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Marvin Mercado Pastor, Iglesia Bautista Buenas Nuevas

Attendance

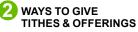
May 11 384 Worship Facebook Live 40 ETC & CC 26 Total 450

Sunday School (including Zoom)

Adults 216 Students 45 Children 42 Preschool 21 Total 324

Generosity of FBC

Fiscal vear to date (Oct 1, 2024-Sept 30, 2025) Generosity to date: 60.85% Generosity goal to date: 62.50%





<u>May 18 - May 24</u>

Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Facebook LIVE) Extended babies - Ks Kids Church 1st - 2nd 6:00pm Students-Boys & Girls Bible Study Monday 6:00pm GROW Visitation 6:00pm Pickleball Tuesdav 6:00pm 1828 at the Stark's 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study (Gospels) Wednesdav 5:45pm ALL IN (Preschool & Children) 6:00pm Bible Study/Praver Meeting 6:00pm Cultivate - Student Ctr 7:00pm Choir Practice Thursday 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (Ezekiel) Fridav Saturday

FOR FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS VISIT fbcslidell.org/calendar

Our Kitchen crew will be taking

a break for the summer. We will

meet again for supper in August.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who serve so faithfully in the kitchen. Your time, hard work, and warm hospitality help nourish both

body and spirit. We are truly

blessed by your service and

grateful for all you do!

Sunday Activities in the Student Center

Iglesia Bautista Buenas Nuevas

6:00pm Prayer Meeting Rm 240

9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship/Bible Study

Wednesday Activities





May 18, 2025 **WELCOME**

Exalt + Evangelize + Equip + Engage

From Bondage to Liberty Elders and Priest EXODUS 18:13-19:6

4141 Pontchartrain Drive

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

PLEASE FILL OUT A WELCOME CARD IN THE CHAIR BACKIN FRONT OF YOU

YOU'RE NOT HERE BY ACCIDENT. GOD LOVES YOU. HE WANTS YOU TO IAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM THROUGH JESUS, HIS SON. THERE IS JUST ONE THING THAT SEPARATES YOU FROM GOD. THAT ONE THING IS SIN.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

People tend to divide themselves into groups - good people and bad people. But God says that every person who has ever lived is a sinner, and that any sin separates us from God. No matter how we might classify ourselves, this includes you and me. We are all sinners.

"God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

For you to come to God you have to get rid of your sin problem. But, in our own strength, not one of us can do this! You can't make yourself right with God by being a better person. Only God can rescue us from our sins.

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy." Titus 3:5

For you to come to God, the penalty for your sin must be paid. God's gift to you is His son, Jesus, who paid the debt for you when He died on the Cross.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

Jesus paid the price for your sin and mine by giving His life on a cross at a place called Calvary. God brought Jesus back from the dead. He provided the way for you to have a personal relationship with Him through Jesus. To admit we are sinners means turning away from our sin and selfishness and turning to follow Jesus. The Bible word for this is "repentance" - to change our thinking.

"If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." Romans 10:9-10

God says that if you believe in His son, Jesus, you can live forever with Him in glory. Are you ready to accept the gift of eternal life that Jesus is offering?

If you are interested in making a decision, such as becoming a member of FBC, come talk to one of the pastors near the end of the service, during the invitation time. For more info on our ministries, stop by our kiosk in the foyer.

Welcome Announcements

"His Mercy is More"

Catechism #41 Scripture Reading Prayer

"Psalm 103 (Bless the Lord)" FBC Worship Choir and Orchestra

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Offertory Prayer Offertory "Ancient Words"

Message Dr. Casey Stark

Invitation "Jesus Paid It All"

Lord's Supper

Benediction

In the cross we have ping pong balls representing all that happened Wednesday nights this year.

• 1,043 blue ping pong balls representing all the verses preschoolers, kids, and teens have memorized.

• 55 green ping pong balls representing the teens who came to Rooted on Wednesday nights.

• 85 orange ping pong balls representing the grades 1-6 kids who attended.

• 32 yellow ping pong balls representing the preschoolers who attended.

• 47 purple ping pong balls representing the adult volunteers who served this year.

Kids Summer Camp

June 2 - July 18 To register go to www.fbcslidell.org then click on the sun wearing shades!

There is a great need for ETC volunteers!

Contact Melanie or Madeleine if you are interested.

Intro to Care & Discipleship

Join us on Sunday evenings in Room 150, from 5:00-6:30 for a course titled "Loving Messy People: The Messy Art of Helping One Another Become More Like Jesus." Sign up in the foyer or contact Tanya at the church office for more information.

VBS July 13-17

Registration is now open.





Dreaming of a Cruise?

Then set sail with us! January 11-18, 2026 *Grand Cayman, Cozumel,* & *Montego Bay Contact for booking info.* Carnival Cruise Line Christina G Buchanan 800-819-3902 ext 82483 cgarcia4@carnival.com



Clothing Ministry Needs LADIES' SCARVES MEN'S SHIRTS, SHORTS & SLACKS



May 30th 12 noon

All Adults 55 & over are invited for lunch, fellowship, and a guest speaker or entertainment.

RSVP by May 26th.