

# *Lagniappe*

We are thankful to have you worship with us today. We have had wonderful and meaningful times of worship this past week.

The number of people who attended FBC this Easter week reminds us of the need to constantly assess our situation and make changes that will positively affect the church and its mission.

After Easter we will be making changes to parking and traffic flow. We will also be adding additional security. We will discuss those changes in the coming weeks.

Today, I want you to know what we are doing for the safety of the entire congregation, but especially for minors.

Southern Baptists have suggested a plan for responding to the evil of sexual abuse -which we have adopted.

Many of these steps refer to the Convention as a whole, such as having a database of Southern Baptist offenders, a central office to which reports of offenses may be made and supplying information and guidance to the churches.

Other suggestions apply to the churches directly, such as background checks, vetting volunteers and ministers appropriately, designating an office for reporting offenses, and counseling for victims.

While we are already implementing some of these areas, we want to adopt the entire report, including employing a child safety coordinator. Our pastoral team has additionally adopted safeguards for the entire staff.

Please pray as we seek to love and care for the entire congregation.

*Waylon*