

The Vision
First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
 Small Groups 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 5:30pm
 Evening Worship 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 7:00 pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

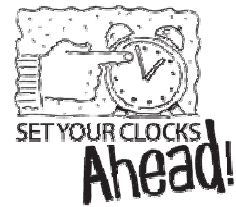
STAFF

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 Dr. Robert Hodson, Pastor..... 681-0393
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 Worship Leader & Family Ministries
 Chris Roth, Youth & Outreach Director..... 214-0233
 Belinda Shoff, Secretary
 Chastity O'Neal, Secretary
 Larry Edge, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

Church Office Hours
 Monday-Friday
 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Staff Meeting
 Monday 1:30 pm



FOR MARCH
MONDAY
March 26th



Daylight Savings Time
Begins March 11th

The Church Office will be closed Friday, March 30th in observation of Good Friday.

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, March 6th

YAH Council @ 1:15 pm
 Church Council @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 11th

Business Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 25th

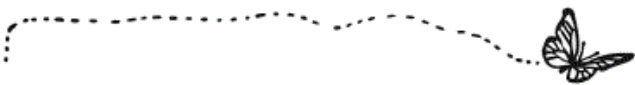
Deacon's Meeting @ 6:00 pm

PRAYER WARRIORS

Teacher gifts for March need to be in the Church Office by Wednesday, March 7th for delivery on March 8th.

CRAFTERS

Saturday, March 3rd
 9:00 am



*This is the day that the Lord has made;
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118:24



*To Know Christ and to
 Make Him Known*



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WE WELCOME CHRIS ROTH

The church voted February 25th to call Chris Roth to full-time status as our Youth and Outreach Director. Chris had been serving as our Youth Director for the last five years on a part-time basis. Our youth ministry has grown consistently under his leadership. We commit to pray for him as he steps into this new area of ministry and life.



FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH
 7:00 PM
 HERE @ FBC, LAMAR

ON MISSION
**HERE &
 NOW**

Week of Prayer for
 North American Missions
 March 4th - the 11th
 &
 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
 Will be received Sunday, April the 1st

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

If I were to ask you, "what is the heart of God?" What would you answer? Many would respond, to be truly worshipped and glorified. That is true. God does desire honest, sincere, genuine worship. Others would say, "to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength." Yes, that is the Great Commandment. Still some might suggest that God's heart is that we live holy, blameless lives before Him and others. This, too, is a necessary attribute of the follower of Christ, but is this really the heart of God.

The heart of God is seen in his sacrifice of his only begotten son. "For God loved the world in this way, He gave his one and only son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (CSB). The heart of God is reaching those who are far away from Him. Jesus said that his mission was to "seek and to save those who are lost." He willingly gave his life as a ransom to redeem those who were far off from God. Paul states it, "while we were enemies with God, Christ died for us."

If this is the heart of God, should not the focus and the heart of the church be the same? Are we putting our energies, talents, finances, and goals to reach people who are far from God? Are we more concerned with our own needs and wants. Rather, we need to hear the heartbeat of God calling us "go, and make disciples." As we approach the season of Easter, let us focus on the heart of God, hear His call, and reach out to those who are far from God.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
 Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- March 3 9:00 am Crafters
- March 4-11 Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- March 4 10:15 am Lord's Supper
5:30 pm Small Groups
- March 5 6:00 pm Building Committee Meeting
- March 6 1:15 pm YAH Council Meeting
7:00 pm Church Council
- March 7 5:40 pm BLAST
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- March 11 **Day Light Savings Time Begins**
6:00 pm Business Meeting
7:00 pm Community Youth Service @ Oakton
7:00 pm Evening Worship
- March 14 5:40 pm BLAST
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- March 15 6:00 pm Ladies Luncheon
- March 18 3:00 pm Maple Senior Living Service
5:30 pm Small Groups
- March 19-23 Lamar Spring Break
- March 21 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- March 25 6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
7:00 pm Evening Services
- March 27 5:00 pm YAH Meeting
- March 28 5:40 pm BLAST
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- March 30 Good Friday
Office Closed
7:00 pm Good Friday Services
Here @ FBC, Lamar



MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Doris Fisher Neil Robertson John Lawrence Kenny Owen
Glen Stone Elsie Ritchey Keith Divine Joe Ramseyer Ashlee Reed
Brian Gilbert

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Tracy Clements, daughter of Loyed & Beverly Clements
Gene Harris, father of Karen Lawrence
Dallas Beem, father of Darin Beem
Margaret Marti, mother of Jerry Marti
Danny & Dee Walker, friends of Rose Bronson
Don Phipps, brother of Bill Phipps
Bob Barnes, brother of Lorraine Vice
Mike Burns, brother-in-law of Linda Bronson
Millie Wymore, aunt of Debbie Marti
Ray McMullen, uncle of James McMullen
Mary Woodhouse & Lexa Curtis, friends of Sheila Stevens
Maryann Howard, mother of David Howard & Susan Roland

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Austin Potter - Marines, son of Dan & Tanya Potter
Cole Markunas - Marines, friend of the Sandbergs
Kaden Overstreet - National Guard, husband of Haley Overstreet
Michael LeeMasters - son of Sam & Jolene LeeMasters
Brandon Lipe - Norfolk, VA, grandson of Noel & Lynn Grigery
A1C Nathan Sanden - Turkey, grandson of Dwayne & Linda Jones
Joey Rossiter - North Carolina, grandson of Sue Hobson
Merissa Schmidt - Ft. Bragg, NC, granddaughter of Wanda Reno
Landon McManis - Moody AFB, GA, grandson of Albert & Justine McManis
Mark Jones - Okinawa, Japan, son of Dwayne and Linda Jones
Patrick Beetler - Camp Lajeune, NC, son of Sherry Stettler
Lt. Cody Rossiter - Ft. Bragg, NC, grandson of Sue Hobson
Nathan Davis-National Guard, husband of Sarah Davis

MISSION OUTREACH

Pastoral Staff Missionary Tony Pitaniello Lamar's Unchurched
Building Committee



Lord's Supper
Sunday, March 4th
10:15 am

YAH Meeting

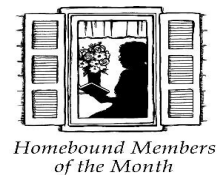
Thursday, March 27th
5:00 pm
Program: Hospice Speaker
Meal: Potluck

Family Ministries

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing (**James 1:2-4**). These trials of various kinds, strengthens the Christian's faith. Just like our brains and our bodies, faith is only strengthened by vigorous exercise. This exercise will strengthen our faith making us perfect and complete, lacking nothing. Steadfastness is the determination to remain true to our first love, holding on to the promise of our Savior. Endurance or perseverance is what keeps this determination moving toward our desired goal despite external challenges and internal weariness. We need to


be a people of steadfastness as we are all moving toward the promise that Jesus has made to us: the promise of eternal life (**John 10:28**). So, is it hard to count it all joy? Sometimes yes, and it will be, if we don't see the reason behind the trial, if we don't have our hope in a sovereign God who works all things for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose (**Roman 8:28**). Be steadfast, don't give up. There is a reason for the trial. He is perfecting you, completing you, so that you lack nothing, creating in you a persevering faith that will endure to the end.

God bless, Steve



March Homebound

Maple Senior Living
Mary Walker
Elsie Dearing



Dessert Auction

A Big Thank You goes out to all those who helped with and attended the Dinner and Dessert Auction. From Vickie Morris organizing the meal, to Jim Schiltz for doing our auctioneering, to all our Collision Youth and parents who worked hard and provided desserts. Most importantly, thank you to our Church congregation for attending and supporting our youth group. We are all truly blessed to be part of an amazing church family. The total amount received was \$4,179.00.

Ladies' Luncheon
Thursday, March 15th
12:00 pm
Come & Go
Mae Cooper's Home (1306 E 19th)
Menu: Broccoli Soup, Salad, & Dessert.

Community Youth Night

Sunday, March 11th
7:00 pm
@ Oakton

Chris Roth will be transporting our youth out to Oakton, so youth need to be here at 6:30 pm.

Vital Signs for February, 2018

Average Attendance for February
Morning Worship - 258
Sunday School - 160
Super Bowl Sunday - 65
Small Groups - 56

Treasurer's Report for February 2018 Business Meeting
Total Income: \$ 36,148.05
Total Expenditures: \$ 32,020.55

CALL ON HIS NAME



Attributes include: SUPREME, SPLENDID, COMPLETE, BLESSED, SACRED, FAULTLESS, KNOWING, DIVINE, MERCIFUL, SPOTLESS, PASSIONATE, UNEQUALED, REVERED, EXPERT, KNOWING, SPOTLESS, ABSOLUTE, HALLOWED, GOD, SUPREMACY, INNOCENT, SUPERIOR, DECORATED, COURAGEOUS, JESUS, CONSIDERATE, CLEAN, SPOTLESS.