



**FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH
OF LYMAN
FEBRUARY 2019**

Deacons - Jeff Peterman

We are excited to see what the LORD is going to do at and through First Baptist Lyman this new year. We start off the year with change. This change was necessary for us to move forward. We wish David and his family the best and thank him for his service here.

We are excited to once again have Stephen Craver, the MGOCC BSU director, filling in for us. He has a special gift for proclaiming the Word. If there is someone you have been wanting to invite, now would be an excellent time. They will be challenged and blessed.

God is at work at Lyman. Our members are involved in a lot of ministry work. We will be highlighting some of these areas over the next couple of Sundays. There are always areas to get involved. Being a part of a ministry is a very rewarding and challenging endeavor. If you want to grow in Christ, get involved with one of our ministries.

Soon, we will be forming a pastor search committee. We need and desire your input. Be praying about God's man for Lyman. Pray for the deacons as well. We need God's wisdom to serve you well.



As always, the deacons are here to serve you, the church. We need your help in identifying needs. Let us know if you are going in the hospital or have a need. My number is 228-518-6446.

Above all, I believe God will bless Lyman when we, the body, love each other and love others that visit and are in our circles of influence. Please pray for each other and encourage each other. We all have struggles individually as well as our church as a whole. God is faithful! The question I have to ask is, am I faithful? I encourage you to take opportunities to interact with other members outside of church. I have made lasting friendships with our members outside of church. Jim and JD playing softball, Nathan roping, Jamie on treasure hunts, and Pat through discipleship group. My life has been enriched greatly through these friendships. We need each other.

I'll end with Philippians 3:13-14, "Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Church, I challenge you to press on! Jeff Peterman

Backpack Ministry – Bonnie Thrash

Oh my goodness that time again. New year brings new donations. I would like to start out thanking the volunteers: Nell Ishee, Jean Pistole, Betty Hudson, Susan Coakley, Sally Peacock, Billie & Phyllis Newman, and Eileen Verdegan. Without these people, the work would not get done. God uses people in mysterious ways. It is our job to be available for whatever He wants. Please pray for this ministry and the people involved.

M.L. Tootle Ministry – Judy Helms

The ML Tootle Food Pantry had a busy month in January. We served over 900 people in our community. We serve the entire range of ages, from the elderly to tiny babies. We are happy that during January we had enough food to give those who came to us. Twelve Baskets has been unable to purchase rice and beans, therefore, we don't have two of our staples for the food bags. Our "want" list for now is rice and/or beans. As always, we appreciate the support of FBCLyman—we can help those in our community because of this support.

KiDs Beach Club – Karen Peterman

Kids Beach Club held a nation-wide live conference on [January 26](#). Our church was one of several that served as a streaming location for volunteers to gather for the conference. Special thanks to Jacob Shupe for handling tech duties that morning.

The conference was a wonderful reminder of the importance of sharing and showing Jesus in our community. Two principals of schools in Texas shared their experiences with Beach Club. They stressed the importance of children learning biblical character traits. One principal stated that on rainy days when the children are not able to go outside, they gather around a table and have Bible study discussing what they learn at Beach Club.

Statistics were shared that 60% of Christians are saved before their teen years and half of those were led to Christ by their parents. One in 8 are saved through an event. These numbers show the importance of reaching whole families for discipleship and mentoring.

Another stat that caught my attention is that 3 out of every 10 people who grew up in church are still attending church at age 28; just 3 out of every 10. Please pray for our children and youth.



Pray for Beach Club. Pray for the children and pray for their families. Pray the volunteers are always obedient to Him. Pray for the faculty of Lyman Elementary School. Pray for more volunteers and that our Father will lead us to another school with His love. Wouldn't it be wonderful to reach out to more children in more schools?

If you would like to observe the club in action just speak with me or Doug Bradford. I think you will be truly blessed by what you see.

Children's Ministry – Kim Peterman & Lori Evans

This month in RA's and GA's we studied about King Nebuchadnezzar and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. We learned about their faith in God and the fiery furnace in Daniel Chapter 3. Our memory verse was "We might be thrown into the blazing furnace. But the God we serve is able to bring us out of it alive. He will save us from your power. But we want you to know this Your Majesty, Even if we knew that our God wouldn't save us we still wouldn't serve your gods. We wouldn't worship the gold statue you set up." Daniel 3:17-18.

We learned about Bary and Amy Rager and their four children. The Rager's moved from Kentucky to Indianapolis, Indiana to start a church plant. They are very involved in their community as they build relationships. They started the New Circle Church in a movie theatre. We also made smores and decorated cookies to show ways that the Ragers got to know people in their community.

Vacation Bible School



A quick reminder that our Vacation Bible School, The Incredible Race, is scheduled for **June 3-7**. The material has been ordered and should be heading our way! As soon as we get the material, we will begin meeting and preparing.

Pray! Pray! Pray! Volunteer! Volunteer! Volunteer! See Karen Peterman for more info!

Young at Heart – Alan Coakley

Tuesday the 28th of January, thirty plus members of the Young at Heart (plus guests) held their January meeting.

Alan informed everyone present he was making them all farmers, or to be correct, "seed planters for Christ". He passed out Bible/book markers he made that said, "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant". He also passed out "wood round-tuit coins" as a visual reminder that we have no excuse not to be planting those seeds.



David and his band, The Hickory Ridge Boys, played an assortment of gospel, blue grass and country music. There was even a surprise visit by Elvis. Yes! Elvis was in the building!

In February, the Young at Heart are going to the Golden Corral to celebrate Valentine's Day. The sign up sheet is in the foyer of the church. Not a member but want to join us? There is a \$15 per person charge.

Women's Missionary Union (WMU) – Carolyn Stewart

It's now winter but spring is around the corner, a time of new growth, new flowers, new plants and, with our WMU a renewed sense of commitment. We are looking forward to a bigger and better year to serve our Lord!

Our WMU ladies are thrilled with not only reaching our goal of \$3,000 but exceeding our Lottie Moon goal! Praise God that our foreign missionaries will receive every penny of this money. We would like to thank each person who gave to the Lottie Moon Offering. Our lighted star looked beautiful signaling that our goal was met. WMU Director Carolyn Stewart is shown next to the lit star which represented \$50.00 donation for each light.



Thank you for your contributions to our "Pure Water Pure Love" jug. The **Fifth Sunday** PWPL offering in December was \$297.00. Start saving your coins now for March when we will have another **5th Sunday**. God Bless you! Carolyn

Women's Enrichment Ministry (WEM) – Michelle Herrin

We had a wonderful kickoff event on **Saturday, January 26th** for 2019 called Mugs & Muffins. The ladies, 28 in all, were treated to a delicious brunch of egg & bacon breakfast muffins and blueberry and raspberry white chocolate scones. We exchanged mugs filled with all kinds of goodies and have committed to being prayer partners for 2019 with the ladies with whom we exchanged mugs. The devotion was on prayer. It was truly a wonderful fellowship!

Our Winter Bible Study will be "A Woman Doesn't Quit: 5 Habits from the Book of Ruth" by Ncki Koziarz and will begin on Sunday, **February 10th**. We will meet on **Sunday** afternoons at 5 pm in the women's ministry room. There are six sessions. Please sign up **today** in the church foyer so we can make sure we have enough study books.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2019. We have many crafting events planned such as Bible studies, a trip to Pass Christian Olive Oils & Vinegars Shop, a retreat, Ladies' Night Out, Comedy & Cupcakes, crafting event and much more. So watch for announcements and make plans to participate.

We also appreciate all suggestions. Ladies, this is *your* ministry. Please take advantage of your opportunities to fellowship, grow and minister with us.



Music Ministry

The choir and music program at our church is how I express my praise to The Lord. It is also having fellowship with my church family. I really look forward to coming to practice and learning new songs for the **next Sunday** morning service. I am very excited that we are going to begin our practices again. I hope more people will join us and sing praises to The Lord. (Jamie is shown singing a special with Kyle Peterman (l) and David Peacock).

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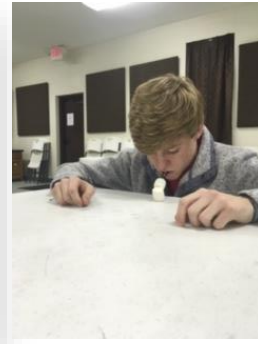
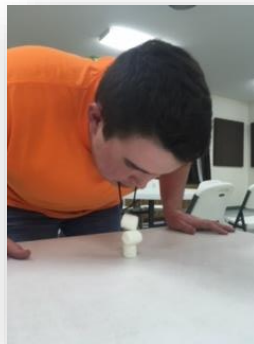


Youth

The Youth continue to enjoy their 1st & 3rd **Wednesday** Game Nights. The game nights are fun and exciting but also encourage fellowship and participation through team building. They always contain a lesson complete with Scripture presented by Jeff Peterman.

The Youth have been studying "Out of Egypt" in **Sunday** School based on the Book of Exodus. It's also a great time of fellowship. For the time being, Michelle Herrin is leading the Youth in **Sunday** School.

The Minister of Youth search team has been hard at work and believe they are close to presenting a candidate for Interim Youth Director. Please pray for the Youth and Michael Stampley, our prospect, and his family.



Happy Birthday – Michelle Herrin

Casey “Kay” Purvis was born on February 28, 1919! Yes. You read that correctly. Mrs Kay is 100 years old! It’s hard to believe she is 100 years old. She lives alone and drives herself to church for Sunday school and worship service. She loves The Lord, and she loves people.

I am blessed to have spent a few hours with Mrs. Kay just getting to know her a little better, hoping to share something about her with all of you. I listened with delight and amazement to her reminisce about her life and career, about the places she has been. Mrs. Kay is a well-traveled woman, and she can still remember those places, not just where she has been, but what she saw and what she felt. She also remembers the people and the relationships she had with them.



Mrs. Kay grew up on a farm out in the County near Laurel, Mississippi. She had one brother. She met Burnett A Purvis, who was from Laurel, in Waynesboro where his grandparents lived, and at the tender age of 18 she married him. They spent their careers in the armed forces traveling the world. They had two children. Their son, Charles, is retired from the military (or maybe it was the government. My mind is not as sharp as Mrs. Kay’s) and lives in Slidell, Louisiana. Their daughter, Jean, is an attorney with her own firm and lives in Springfield, Missouri. Mrs. Kay has three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. You might remember one of her grandsons recently passed away.

In 1945, Mrs. Kay became the first wife after World War II in Yokohama, Japan. Her husband had been with “MacArthur during the war”, as she says, and they “went everywhere on his coattails.” She spent ten years with the Army, ten years with the Air Force and twelve years with the Navy. She and her husband retired and moved to the Coast where Mrs. Kay remained active volunteering and starting a retirees’ group.

If you ask Mrs. Kay how long she and her husband were married, she will tell you they still are though he passed away ten years ago. They had a full and happy life, and I am thrilled and honored that she shared some of those precious memories with me.

Mrs. Kay shared so much more with me than these few details and memories, and I know you, too, would love her story, and I know she would love to share it with you. I leave that to you to find out. I can say with certainty I look forward to spending more days with her and hope she will share more with me. She is such an interesting woman with wonderful memories!

I hope you will come get to know Mrs. Kay just a little better on Sunday, February 24th when our church will honor her at a special birthday lunch immediately following our morning worship service.

Men's Ministry – Jim Riley

The Men's Brotherhood ministry will be preparing breakfast for all on the **first Sunday of February (2/3/19)**. As normal, breakfast will be served at 8:30. Don't forget to attend your favorite **Sunday School** class at 9:30 and a rewarding Church Service at 10:45. If you enjoy your breakfast and would like to help out with the cleanup chores, your assistance is always welcome and appreciated.

Also, the men of the church need to start planning their favorite wild game dish for the Wild Game Night which is being planned for **Saturday, March 23rd**. The particulars concerning this men's fellowship event will be forthcoming very soon.

ANGEL TREE JAIL MINISTRY - Doug & Libby White

As in years past, members of First Baptist Church of Lyman, through their donations of gifts and money, blessed the lives of 12 children and their families this past Christmas.

Our church members have always been so generous in giving of their blessings to make Christmas special for the children of incarcerated parents. This program is a beautiful ministry that spreads the true meaning of Christmas to both the givers and receivers.



Thank you, and May God Bless each Giver abundantly!

A special "Thank you" to Bonnie and Lary Thrash for delivering the gifts to the homes of these children.

Bridal Shower – Michelle Herrin



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
BRIDAL SHOWER FOR

**Jessica
Newman**



Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 2:00 PM

Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church of Lyman

Bride is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Belk



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