

RSVP to Lori Pruitt at lpruitt@fbcpineville.net.

The cost is \$10.00.



If you have information to include in Postscripts or the weekly worship guide, please email the information to

Kelsey Houser at khouser@fbcpineville.net or contact the church officer at 448-8221.