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January 9, 2019

**Sunday Morning**

“Wise Up: No Matter What It Costs You!”

**Midweek Worship**

“Keep Growing In The Right Ways“

**Memory Verse**

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Proverbs 1:7 ESV

**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**

Brian Griswold  
Jason Brown  
Norman Rivera



**Ministry Team:**

<b>Dr. Chris Craig</b>	Senior Pastor	<b>Brandon Ramsey</b>	Counselor	<b>Brittany Jackson</b>	Publications Assistant
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<b>Josh Moore</b>	Contemporary Worship	<b>Dr. Andy Johnson</b>	Sr. Adult Emeritus	<b>Sylvia Roseberry</b>	Church Hostess
<b>Merrick Nunn</b>	College	<b>Jeremy Magee</b>	Missions	<b>Bernard Gemelli</b>	Building Superintendent
<b>Josh Sanderson</b>	Youth	<b>Zach Yates</b>	Young Married Associate	<b>Sue Cruz</b>	Building and Grounds
<b>Ed Colvin</b>	Children	<b>Braden Hilton</b>	Middle School Associate	<b>Jeff Moss</b>	Building and Grounds
<b>Pam Flowers</b>	Preschool	<b>Brenda Martin</b>	Pastoral/Financial Assistant	<b>Marcus Spencer</b>	Building and Grounds
				<b>Nesse Cooper</b>	Building and Grounds

# Church Event Schedule

## Sunday, January 13

8:45 am	Traditional Service
8:45 am	Contemporary Service (Depot)
8:45 am	Children's Worship
9:50 am	Connection Groups
9:50 am	Gemelli Reception
11:00 am	Contemporary Service
11:00 am	Children's Worship
5:30 pm	Children's Choir

## Monday, January 14

8:45 am	Pre-K 4
12:00 pm	K.I.T. (Log Cabin)

## Tuesday, January 15

9:30 am	Weekday Program
12:00 pm	Prayer on the 3rd Floor

## Wednesday, January 16

8:00 am	Prayer on the 3rd Floor
9:30 am	Weekday Program
5:00 pm	First Family Meal
5:45 pm	Stewardship Mtg.
6:15 pm	Midweek Worship

## Thursday, January 17

9:30 am	Weekday Program
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## Friday, January 18

6:00 pm	Challenge
7:00 pm	Chinese Church

## Saturday, January 19

8:00 am	Challenge
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### January 6, 2019, Weekly Attendance

8:45 am .....	276	Connection Group....	572
Depot.....	60	Off-Campus Study....	54
11:00 am.....	568		
Echurch .....	74	<b>Total Bible Study ....</b>	<b>626</b>

**Total Worship.... 978**

### Stewardship Report, January 6, 2019

Received.....\$42,306.77

### Children's Building Fund

Received.....\$1,805.00

### Decisions from January 6, 2019

1 person prayed to receive Christ as their Savior.  
8 people renewed their commitment to Christ.



### January Teaching Series:

#### **OPERATING SYSTEM – Update the Way You React**

**Life App:** SELF-CONTROL – Choosing to do what you should, even when you don't want to.

**Memory Verse:** God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life." 2 Peter 1:3a (NIRV)

### SUNDAY, January 13

**Bible Story:** Fool to Think (Slow to Anger) •

*Proverbs 16:32*

**Bottom Line:** Think before you lose your temper.

### SUNDAY, January 20

**Bible Story:** What Would You Say? (Choose Your Words Carefully) • *Proverbs 12:18*

**Bottom Line:** Choose your words carefully.

### SUNDAY, January 27

**Bible Story:** Too Much (Too Much of a Good Thing) • *Proverbs 25:16*

**Bottom Line:** Know when to stop.

### February Teaching Series:

#### **ALWAYS OPEN – Service With A Smile**

**Life App:** Service – Lending a hand to help someone else

**Memory Verse:** "Jesus sat down and called for the 12 disciples to come to him. Then he said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last. They must be the servant of everyone.'" *Mark 9:35 (NIRV)*



### Pine Cove's Kid's Conference

packs all the intensity & excitement of a week of summer camp into one weekend! This conference combines

all the fun of camp – hilarious skits, crazy cheers, cool camp games – with an experienced speaker who will challenge the students. This provides a foundation for the church to build on when the conference is over and intentional programming designed to maximize the time leaders get to invest in their students. Pine Cove breaks down the conference into elements of fun and spiritual depth that perfectly fit the elementary-age student.

**March 1 – 3**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**\$110 (includes a \$25 non-refundable deposit)**

**ONLY 12 girl spots remaining**

**ONLY 18 boy spots remaining**

## **KuhNO**

Friday, January 11  
Register at fbcruston.life



Also:  
February 1  
March 15  
April 12  
May 10

Bernard Gemelli	25 years
Chris Craig	16 years
Brandon Ramsey	11 years
Ed Colvin	5 years

**Mini-KuhNO / Valentine Date Night**  
Wednesday, February 13



Join our Social Media and see what's going on in our church during the week.



**Bible Drill**  
Every Wednesday  
6:15 pm – 7:00 pm

### **Facebook:**

First Baptist Ruston  
First Kids  
First Baptist Ruston c3 students  
First College FBC Ruston

**252 Teams**  
Every Wednesday  
6:15 - 7:00 pm



**Children's Choir**  
Every Sunday  
5:30 - 6:30 pm

### **Twitter:**

@fbcruston  
C3: @Joshysanderson  
College: @Firstcollege1  
Young Adults: @ClaytonOwen1  
Choir: @wbflash

### **Instagram:**

Firstbaptistruston  
firstcollege1



Challenge 2019 will be held January 18, 19 & 20.  
Registration is now open online at fbcruston.life.  
Make sure and sign your student up for this great weekend of fun.



Dear Friends,  
Thank you so much for your loving care of our family during Perry's homegoing. He was so tired and so ready to be with the Lord - it helps to know his work is over and he can rest.

A special thank you to all the ladies who cooked and served that delicious lunch to our family. It was much appreciated.

Also, thank you to Brother Chris for his prayers and words of comfort for all of us. We are blessed to have such a loving church family. We keep all of you in our hearts and prayers. From my heart to each one of you - Love & Thanks!

Vivian Lassiter  
and all the family



K.I.T. will be on January 14  
12:00 pm at Log Cabin  
Sign up in Connection Groups

*save the date*

March 17 Special Guest Speaker - Chad Williams





With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

Christian sympathy is extended to Kathie Farmer and family on the passing of her mother, Mary Alice Land Richmond.

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

Christian sympathy is extended to Kenny Brister and family on the passing of his mother, JoAnn Brister.



We will be having a reception for Bernard and Becky Gemelli to celebrate Bernard's 25th anniversary here at the church. Join us this Sunday, January 13 in the atrium between the two services.

### Weather Policy

Our weather policy for the church states that if Lincoln Parish schools are closed, then we are closed. For Sunday mornings, we will meet unless it is dire. You can check for updates on our website, Facebook, Twitter, or 107.5 radio station.



Night To Shine is February 8. If you are interested in helping, we will have a buddy meeting on January 10 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help in another way, then fill out the volunteer form on First Life under the *Night to Shine* card. Someone will be in touch soon to help get you plugged in.

### Licensed Professional Counseling



Hours:

Monday: 5pm - 7pm  
Tuesday: 8am - 5pm  
Wednesday: 8am - 10 pm  
Thursday: 8am - 5pm

[www.firstenrichment.com](http://www.firstenrichment.com)

### First Family Meal Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Regular Meal

Brisket  
Irish Potato Casserole  
Ramen Noodle Salad  
Soup  
Rolls

Kids' Meal

Hamburgers  
Chips

Dessert

Spice Cake