



Volume 20

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Sunday Service

“For Times Like These: Choose The Towel! “

Memory Verse

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians 13:13 ESV

Church Theme

“In the Heart of Ruston With a Heart for You!”

Church Purpose Statement

We exist to LOVE, WIN, and GROW Ruston and the world for Christ.

Deacons of the Week

David Caston
Glenn Theis
Carrol Cochran



The Church Library

Our Church Library is now open
10 am - 2:00 pm on Wednesdays
and on Sundays 8:30 am - 12:00 pm



Christian sympathy is extended to Bobbie Johnson and family and friends on the passing of her husband, Dr. Andy Johnson.



Christian sympathy is extended to Robert Stone and family on the passing of his mother, Elizabeth (Betty) Stone.



Christian sympathy is extended to Kara Bridges and family on the passing of her grandfather, Melvin Stewart.



Christian sympathy is extended to Ann Epperson and family on the passing of her mother, Jane Calhoun.



Again this year FBC Ruston will be participating in Operation Christmas Child. There are now shoeboxes outside the office for you to pick up and pack. Our deadline is Wednesday, November 11, to drop at FBC.



Christian sympathy is extended to Debbie Anderson and family and friends on the passing of her husband, Jim Anderson.

Ministry Team:

Dr. Chris Craig	Senior Pastor	Brandon Ramsey	Counselor	JoAnn Barr	Music Secretary
Clayton Owen	Ed./Admin./Sr. Adults	Danny Seal	Media/ Technology	Bernard Gemelli	Building Superintendent
Justin Shipley	Contemp. Wor./Yg. Adults	Xuan Liu	Chinese Mission	Sue Cruz	Building and Grounds
Russ Givens	Traditional Worship	Jeremy Magee	Missions	Jeff Moss	Building and Grounds
Josh Sanderson	Youth	Brenda Martin	Pastoral/Financial Assistant	Marcus Spencer	Building and Grounds
Ed Colvin	Children	Brittany Jackson	Publications Assistant	Nesse Cooper	Building and Grounds
Pam Flowers	Preschool	Kitty Carter	Receptionist		

Church Event Schedule

Sunday, November 8, 2020

8:30 am Traditional Service - Sanctuary
 8:30 am Contemporary Service - Depot
 8:30 am Kids Worship
 8:30 am Traditional Service - Online, KPCH 99.3
 9:45 am Contemporary Service - Sanctuary
 9:45 am Connection Groups
 11:00 am Contemporary Service - Sanctuary
 11:00 am Online - Website and Facebook
 11:00 am Kids Worship
 11:00 am Equip Groups

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

12:00 pm Prayer - Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

8:30 am Prayer - Sanctuary
 11:00 am Adult 8 Connection Class
 5:45 pm Bible Drill
 5:30 pm C3 in the PowerHouse
 8:00 pm Awaken (College)



Ways to Give:

Drop your gift by the office
 Mail to the office at 200 S. Trenton St.
 Text to give (text fbcruston to 77977)
 Online at fbcruston.org
 Online at First Life
 Through the FBC app

November 1, 2020 Weekly Attendance

8:30 am 228	9:45 am..... 235
Depot..... 43	
11:00 am.... 483	Echurch 765

Total 1754



November Teaching Series:

SHOUT OUT – Let 'Em Know Your Thankful
Life App: Gratitude – Letting others know you see how they've helped you
Memory Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever.

Sunday, November 8

Bible Story: I Just Want to Celebrate (David Dances) • 2 Samuel 6:12b-22a
 Bottom Line: Celebrate what God has done.

Sunday, November 15

Bible Story: Say Something (Jesus Heals 10 Men) • Luke 17:11-19
 Bottom Line: Say thank you.

Sunday, November 22

Bible Story: New Attitude (The Story of the Workers in the Vineyard) • Matthew 20:1-15
 Bottom Line: Adjust your attitude.

Sunday, November 29

Bible Story: I Could Not Ask for More (Lord's Supper / Last Supper) • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12
 Bottom Line: Get in the habit of being grateful.

December Teaching Series:

SIMPLY CHRISTMAS – No Assembly Required
Life App: Christmas – Celebrating Jesus, God's greatest gift.
Memory Verse: Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:11 (NIRV)

BIBLE DRILL for 4th & 5th Grade Wednesdays in KIDS WORSHIP from 5:45 - 6:45 PM



C3 - Wednesday Nights in the Powerhouse

Middle School at 5:30
 High School at 6:45

Decisions from November 1, 2020

3 people prayed to accept Christ as their Savior
 5 people renewed their commitment to Christ.

Watch FBC Services on Boxcast

If your TV has Roku, Apple TV or Fire TV, you can watch our services live or replayed at any time on Boxcast. Just download the Boxcast app and search for Ruston, First Baptist.

Safety Measures We Are Taking

These days so many people are still hesitant to leave their homes. Many might be hesitant to come to church. It is our human nature to be cautious. BUT, in Joshua 1:9 it says "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

We here at First Ruston want to make you feel as safe as we possibly can to come back and join us. We have implemented many procedures to insure a clean environment. Can we control everything? NO! But we can stand firm in the belief that we are being faithful and cleaning our facilities to the best of our ability. We have been encouraged to wear masks. We are not requiring it and leave it to personal discretion. Please know that we are continuing to clean all areas thoroughly after each service and we check the temperatures of all our children's workers.

We pray that all our members stay safe during these times. We want you to feel safe and secure while coming into a service, so if you have worries, please reach out to us. We will do what we can to make you feel safe here at church.



Come join us during the week at The Depot for some great drinks. We offer a variety of teas, coffee, and many other options. We also have some great breakfast items along with sweets for an afternoon snack. Come study or meet a friend in the back or front seating areas. In purchasing a variety of our products, you help the farmers in Rwanda make a living. We are open from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday and then 8:00 am - 12:00 pm on Saturday.

Thank You

We are so grateful to the First Baptist family and staff for your prayers, calls, and visits during the last several months of Tommy's illness. We also thank you for the delicious meals. We have been blessed so much by your caring and generosity.
 Dianne Adkins
 and the family of Tommy Adkins

RightNow MEDIA

We're excited to share that our church has access to an extensive video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV.

To receive an invite, go to www.fbcruston.life (First Life) and look for the RightNow Media card and create a login.

That's it! Now you're all set to explore more than 12,000 videos. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing for you and your family!



Connection Class Adult 8 (9s are welcome)

Adult 8 will be continuing our Wednesday, 11:00 am connection group lessons in the sanctuary. There is plenty of room to spread out so feel free to join us. We **will not** meet on November 25, the day before Thanksgiving.