

February 2018

First Baptist Church of Lyman

Newsletter

RA's/GA's

This month the RA's and GA's have been studying about Missionaries in New Orleans. Ryan and Seane Rice are church planters there. Our Bible verse for this month is "Why were you looking for me? he asked. 'Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?'" Luke 2:49.

We painted quilt squares for a wall hanging that shows how Jesus grew in four ways, stronger, wiser, pleasing God and pleasing people. We are planning to cook bread pudding this week as it is a traditional New Orleans dish. The children made posters about their goals for 2018. These are called Vision boards.

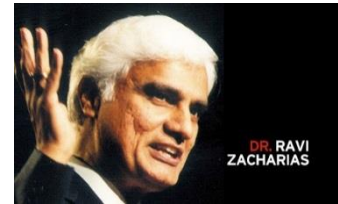


Ryan & Seane Rice

Pastor's Corner

I just returned from the Jacksonville Pastor's Conference in Jacksonville, FL, hosted by FBC Jacksonville. God spoke through some amazing men to reach your pastor's heart! I am grateful for this time I was able to take away, and to spend it being refreshed, but also learning how to be a better pastor and preacher. These men spent 4 days preaching through the book of 1 Peter, and it was amazing.

Due to me being sick the first two days, I missed out on some pastors I really wanted to hear preach, but was still blessed by being preached at by men like H.B. Charles, Junior Hill, Jeremy Treat, Al Mohler, and Paige Patterson. The weekend was rounded out by getting to hear one of my "heroes of the faith" preach on Sunday night. Ravi Zacharias preached a message of encouragement and strength to a church filled with hundreds of pastors, demonstrating that God is not done with this world yet, and that no scheme of the devil can keep the truth of the gospel from having its full-effect.



We simply must remain faithful in delivering it from a heart of love, in such a manner, that it can be received with understanding. The current generation receives messages differently than in times past, and we have to change our strategy, but not the message.

Our discipleship ministry teams have begun! We have two groups currently going – a men's group and a women's group. We are working through the process together, and have already been able to identify areas that will strengthen our ability to grow in Christ's likeness. Please keep our groups in your prayers, as we fully believe this is God's design for His church, and we want to be faithful in fulfilling our part in it.

This is a new year and we have many new team (committee) members out there. I want to take this opportunity to encourage each committee to set a time to meet with the group, elect a chairperson, and then begin looking at how your particular committee can help the church to accomplish what God has called us together to do. Please do not delay in this, as each committee is an integral part of the Lord's commission being completed through FBC Lyman.



Finally, I want to encourage everyone who would like to be a part of the worship ministry of FBC Lyman, to please see Matthew Brown, Jeff Cunningham, or myself. We are in need of team members to work in the sound booth, choir members/praise team members to lead in worship, and others to help with visual equipment. Please let us know of your interest in joining in this very important area of ministry!

Blessings, Brother David

WMU

It was amazing how quickly Christmas came and went and now we are in 2018. Our WMU Group has plans for the new year!

We are grateful that our church family contributed \$5300.00 for **Lottie Moon** this last year. We are planning early to surpass that amount in December 2018. Records indicate that our **Margaret Lackey** offering was \$100.00 through our General Offering. We have set our **Annie Armstrong Home Mission Offering** at \$6000.00 this year. Normally, this offering is taken with our church family's help at Easter. Our group is planning to distribute blankets and personal care items to a nursing home again this year as this was such a blessing to us before.

Please remember '**Pure Water – Pure Love**'. Leave your bottle full of change on the 5th Sunday if you choose to donate. "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24.

On our last collection date, we had six bottle of coins turned in for this wonderful charity. One was a small bottle; the other five were the larger size. Three bottles were only half full - or was it half empty. One bottle was full of pennies. There were 807 pennies in that bottle. \$8.07! I don't know how long it took to fill, but that was great! If we had 100 people do that, we would collect \$807.00! How awesome would that be?!

In just those six partially filled bottles, we collected and gave a total of \$164.70! Just think of how much we could collect, of all the good we could do in providing clean water in this country and other countries around the world, if more of us would join these six in the simple effort of filling a water bottle with the change in our pockets or on our dresser or in our cupholder.

Our next collection date, which are always on months with five Sundays, will be [Sunday, April 29th](#). Please help us firstly by praying for this charity and for our hearts to be in the right place as we consider our participation. Then, if you feel led, pick up a water bottle in the church foyer and fill it with your "spare" change for the next almost three months. Just think of the difference we make with this simple task in the lives of those in need.

The primary goal of PWPL is to provide missionaries with water filters that supply their families with clean water - free from disease-causing microorganisms. This ministry seeks to provide clean water for the people the missionaries serve as well. They work through churches like ours and organizations like our WMU to provide clean drinking water through well drilling and/or water purification systems.

We sometimes may have to boil our water, but we probably take for granted that we can turn on our faucets and have clean water flow freely most of the time. We get a very small taste after a hurricane of what these people deal with every single day. Let's determine to be a blessing to these missionaries and those they serve by giving to PWPL.

By the way, First Baptist Church of Lyman gave a total offering of \$1,442.50 to Pure Water, Pure Love in 2017! We are changing lives.

Carolyn Steward, Director WMU

Women's Enrichment Ministry

Our 2018 Winter Event was awesome! It was bathed in prayer by our ministry team, and it was obvious. The lunch was well-attended. We even had two very special guests: Bro. Marvin Green and Bro. John Stewart. They were the most handsome men in the room!



The lunch was a delicious bacon quiche served with fresh fruit and followed by a choice of a scrumptious chocolate Deberge or Gentilly cake. I think some ladies even had some of both.



The program followed up on the Fall Bible study on "Me, Myself & Lies" by Jennifer Rothschild and included a skit/drama written performed by me. It seemed well-received by those attending. To God be the glory!

We also shared the plans and opportunities and the schedule for 2018 our women's ministry. We encourage all the women of our church to pick up a

copy of the schedule in the church foyer and to make plans to participate as often as possible.



Hi would like to thank all the ladies that helped with the clean-up after the event. Members and visitors alike helped clean up and wash and dry dishes. It was amazing. I especially would like to thank Lori Evans, Judy Helms and Meredith Cunningham for all their hard work in preparing for this event. It's to the glory of God and their credit that this was such a wonderful event! Ladies, you truly enrich my life. I also thank Bob Snyder for his help in setting us up with sound.

We will begin a new Bible study "Why Do You Believe That?" by Mary Jo Sharp at 4:45 on **Sunday, February 4th** in the Women's Ministry room. Each study session will be

approximately one hour long for seven weeks ending [Sunday, March 18th](#). We hope you will join us for this faith conversation.

We will be attending the Abundance conference at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum on [Saturday, March 17th](#). The cost is \$59 per person, for ten or more people. There is a signup sheet in the foyer. We will buy tickets as a group to get the \$20 discount per ticket. We rarely have these kinds of events locally. Please don't miss your chance to hear these great speakers and authors. It's a great line-up.

We will once again be attending the Extraordinary Women's Conference in Pensacola, Florida the weekend of [April 20th – 22nd](#). This is a retreat for our ladies, which means we will be there through [Sunday](#). We have an awesome time and really grow spiritually individually and as a group. Our group time is amazing! Our locked-in group rate for this conference is \$59. There is a signup in the church foyer.

For information or opportunities with Women's Enrichment Ministry, please contact Michelle Herrin, Lori Evans, Meredith Cunningham or Judy Helms. It is our goal and our pleasure to enrich the lives of women and girls of all ages.

Michelle Herrin, Women's Ministry Director



Saturday – March 17th

For more information, see [Lori Evans](#) or [Michelle Herrin](#)

In Him, we find a heart that overflows.

When we focus on Him—the fruitfulness of walking with Him, the wealth of wisdom He offers, the bounteous grace that covers us from head to toe—we remind ourselves Jesus is more than enough.

Abundance - Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center

Men's Ministry

The next Brotherhood Breakfast will be on [Sunday, February 4th](#).

There will be a Men's Wild Game Dinner on [Saturday, February 24th](#) at 5 pm in the fellowship hall. This will be a great opportunity to fellowship and have fun. The men are encouraged to bring their favorite wild game dish and recipe. You don't have to bring "something wild" just let us know what you plan to bring. Side dishes, breads and drinks are provided.

We will have an officer from the MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to provide an overview of the services they provide. We also plan to have a spokesperson from the Gulfport Police Department to give a briefing on current firearm laws and safety.

If you have ever "stretched" the truth about a fishing story, here's your chance to exaggerate in style. We will have a "liar's contest" with a prize for the best story. Test your knowledge in the wildlife trivia contest and win a prize as well. Please invite your friends and church members as we fellowship together in Christ.

**Jim Riley (228-669-1940), Brotherhood Director
& Pat Lowery (228-265-0609)**

M.L. Tootle Missions

The past month at the M.L. Tootle Mission has sped by. We had enough food, enough workers (even in the frigid temperatures of [last Wednesday](#)), enough funds, and enough energy and patience. We had small toys to give to the children who came during the month of December. God has continued to bless this ministry, and we are grateful for this and all other blessings.

Some items needed at ML Tootle: peanut butter, cereal, quart-size ziplock bags, and crackers.



Judy Helms, M.L. Tootle Mission

Backpack Ministry

Our hearts are broken with the passing of Mrs. Sammy Green. The Green family asked for donations to the backpack ministry instead of flowers. Now, we have two angels watching over this ministry: Mrs. Sammy and Regina. This time of year donations are usually down but not now. We serve an awesome God! **Bonnie Thrash, Backpack Ministry Director**

Shut-In Ministry

There are many of our church members that are unable to attend Sunday School or worship services because they are either sick, cannot get around comfortably, or various other reasons. We are in the process of developing a compassionate visitation team that is committed to minister and serve the shut-ins of our church. Our goal is to provide loving care and attention to the needs of those shut-ins as well as supporting their families.

We have postponed visits during this flu season because we certainly don't want to get the flu and we don't want to pass it on to those we visit. A date will be established when this ministry will begin.

If you would like to be a part of this visitation or know of a shut-in that would like a visit, please contact the Church Office, Michelle Herrin, or Bob Snyder.

Young At Heart

The Young At Heart will hold their Valentine Dinner on Thursday, February 8th, 2018, at 5 p.m. at the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant located at the corner of Old Hwy 49 and Landon Road. Today, February 4th is the last day to sign up for this event. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the church foyer.



Gone Home!

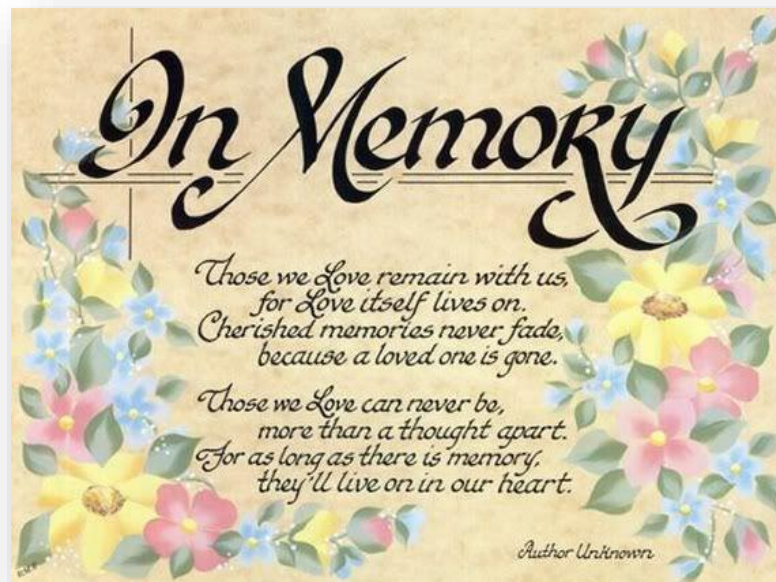
Ms. Sammy Green went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 14th, 2017. She was 87 years old and she and Marvin have known each other since they were 12 years old. They were married for 68 years. We will remember Sammy for her quick wit and devotion to her church where she served as WMU President, GA Director, Mission Outreach Leader, and Bible Drill Instructor. She leaves behind three (3) children (Alice, Marsha, and Mark); six (6) grandchildren; and four (4) great-grandchildren.



One of her favorite Bible verses was Psalms 46:10, ***“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”***



Kenneth Bobinger, age 69, of Biloxi, passed away January 1, 2018. Kenneth attended Gulfport High School and then served in the United States [Army](#) from 1967 until 1969 and was a Vietnam Era Veteran as a tank gunner. He retired from the Navy Construction Battalion Center with 25 years of service. His greatest passion was fishing and hunting (hunting, fishing, and loving every day).



Counting Committee – February 2018

4th	11 th	18 th	25th
Alex May	Brandy P.	Joyce P.	Rachel D.
Meredith C.	Kim G.	Vera A.	John C.

Deacon of the Week – February 2018

4 th	11 th	18 th	25th
Steve H.	Doug W.	Doug B.	Kenny P.
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