

The Vision

First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
Evening Worship @ 7:00 pm (2nd & 4th)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF

Church Phone. 682-3538
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Dr. Robert Hodson, Pastor. 681-0393
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Chris Roth, Youth 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 FEBRUARY
MONDAY
February 20th**



Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, February 6th

Church Council @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 11th

Business Meeting @ 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 25th

Deacon's Meeting @ 6:00 pm

CRAFTERS

Saturday, February 3rd @ 9:00 pm

PRAYER WARRIORS

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



February 12th

12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Ladies' Night Out

Thursday, February 15th

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Come & Go

Martha Hillman's Home (4 Northridge Dr.)

Menu: TBA



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To Know Christ and to
Make Him Known

The Vision

Youth Dinner & Dessert Auction



Sunday, February 11th

5:30 pm

Bring your sweetheart & your favorite dessert and enjoy a delicious dinner of
Chicken Alfredo, Salad, & Breadsticks. Stay to bid on some delicious sweet
desserts to help fund our Youth Projects.

A Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Area for the supper
or call the Church Office at 682-3538.

"No Other Gods" The Unrivaled Pursuit of Christ By Kelly Minter

Idols aren't always what you think.

For us, we think of ancient graven images or golden calves, but we battle idolatry every day.
Our idols are familiar ---- money, fame, power, work, ministry or people ---- and our enslavement to
them is real. When we serve these gods above the one true God we miss the
unrivaled joy of knowing and following Jesus Christ.

Ladies, come join us on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning February 21** as we learn to
identify the gods we may be unknowingly serving and the lies they tell us. During this eight-week
study, we will be joining Kelly Minter as she helps us learn how to dethrone our modern-day idols and
be set free for the abundant life Jesus gives. Come discover Jesus can do what no other god can.

Books cost \$8. Sign-up through the church office by **Sunday, February 18.**

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

I have noticed an emphasis in our culture to know our heritage and background. There are
advertisements suggesting this form or this method to discover one's cultural history. Ancestry.com, 23
and Me, DNA testing all advocate the ability to find the real you. It is interesting that most of these ads
have people discovering something very different from what they thought, or finding that some rich or
famous person was found in their lineage. I am not objecting, in fact, I like to hear about my seventh
great grandfather or grandmother, where we came from and our legacy of beliefs. Yet, where we might
have come from is not near as important as to where are we going.

Scripture shares with us that there are only two destinations, heaven or hell. Living forever in
the presence of God or living forever without His presence. As interesting as it is, your physical DNA
does not determine your eternal destination. It is your spiritual DNA. Have you been born again? Jesus
asked that question to Nicodemus. Our spiritual DNA test is simple, have you been adopted into the
family of God. By faith in Jesus Christ, you become a child of God and an heir to His Kingdom, a
promise to eternal life with Him. Check out your Spiritual DNA.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- February 3 9:00 am Crafters
 February 4 3:00 pm Maple Senior Living Service
 February 6 7:00 pm Church Council
 February 7 5:40 pm BLAST
 February 11 5:00 pm Business Meeting
 5:30 pm Youth Dinner & Dessert Auction
 February 12 12:00 pm Bloodmobile
 February 14 *Valentine's Day*
 5:40 pm BLAST
 February 15 6:00 pm Ladies' Night Out
 February 18 7:00 pm Community Youth Night
 @ First Christian Church
 February 19 *President's Day*
 February 20 5:00 pm YAH Meeting
 February 21 5:40 pm BLAST
 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
 February 25 6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
 February 28 5:40 pm BLAST
 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

YAH Meeting

Tuesday, February 20th
 5:00 pm

Speaker: Nancy Hughes

Meal: Breakfast

Biscuits & Gravy provided by the Church
 YAH Council bring Breakfast Casseroles

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Neil Robertson Bill Bowman John Lawrence Kenny Owen
 Glen Stone Elsie Ritchey Keith Divine Elaine Reynolds
 Joe Ramseyer Ashlee Reed Brian Gilbert

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Don Phipps, brother of Bill Phipps
 Cody Lipe & Brandon Lipe, grandsons of Noel & Lynn Grigery
 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
 Mandy Caruthers, friend of Becky Powell
 Mary Woodhouse & Lexa Curtis, friends of Sheila Stevens
 Janette Leer, sister-in-law of Pam Kelley
 Doug Linthicum & Mark Stewart, friends of Gary & Carol Melton
 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

Centrifuge 2018

Secure your spot now! Summer will be here before we
 know it and that means it's time to start planning for
 Centrifuge.

Centrifuge is June 18-22

Contact Susan Ray with questions or if you want more
 information.

Family Ministries


"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", is a Hymn written
 by Anthony J. Showalter and Elisha A. Hoffman in 1887.
 Showalter wrote the chorus of the hymn after he received
 two letters from former students expressing the sorrow of the
 loss of their wives. He sought to comfort the two by using
 the promise of Deut. 33:27, "The eternal God is your refuge,
 and underneath are the everlasting arms". "Leaning, leaning
 safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, leaning on
 the everlasting arms!" Hoffman collaborated with Showalter,
 writing the 3 stanzas of the hymn beginning with, "What a
 fellowship, what a joy divine,... What blessedness, what a
 peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms."
 Charles Spurgeon later wrote this about these,

'Everlasting Arms', "God, the eternal God, is our support at
 all times, especially when we are sinking into deep trouble.
 There are seasons when we sink quite low...Dear child of
 God, even when you are at your lowest, underneath are the
 everlasting arms". We must hold on to the immutable
 promises of God in all of life's struggles. When suffering
 and loss seem unending, when all else fails, draw your hope
 from this; He will remain, Everlasting! And sing with all you
 might, "What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on
 the everlasting arms. I have blessed peace with my Lord so
 near, Leaning on the everlasting arms".

God Bless, Steve

Community Youth Night

Sunday, February 18th
 7:00 pm
 First Christian Church



February Homebound

Maple Senior Living
 Martha Condon
 LaDean Lawrence

Young Christians Weekend

Saturday, April 7th

At Silver Dollar City

Cost: \$25.00 to reserve tickets

Deadline to Register: Sunday, March 18th

We will leave the Church @ 7:00am and return to the Church
 @ around 11:00 pm

Youth will need money for lunch at the Park and we will stop
 at McDonald's in Ozark on the way home.

Our Deepest Love & Sympathy To:

The Family of Ferne Roberts who went home to be with her
 Lord and Savior on January 11th.



Congratulations

Kale & Jennifer Regier on the birth of their son, Marti
 Julian, born on December 23, 2017. Marti was
 welcomed home by big brother Darien. Grandparents
 are Jerry & Debbie Marti.

Ross & Taylor Means on the birth of their son, Ridley
 Lucas, born on January 5, 2018. Grandparents are
 Rocky & Julie Means and Jd & Tracey Gepner.

Vital Signs for January, 2018

Average Attendance for January
 Morning Worship - 238
 Sunday School - 142
 Evening Worship - 24

Treasurer's Report for January 2018 Business Meeting
 Total Income: \$51,436.45
 Total Expenditures: \$40,643.40

