



Volume 21

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March 10, 2021

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



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:

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

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

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
 Echurch..... 485
 11:00 am..... 370

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.



"At the North American Mission Board, we see a mission field that needs the hope of the gospel. With your partnership, we're committed to taking this hope to cities, small towns and college campuses. Your prayers and gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® provide support for thousands of missionaries. These men and women are planting new churches in unreached communities and meeting needs through compassion ministries. Every day, lives are being impacted and transformed."

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.