

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

Sunday Worship Times

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF

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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 APRIL
 MONDAY
 April 23rd**

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, April 3rd

Church Council @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 8th

Business Meeting @ 5:00 pm

Tuesday, April 17th

Nominating Committee @ 6:00 pm

Sunday, April 22nd

Deacon's Meeting @ 6:00 pm



April 16th
 12:00 pm
 Fellowship Hall

**Donations for Operation Christmas
 Child Youth Packing Party**

With the help of the Youth Ministry we will be having a packing party in October 2018. We have set a goal to pack 80 shoeboxes during the Youth Packing Party and Sunday School classes have been asked to collect specific items all year long to fill shoeboxes. Church-wide collections will be held in April and August.

The shoeboxes packed by the youth will not replace individuals or families personally filling shoeboxes, but provides our youth with the opportunity to serve through a "hands-on" activity.

April items: washcloths, bars of soap, toothbrushes, hair brushes, boxes of bandages and small plastic cups.

We need 80 of each item. Bring the items to the church and put them in the tubs that will be provided. Watch the Worship Guide for a weekly update on the donations received.


Your participation is crucial for this project to be successful. It is our desire to provide more children with the joy of receiving a gift and an opportunity to hear the Gospel.

Serving God together,
 Operation Christmas Child at First Baptist Church Lamar

CRAFTERS

Monday, April 23rd @ 10:00 am
 We will be decorating for the Prayer Warrior Banquet

To Know Christ and to
 Make Him Known



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Community Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 1st
 6:30 am - 7:15 am
 Here @ FBC on the South Lawn
 Bring your lawn chairs

Sanctuary Choir Presents...

"Road to Calvary"
 Sunday, April 1st @ 10:15 am

BLAST Children's Choir Presents...

"Danny & the Shacks"

April 8th @ 6:00 pm
 Fellowship to follow

Collision Youth Outing

Wednesday, April 11th
 Soar Trampoline Park in Webb City
 Cost: \$10 (plus money for the snack bar)
 Leave Church @ 6:00 pm & Return @ 9:30 pm

We will not be feeding the youth or stopping on the way home, so youth need to eat before coming.

Pic and Bow

Sunday, April 22nd
 10:15 am

Come join us as David Smart & Michelle Gawith, a fun & dynamic guitar & violin duo, lead us in worship on Sunday morning. David & Michelle are world class musicians with very different backgrounds that come together for the sheer joy of music and sharing it with others.

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

We are quickly approaching what is commonly called "Holy Week." Beginning with Palm Sunday and traveling through to Easter Sunday, we celebrate a multitude of emotions. The high note of Jesus entering into Jerusalem hailed at "King of the Jews." The Gospel writer brings us to our feet with excitement as they describe the attitude of the multitude rejoicing that God's promised Messiah has finally arrived. Our emotional high is diminished when we realize that Jesus cleaning the temple has implications to our own hallow traditions and religious expressions. We are humbled as we see Jesus kneeling with a towel and pan, washing the disciple's feet, the duty of a servant. Our spirit is convicted as we realize that our own prayer life, much like the disciples, is less that it should be, especially for the times in which we live. We, too, feel the sting of shame as we read that Judas betrayed with a kiss, and Peter denied with a curse. We are angered when we hear the crowd cried, "Crucify Him, Crucify Him!" Yet, we know it was for us He had to die. We are silence before the cross, Him paying the price for our sin, that we might have His righteousness. "It is finished!" He said.

Then with joy unspeakable and full of glory, it is Easter Sunday, Jesus has risen, He is alive! What a Holy Week! Celebrate with us!

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
 Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- April 1 Easter Sunday
10:15 am Sanctuary Choir Easter Cantata
Annie Armstrong Offering Received
- April 3 Elections
7:00 pm Church Council
- April 4 5:00 pm BLAST
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
NO Choir
- April 7 7:00 am Young Christians Weekend
- April 8 5:00 pm Business Meeting
6:00 pm BLAST Program
7:00 pm Fellowship
- April 11 5:40 pm BLAST
6:00 pm Youth to Soar in Webb City
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- April 12 6:30 pm WMU Meeting @ Iantha
- April 15 3:00 pm OPBA Evangelism Conference
@ Main Street
5:30 pm Small Groups
- April 16 12:00 pm Bloodmobile
- April 17 6:00 pm Nominating Committee
- April 18 5:40 pm BLAST
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Community Youth Night
@ First Assembly
- April 19 12:00 pm Ladies' Luncheon
- April 22 10:15 am Pic and Bow
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
- April 23 10:00 am Crafters
5:00 pm Prayer Warrior Banquet
- April 25 5:40 pm BLAST
- April 29 11:30 am Day of Service
3:00 pm Maple Senior Living Service

Centrifuge

June 18-22

Deadline to sign-up is April 29th
If you have any questions or want to sign-up please contact Chris Roth.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Thelma Lehman Kate McMullen Norma Robertson Pam Evitts
John Lawrence Keith Divine Brian Gilbert

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Elsie Dearing, mother of Pam Caruthers
Dallas Beem, father of Darin Beem
Danny & Dee Walker, friends of Rose Bronson
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

Young Christians Weekend

Saturday, April 7th

@ Silver Dollar City

We will leave the Church at 7:00 am

We will return around 11:00 pm

Youth will need money for lunch & snacks at the park and
supper at McDonald's on the way home

Community Youth Service

Wednesday, April 18th

6:00 pm @ First Assembly

Chris will be transporting our youth to First Assembly. Youth need
to be here at FBC at 5:30 pm

Family Ministries

How important is the Resurrection? Well, without the resurrection there is no reason for the birth of Jesus and therefore no hope in this life. Our birthdays become sad reminders of the decay of life. Dark days and the struggles of life, with all its sickness and pain; turn into a cruel joke that we simply endure. Without His resurrection, Jesus is reduced to a liar or a crazy man calling himself God. His death would become nothing more than the tragedy of a confused and misguided fool. Without it, Jesus is truly dead, and will never return. Without it the Bible becomes a lie, and the God of the Bible a lie. And if there is no God, then there is no moral standard by which we can measure right and wrong. How would we know how to

act? How could we love, or even know what love is? We need the resurrection. It is the joy of the disciples and every saint who would die for the gospel and the hope to which it brings. It is the one event that creates authenticity to God's written word, making it true and powerful, and binding it all together from beginning to end. It is the joy of all who long to see loved ones who have passed on, and look forward to the day when they will stand with them again before the throne and before the Lamb crying out in a loud voice "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" Yes! It is very important!

God bless you, Steve.

Prayer Warrior Banquet

Monday, April 23rd

5:00 pm

Fellowship Hall



Entertainment: Pic & Bow

A-N Bring a Salad

O-Z Bring a Dessert

Please call the church office to make your reservations.

Attention Prayer Warriors: There will be **no** delivery in April. Bring your gifts to the banquet.

Day of Service

Sunday, April 29th

11:30 am - 5:00 pm

We are looking for volunteers and projects for the day of service. If you or anyone you know needs yard work, windows cleaned, or any other simple projects please fill out a Project Worksheet found in the Gathering Area. If you'd like to volunteer please sign up in the Gathering Area.

Ladies' Luncheon

Thursday, April 19th

Come & Go

Time: 12:00 pm

Sandy McDown's House (1304 Crestwood)

Menu: TBA

OPBA Evangelism Conference

Sunday, April 15th

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Main Street Baptist, Greenfield

Speaker: Dr. Alan Brock, Linn-Livingston Baptist
Association DOM

WMU Meeting

Thursday, April 12th

6:30 pm @ Iantha

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



Sunday, April 1st

10:15 am Service

Church Goal: \$10,000

Received to date: \$4,977

Vital Signs for March, 2018

Average Attendance for March
Morning Worship - 260
Sunday School - 158
Evening Worship - 39
Small Groups - 46

Treasurer's Report for March 2018 Business Meeting
Total Income: \$41,633.28
Total Expenditures: \$37,641.06