



Volume 21

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### Sunday Service

"Profound: Cancelled  
or Worse"

### Memory Verse

And when I am lifted up from the  
earth, I will draw everyone to myself.  
John 12:32 NLT

### 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

Chad Geis  
Steven Ehrhard  
Mic Baxter

PROFOUND

SPRING  
FORWARD

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD



**First College Ski Trip 2021**  
Thanks for all your prayers!!

**baby  
dedication**

Spring baby dedication will be held on May 2, 2021.  
Please sign up on First Life.



Christian sympathy is extended to Karen Seacrist, Phillip and Schymaya and family on the passing of Eva Williams, Karen's mother, and Phillip and Schymaya's grandmother.

### Ministry Team:

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



## Church Event Schedule

### March 14, 2021

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

### Tuesday, March 16, 2021

12:00 pm	Prayer - Sanctuary
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### Wednesday, March 17, 2021

8:30 am	Prayer - Sanctuary
11:00 am	Adult 8 Connection Group
5:30 pm	Deacon's Meeting
5:45 pm	Bible Drill (4th and 5th grade)
8:00 pm	Awaken

### March 7, 2021 Weekly Attendance

8:30 am ..... 187	9:45 am..... 211 (Ski Trip)
Depot ..... 47	
11:00 am..... 370	Echurch.....485

**Total ..... 1300**

### Decisions from March 7, 2021

1 person accepted Christ as their Savior  
3 people renewed their commitment to Christ.



### March Teaching Series:

**Bake Off – It's Worth the Wait**

**Life App:** Patience – Waiting until later for what you want now

**Memory Verse:** *Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord.*

### Sunday, March 14

**Bible Story:** Sitting, Waiting, Wishing (Golden Calf) • *Exodus 32:1-35*

**Bottom Line:** When you have to wait, remember what's true.

### Sunday, March 21

**Bible Story:** Can't Hardly Wait (Esau's Impatience) • *Genesis 25:24-34*

**Bottom Line:** If you don't wait, it could cost you.

### Sunday, March 28

**Bible Story:** I Will Wait (Palm Sunday) • *Matthew 21:1-11*

**Bottom Line:** You can celebrate even when you're waiting.

### BIBLE DRILL (4th & 5th Grade)

Wednesdays from 5:45 - 6:45 pm in Kids Worship

**KuhNO** - Friday, March 12 - 6:00 pm

**ROCK SOLID** (3rd - 5th Grade) - March 20  
\$35 **Sign up on First Life.**



Centrifuge in Glorieta, New Mexico  
June 11 - 16  
Sign up at First Life

**C3 - Wednesday Nights**  
**in the Powerhouse**

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

**Spring Fling**  
**Middle School & High School**  
**March 17**  
**6:00 - 8:00 pm**



A big thank you to Ashley Hill and the staff of Diabetes Care Center of Louisiana for their help in administering all of the COVID tests for our college students going on the ski trip.

### Online Prayer

On Tuesdays between noon and 1 pm, we invite you to go to the First Baptist Ruston Facebook page ('like' us if you haven't), and join us for a time of prayer. There will be a scrolling prayer list on the screen that runs on an approximate 30 minute loop that will guide you as you pray for our church. You can start at any point in the loop as it will run continually from noon until 1 pm. When your loop has completed, we invite you to take an extra 5 to 10 minutes to pray for: 1) Your Connection Class, or 2) Joanna's Church list (if you receive it), 3) friends in church along with friends and family who need a church home, 4) those isolated during these times (hospitalized, assisted living, single), 5) those caring for people and working (medical/essential, etc.), and 6) those seeking to develop treatment options and vaccinations. Please consider taking 30 minutes to join with your church family and friends from all over our city, parish, state, and nation to pray to our Almighty God.

***"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."***



**Connection Class**  
**Adult 8 (9s are welcome)**

Adult 8 will be continuing our Wednesday, 11:00 am connection group lessons in the Fellowship Hall. We are also having a class at 9:45 am on Sundays in the front of the Fellowship Hall. We will be covering the same lesson at both times. There is plenty of room to spread out, so pick the time that best fits your schedule.



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**Church goal: \$9,000**

### 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.

### 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.