



Elm Grove Baptist Church  
8180 Barksdale Boulevard  
Bossier City, LA 71112

Address Service Requested

# White Steeple Banner

## Elm Grove Baptist Church

May 2016, Volume 17, #5

8180 Barksdale Boulevard  
Bossier City, LA 71112  
(318) 747-0089  
(318) 747-7557 (Fax Line)  
[elmgrovebaptist@bellsouth.net](mailto:elmgrovebaptist@bellsouth.net)  
[facebook.com/elmgrovebaptistchurch](https://www.facebook.com/elmgrovebaptistchurch)

Dr. Brian D. Prucey, Pastor  
Charles Anderson, Music/Ed Minister  
James Snyder, Youth Minister



Young or old, there are times when all of us need a mother. Like when you get sick for the first time living on your own. Or when you're going through a horrible break up. Or when you're faced with the task of moving and packing up years' worth of stuff.

But sometimes, mom is 500 miles away or prefers a "tough love" approach—which you just can't deal with. Enter "Rent A Mom." For around \$40 an hour, you can have your very own mother figure help you make a tough decision, provide emotional support, or make you a homemade pumpkin pie when you're spending the holidays alone. No judgement included.

Nina Keneally, 63, of Brooklyn, is the mother for hire. She came up with the idea for the service when she realized she was dishing out free advice to

youngsters in her yoga class. "I've noticed that a lot of young people in the neighborhood wanted to talk to me about what was going on in their lives," Keneally said.

As a mother of two adults, and one who is familiar with the New York City area, she says she can help Millennials navigate the harsh waters of life as a young person in the big city. As she puts it on her website, you can call her "When you need a mom, just not your mom."

One of the blessings of being involved with a local New Testament church is the family atmosphere. Over the years Carole and I have been away from our families, the church has always been a family for us.

We have been blessed to have "mothers" and "fathers" who accepted us into their homes and family—and we didn't have to pay \$40 an hour! Our lives have been enriched because of it.

The older I get, the more I realize how important it is to invest yourself in others. The Apostle Paul put it this way: "But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children" (1 Thessalonians 2:7). A few verses later Paul wrote:

"You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory" (1Thessalonians 2:10-12).

Take a moment to thank God for those spiritual parents who helped nurture your faith.

Blessings,

Pastor Brian

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Caroline Lee	3rd
Tonya Brown	7th
Amy Phipps	8th
Billy Phipps	8th
Faye Woods	14th
Hayley Merritt	15th
Courtlyn Lee	18th
Kelsey Kirby	21st
Gillian Kirby	23rd
Pat Simonelli	23rd
Carole Prucey	27th
Susan Barnes	28th
Chanin Boudreaux	31st
Dustin Harrell	31st

### ANNIVERSARIES

Glen & Ruby Barnes	28 <sup>th</sup>
--------------------	------------------



**WATCH  
OUR VIDEOS.**

Visit

[www.elmgrovebaptist.com](http://www.elmgrovebaptist.com)  
to watch our  
Sunday Worship Service  
on line



**Spaghetti  
Dinner  
Fundraiser**

**FOR YOUTH CAMP  
SUNDAY, MAY 29  
AFTER MORNING  
WORSHIP**



### CHARLIE'S CHATS

Thanks to all of you who are faithful to sing in the Praise Choir each Sunday and attend choir practice on Wednesday night. We always welcome anyone who is interested in joining the Praise Choir. There's a chair just for you.



# Class of 2016



*Congratulations  
to our Graduate  
Micheal Wood*

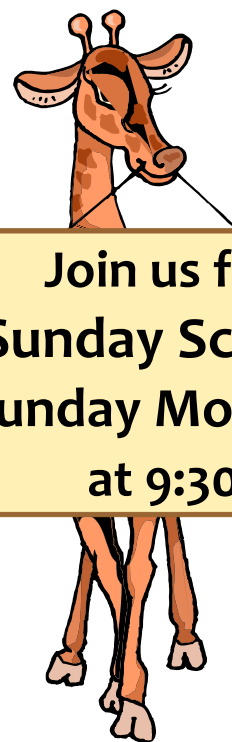
**Parkway High School**

**A special Graduation  
Recognition will be  
Sunday, May 15th  
during Morning Worship**

**VBS2016**

**JUNE 26 to 30**  
for K-5th graders

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**



**Join us for  
Sunday School  
Sunday Morning  
at 9:30**

**Church Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, May 4th  
at 5:15 p.m.

**Church Business Meeting**  
Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
After Morning Worship

### WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Sunday</b>	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.

<b>Wednesday</b>	
Children's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Adult Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.

Happy 

*Mother's  
Day*

**SUNDAY, MAY 8TH**

### MEMORIAL DAY



**May 30**