



Volume 21

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March 17, 2021

Sunday Service

"Profound: Obvious"

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

Reggie Hanchey
Dorman Rogers

COME JOIN US!



DEPOT CAMPUS:

8:30 AM CONTEMPORARY

MAIN CAMPUS:

8:30 AM TRADITIONAL

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

11:00 AM CONTEMPORARY

FIRST RUSTON 200 SOUTH TRENTON ST. RUSTON

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		

New Member:

Cody Fontenot
Member by Transfer of
Letter



Christian sympathy is extended to Cara Weeks and family
on the passing of her grandmother, Billie Cole.



Congratulations to Jim and Julie Bolton on the
birth of their twin grandchildren, Sonny James
Bolton and Boies Williams Bolton.



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

DINING for a DIFFERENCE

PARTNERING WITH

LifeShare

BLOOD CENTER

MARCH 24 | 10AM-4PM | RUSTON CIVIC CENTER

Make a difference for others and receive a gift certificate to one of the participating restaurants! In response to the critical need for blood and convalescent plasma during the COVID-19 pandemic, local restaurants are providing gift certificates while supplies last to our community heroes who donate through LifeShare Blood Centers during Dining for a Difference Day, March 24. Give and Receive!

#DiningForDifference #giveblood #lifeshare #powerof plasma

Northern Louisiana Medical Center

VACCINATED OR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOT CONTRACTED COVID-19 can participate by donating blood at Ruston Civic Center on March 24th, 10 am - 4 pm

IF YOU HAVE HAD COVID-19 AND ARE ABLE TO DONATE PRECIOUS CONVALESCENT PLASMA, schedule your appointment for March 24th with Dianna Smathers at 318-673-1539

SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT:
[HTTPS://DONOR.LIFESHARE.ORG/DONOR/SCHEDULES/DRIVE_SCHEDULE/222565](https://donor.lifeshare.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/222565)

Participating Ruston Restaurants:

Church Event Schedule

March 21, 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 23, 2021

12:00 pm	Prayer - Sanctuary
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Wednesday, March 24, 2021

8:30 am	Prayer - Sanctuary
11:00 am	Adult 8 Connection Group
6:00 pm	Business Meeting
5:45 pm	Bible Drill (4th and 5th grade)
8:00 pm	Awaken

March 14, 2021 Weekly Attendance

8:30 am	146	9:45 am.....	180
Depot	38		
11:00 am.....	430	Echurch.....	503

Total 1297

Decisions from March 14, 2021

2 people 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 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.

April Teaching Series:

Reconnect – Build the Bridge

Life App: Peace – Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument

BIBLE DRILL (4th & 5th Grade)

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



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

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."

Business Meeting
Wednesday, March 24
6:00 pm



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.

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!

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Church goal: \$9,000

Save the Date:

Lord's Supper March 28

Golf Tournament May 1