

**The Vision**  
**First Baptist Church**  
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**Sunday Worship Times**

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am  
 Evening Worship @ 7:00 pm

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**STAFF**

Church Phone..... 682-3538  
 Fax Number..... 682-3539  
 Church Web Site..... www.fbclamar.org  
 www.facebook.com/firstbaptistchurchoflamar  
 Dr. Robert Hodson, Pastor..... 681-0393  
 Steve Livingston..... 225-2821  
 Worship Leader & Family Ministries  
 Chris Roth, Youth & Outreach Director..... 214-0233  
 Belinda Shoff, Secretary  
 Chastity O'Neal, Secretary  
 Staci King, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

**Church Office Hours**

Monday-Friday  
 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
**Staff Meeting**  
 Monday 10:00 am



**FOR AUGUST  
 MONDAY  
 August 27th**



**YOUTH NEWS:**

**Youth Swim Party**

Wednesday, August 1st  
 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
 Jim & Bonnie O'Neal's House  
 Pizza & Drinks provided

**Bonfire @ the Beem's**

Wednesday, August 8th  
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
 Hot Dogs, Chips, Smores, Slip 'n Slide & more

**Youth Awakening**

August 19th, 20th, & 21st  
 Here @ FBC

*August 19th:* 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
 Shiver Shack, Games,  
 Worship - Victory Ministries Band,  
 Speaker: TeeJay Britton  
*August 20th:* 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
 Worship - Victory Ministries Band  
 Speaker - Jacob Rice  
*August 21st:* 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
 Worship - Victory Ministries Band  
 Speaker - Jordy McKaskle



Monday, August 13th  
 12:00 pm  
 Fellowship Hall


**Community Fair Service**

Sunday, August 19th  
 6:00 pm @ First Christian Church

**Activities Resuming Wed., August 29th**

Choir @ 6:30 pm  
 Youth (upstairs) @ 7:00 pm

To Know Christ and to  
 Make Him Known



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**Back To School**



**School Starts August 15th**  
 Please keep the Faculty, Staff &  
 Students in your prayers.



**Free Movie @ The Plaza**

**"A Question of Faith"**

Show Times:  
 Saturday, August 25th @ 3:00 pm  
 Sunday, August 26th @ 3:30 pm & 6:00 pm



When tragedy strikes three families, their destiny forces them on a converging path to discover God's love, grace and mercy as the challenges of their fate could also resurrect their beliefs.

Please Invite Your Family, Friends, & Neighbors

**Free Back To School Haircuts for Students**

Tuesday, August 7th  
 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
 First Baptist Church  
 NE Entrance (Main Entrance)



**From the Pastor's Heart**

Dear First Family and Friends,

I am writing this as we come to the conclusion of our Vacation Bible School. God, in His infinite wisdom, has assembled a great team of workers, put together a variety of children, and mixed it all together to bring Himself glory. Our attendance has busted all previous records and we celebrate the victories seen so far. Only God knows what this VBS will translate into changed lives. Thank you Debbie, Susan, and the whole VBS Team!

Whether it is on the church campus or in the community at large, God has called us to unite and demonstrate His great love and mercy to those around us. I see a miracle developing as God's Spirit is working, calling, and empowering His people to accomplish something we could not do individually. The self-less, enthusiastic, and energetic lives coming together for a common goal and purpose is exciting to see and participate. There is a place for you, so allow the Spirit to move you to involvement. You will be glad you did.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,  
 Pastor Robb

## Looking Ahead

- Aug. 1 6:30 pm Youth Pool Party @ O'Neals
- Aug. 5 5:30 pm Parenting Class
- Aug. 7 Election Day  
3:00 pm Back-To-School Haircuts @ FBC  
7:00 pm Church Council
- Aug. 8 6:00 pm Youth Bonfire @ the Beem's
- Aug. 12 6:00 pm Business Meeting
- Aug. 14 5:00 pm YAH Meeting
- Aug. 19 6:00 pm Community Fair Service @ FCC  
Youth Awakening Here @ FBC
- Aug. 20 7:00 pm Youth Awakening Here @ FBC
- Aug. 21 7:00 pm Youth Awakening Here @ FBC
- Aug. 22 Lamar Free Fair  
6:00 pm Lamar Fair Booth
- Aug. 23 Lamar Free Fair  
6:00 pm Lamar Fair Booth
- Aug. 24 Lamar Free Fair  
6:00 pm Lamar Fair Booth
- Aug. 25 Lamar Free Fair  
12:00 pm Lamar Fair Booth  
3:00 pm Free Movie @ the Plaza
- Aug. 26 3:30 pm Free Movie @ the Plaza  
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting  
6:00 pm Free Movie @ the Plaza
- Aug. 29 5:40 pm BLAST  
6:30 pm Choir Starts Back Up  
7:00 pm Collision Youth (upstairs)

## YAH Meeting

Tuesday, August 14th

5:00 PM

Movie Night: Wonder

Meal: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert



## BLAST

Resumes Wednesday, August 29th

5:40 pm

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Louise Caruthers Elsie Ritchey Betty Roe Keith Divine

### EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Nancy Isenhower Smith, cousin of Lynn Divine  
Robert & Pansey Holt, friends of Rose Bronson  
Sami Bayless, relative of Jerry Marti Ray McMullen, uncle of James McMullen  
Harold McDown, brother of Sandy McDown Millie Wymore, aunt of Debbie Marti  
Danny & Dee Walker, friends of Rose Bronson  
Bob Barnes, brother of Lorraine Vice Mike Burns, brother-in-law of Linda Bronson  
Mary Woodhouse & Janis Priest, friends of Sheila Stevens

### MILITARY PERSONNEL

Austin Potter - Marines, son of Dan & Tanya Potter  
Cole Markunas - Marines, friend of the Sandbergs  
Michael LeeMasters - son of Sam & Jolene LeeMasters  
Brandon Lipe - Norfolk, VA, grandson of Noel & Lynn Grigery  
A1C Nathan Sanden - Davis-Monthan AFB, Tuscon, AZ,  
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

## 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.

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.

**August items: pencil sharpeners, pencil pouches, glue sticks (no liquid glue), erasers, colored pencils, and crayons.**

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 and needed.

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

## Youth & Outreach

Dear FBC Family,

As summer is coming to an end and fall is just around the corner, I can't help but look back and smile at the outpouring of help and participation that we had in both our Faith, Family, and Fireworks and VBS outreach events. I also can't help but look forward to this fall in great expectation of what God is going to do next. So how do we build on the growth and development we have gained this summer?

1. **DEBRIEF WELL.** Too often, project leaders stop coaching their team once the event is over. Now is the time to reflect on these events and discuss ways we can improve them, get more church members involved, and figure out ways to reach the unchurched in a more effective way.

2. **CAPITALIZE ON MOMENTUM.** Excitement, joy, and zeal often rise after events like this. How can we fan the flames? How can we use the momentum to drive what's next? Ministry doesn't only happen during these events. It is

happening all around us. Let's take this fire and let it spill out into our daily lives and the other ministries that are coming up. (Ex. Springfield Cardinals July 29<sup>th</sup>, Free Haircuts Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, Peterson's Outdoors Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, Youth Awakening Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, Fair Booth Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, God Guns and Grub Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup>) How could you help or support each of these events?

3. **DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE.** How can you use this joy and excitement to improve yourself? Building your own faith is extremely important too. What do you need to work on so that when we have our next outreach opportunity, you will be prepared to share your story?

I am looking forward to building God's kingdom together with you!

To God be the Glory,  
Chris Roth

## LAMAR FAIR BOOTH MINISTRY

Wednesday, August 22 to Saturday, August 25

*Volunteers Needed!!!*

We are needing volunteers to help set up the tent on Wednesday and take it down on Saturday night. If you can help with this, please contact the Church Office.

Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Area for fair booth workers. First come, first serve, so don't delay and miss out on the time and day you want.

## Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mrs. Nutt

What do you do when your kindergarten teacher turns 90? You throw a party!!! Please join Mrs. Nutt and hosts Linda, Lane, and Stephen for her 90th birthday celebration at the Lamar First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 on Sunday afternoon, August 26, 2018. A note recalling your favorite memory is the only gift requested.

If you are unable to join the party, please take the time to send a birthday card to: Mrs. Fran Nutt, 2200 West Laurel Avenue, Unit #308, Rogers, AR 72758. She would love to hear from you.

## Vacation Bible School 2018

Wow! What a team God put together for VBS this year! All of your prayer and preparation did not go unnoticed by our Heavenly Father. There were no bench warmers at VBS. Our church family worked beautifully as a team (133+ leaders strong) to share the gospel with 161 children and feed approximately 2,015 meals. Two precious children asked Jesus Christ to be their Savior and Lord! About 420 attended the Worship Rally on Thursday night. Our hearts were stirred as Project HOPE came and shared about their work in Nicaragua and Haiti. Between the children's offering and the offering taken during the final Worship rally, \$2,298.07 was given to Project HOPE. VBS may be over for this year, but the work continues. Some children would like for VBS to be a year round event. GOOD NEWS, it can be! BLAST (children's ministry) meets on Wednesday night starting August 29th at 5:40 p.m. This is a great opportunity for children to continue to learn who Jesus is and what the Bible teaches. Thank you to all who worked to make VBS happen again this year. It simply would not happen without you!

## Vital Signs for July, 2018

Average Attendance for July  
Morning Worship - 254  
Sunday School - 151  
Evening Worship - 29

Treasurer's Report for July 2018 Business Meeting  
Total Income: \$34,743.21  
Total Expenditures: \$40,550.81