

January 19, 2025

God's Good News Story: The Church Alive & Growing

The State of the Church Address

We begin today with Year Three of “God’s Good News Story”. Our focus this year is on the remainder of the New Testament from Acts to Revelation. Our theme is

“The Church Alive & Growing”

Acts 2: 42-47...⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.⁴³ Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.⁴⁴ And all the believers were together and had all things in common;⁴⁵ and they would sell their property and possessions and share them with all, to the extent that anyone had need.⁴⁶ Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Today I am using the theme of the traditional “**State of the Union Address**” that Presidents give. I am sharing with you a ‘**State of the Church**’ address.

So, what is “The Church” anyway.

For our purposes, we are simplifying the usage of the word church into two (2) fundamental meanings. (1) The Universal Church and (2) The Local Church.

The Universal church is a term that refers to the Church

throughout the world as a whole. It is also a concept that describes the heavenly and eschatological assembly of everyone who belongs to Christ’s new covenant and kingdom. The universal church includes all Christians from past, present, and future, and is the body of Christ, the family of God, and the temple of the Spirit. (9marks.org)

The Local Church then is a local, temporal, sub-divisions of the Universal Church that agree to work cooperatively in a localized area to do the work, mission, and task of God’s Kingdom. This is what we, as the First Baptist Church of Broussard are to be and do – We are to join the everyday Mission of God and to do the work of extending the Kingdom of God in love and faithfulness.

FBC Broussard

Evangeline Baptist Association

Louisiana Baptist Convention

Southern Baptist Convention

First Baptist Church of Broussard Church History

(NOTE: 18 photo slides from history file)

First Baptist Church, Broussard, began in 1955 when Northside Baptist Church, under the direction of Reverend St. Clair Bower, became interested in missions. Two ladies from their Adult Training Union conducted a survey of the small but strategic suburb of Lafayette. In June of that year a tent revival was held with Brother Bower preaching in English and Rev. Amadie Janice, Louisiana Baptist Convention missionary, preaching in French. Another revival was held in 1956 which resulted in the establishment of the mission in Broussard. The old bank building on Morgan Street was rented for their services. In 1957 a Catholic lady consented to sell the property on the corner of South Morgan and Monroe Streets to the

Baptist group. Construction of an education/sanctuary facility was planned under the direction of the builder, Elroy Jones. By June of 1958 the building was completed and on June 22 an Open House was held. On September 21, 1958, the mission was organized as a Southern Baptist Church with 34 members and an annual budget of \$3000. Reverend Elroy Jones was called as the first pastor. The Children's Education/Fellowship Hall Building which was a steel building donated by Highland Baptist Church in New Iberia, Louisiana in the early 1970's. In October of 1977, the present sanctuary was built with a seating capacity of 400+. The Refuge (formerly The Lighthouse/Bowman Lumber Building) was purchased around 1993. In December of 1993, the new Educational Building was dedicated. Rev. Weldon Moak became pastor in July of 2007. In 2012 the Sanctuary was remodeled. Bro. Adam Whitney became Associate Pastor of Education/Youth/Music on April 1, 2009. Mrs. Vicki Tilley became our Preschool & Children's Director in 2016.

Baptisms for 2024 = 9

New Members 2024 = 24

Average Church Attendance = 125

Average Bible Study Attendance = 75

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Weldon Moak.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Adam Whitney.

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MINISTER: Vicki Tilley.

CHURCH SECRETARY: Tina Byle.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Becky Noel.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: David Tilley

Church Website: www.fbcbroussard.com

OUR PURPOSE & VISION

Our Purpose:

Loving God...Loving One Another

Our Vision:

**Encouraging a Personal Relationship
with God by Making Disciples for Christ in
Broussard, Acadiana and the World**

OUR ACTION STRATEGY

Proclaiming
God's Love
through
Evangelism
& Missions

Celebrating
God's Love
Through
Worship
& Fellowship

Applying
God's Love
through
Discipleship
& Ministry

OUR BIBLICAL BASIS

The Great Commission:

Matthew 28:18-20... ¹⁸ Then Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Great Commandment:

Mark 12:28-32... “Which commandment is the most important of all?” ²⁹ “This is the most important,” Jesus answered: Listen, Israel! The Lord our God, The Lord is One. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. ³¹ “The second is: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

The Great Empowerment:

Acts 1:8... “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Church Organizational Chart

Jesus Christ is the Head

Staff	Congregation
Committees	
Ministry Teams	

Let’s take a quick look at the Committee & Ministry team structure and how you can serve and minister.

Section 1: Committees

Committee on Committees
Nominating Committee
Church Personnel Committee
Finance Committee
Missions Committee
Church Constitution and Bylaws Committee
Long Range Planning Committee

Counting Committee
Mother’s Day Out Oversight Committee
Stewardship Committee
Ad-Hoc Ministerial Staff Special Committees

Section 2: Ministry Teams

Property and Grounds Ministry Team
Greeters and Ushers Ministry Team
Security Ministry Team
Benevolence Ministry Team
The Ordinances Ministry Team
Worship Ministry Team
IT (Information Technology) Ministry Team
Prayer Ministry Team
Preschool Ministry Team
Children’s Ministry Team
Student Ministry Team
Senior Adult Ministry Team
The Café Missions Ministry Team
Men’s Ministry Team
Women’s Ministry Team

Here is a quick overview of our Budget & Financials:

PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET	TOTAL
Total Tithes & Offerings	322,550.16 (yr)
\$26,879.18 per month / \$6,202.89 per week	

EXPENSES

Elevator Maintenance.....	1,920.00
Janitorial Supplies.....	1,260.00
Alarm Systems.....	600.00
Pest Control.....	2,640.00
Trash Removal Service.....	2,664.00
Util-Electric*Entergy	29,472.00

Utilities – Gas.....	300.00	Sal-Financial Admin.	
Util-Broussard Water.....	1,560.00	Salaries - Pianist	
Insurance Expense.....	88,000.00	Sal-Praise Team Band	
Building Maintenance Various.....	14,400.00	Salaries - Administrative/Other	
Renovation Loan Interest.....	2,740.00	Sal & Wages-Janitorial	
Renovation Loan Principal...(Current \$34,582.00)	13,605.00	Church Paid Payroll Taxes	3,584.00
Total Building Maintenance – 49%	158,891.00	Total Salaries & Benefits - 45%	146,790.16

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES

Preschool.....	96.00
Music Ministry.....	495.00
Student Ministry.....	1,200.00
Children's Ministry.....	396.00
Vacation Bible School.....	204.00
Total Education Ministries - .91%	2,931.00

WORLD WITNESS GIVING

Acadian Baptist Center (0.005)	???
Associational Missions (0.05)	???
Co-operative Program (0.04)	???
Baptist Collegiate Min. (0.005)	???
Total World Witness Giving	???

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

OFFICE EXPENSES		Kitchen Expenses	300.00
Telephone: Cox	4,764.00	Bank Charges	2,400.00
Office Supplies	780.00	Misc. Charges Total - .84%	2,700.00
ACS Tech Support	2,400.00		
Postage	246.00		
Internet/E-mail Access	1,920.00		
Information Tech. Exp	1,350.00		
E-File Exp	346.00		
Total Office Expenses – 3.7%	11,808.00		

I know that this is sort of an information overload, but I wanted to give all of you a quick glimpse of where we are. In the weeks ahead I will share with you the vision for our church's future... A Church Alive & Growing!

SALARIES & BENEFITS

Salaries - Pastor
Disability Insurance Pastor
Retirement Exp - Pastor
Housing Allow-Pastor
Pastor-Soc Sec Offset
Pastor Bks/Tapes Allowance
Pastor Mileage Expense
Sal-Children/Presch Min
Salaries- Assoc Pastor
Housing Allowance-Assoc Pastor
Salaries-Admin Asst.

What can you do now?