

The Vision
First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times
 Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
 Evening Worship @ 7:00 pm (2nd, 4th, & 5th)
 Small Groups @ 5:30 pm (1st & 3rd)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF
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 Chris Roth, Youth & Outreach Director..... 214-0233
 Belinda Shoff, Secretary
 Chastity O'Neal, Secretary
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Church Office Hours
 Monday-Friday
 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Staff Meeting
 Monday 1:30 pm



FOR OCTOBER
MONDAY
October 22



Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, October 2nd
 Church Council @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 14th
 Business Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Monday, October 22nd
 Recreation Committee Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 28th
 Deacon's Meeting @ 6:00 pm

WMU Meeting
 Thursday, October 11th
 6:30 pm



Monday, October 15th
 12:00 pm
 Fellowship Hall

Baptist Hill's
100th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 28th
 2:30 pm
 @ Baptist Hill

Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

October 22nd-23rd
 Crossway Baptist Church
 Springfield, MO



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To Know Christ and to
 Make Him Known

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



Trunk & Treat
 Sunday, October 28th
 5:30 pm

If you would like to participate in decorating your vehicle and handing out candy please sign up in the Gathering Area.



From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

We are so excited about the start of our fall ministry organizations. Collision Youth (youth grades 6-12) has truly outgrown their space upstairs. There really is not another place for them, so they are making do. They are close to surpassing their goal of 55 students. Blast (ages K-5th grade) is running a close second with 50 students in attendance. Bible study, food, music, and fun has captivated their attention and they are busy inviting friends and participating in these activities. These are just a couple of examples why our Building Committee is diligent in their quest for our next facility phase.

A Family Life Center is the next consideration for our church family. This facility will enhance our present ministries and open the door for additional ministry. I understand your first questions; What will the building look like? How much will it cost? Who is going to pay for it? All these questions are appropriate and necessary, but the real question we should be asking is "what will happen if we fail to provide the necessary space for ministry?" I am confident that this is the next major step in our church life. God calls us to be obedient to His purpose, plan, and direction. God is providing the people, resources, and vision for this next step of faith.

We must stop and focus. Focus on God's Kingdom. All these things (ministry, facility, resources) are good and God honoring, but they are a means to an end. In the model prayer, Jesus instructs us to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth, as it already is in heaven. God's kingdom on earth is God ruling supremely in the hearts and lives of individuals. God has faithfully opened doors of opportunity for us to minister. We are making a difference in our community for Christ. Jesus reminds us, though, to seek God's kingdom first and everything else will take care of itself. The main thing is to keep the Main Thing the main thing.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
 Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- October 2 7:00 pm Church Council
- October 3 5:40 pm BLAST
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- October 4 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- October 6 9:00 am Crafters
- October 7 12:00 pm Sr. Adult Banquet
5:30 pm Small Groups
- October 10 5:40 pm BLAST
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- October 11 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- October 14 3:00 pm Maple Senior Living Service
5:30 pm Parenting From the Tree of Life Class
6:00 pm Business Meeting
7:00 pm Evening Worship
- October 15 12:00 pm Bloodmobile
- October 17 5:40 pm BLAST
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm OCC Youth Packing Party
- October 18 11:00 am Ladies' Luncheon
1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- October 21 5:30 pm Small Groups
- October 22 7:00 pm Recreation Committee Mtg.
MO Baptist Convention @ Springfield
- October 23 MO Baptist Convention @ Springfield
- October 24 5:40 pm BLAST
- October 28 2:30 pm Baptist Hill's 100th Anniversary
5:30 pm Trunk & Treat
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
- October 31 5:40 pm BLAST

Ladies' Luncheon

Thursday, October 18th

11:00 am

Come & Go

Mae Cooper's Home @ 1306 E 19th

Menu: Broccoli Cheddar Soup, Salad, & Dessert

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Mary Walker Wayne Leavell Gary McManis Dorris Westbay

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Maryann Howard, mother of Susan Roland
Travis Denney, friend of Jan Bowman
Bob Bronson, son of Rose Bronson
Roger McCaslin, nephew of Denzil Voorhees
Becky Purkey, daughter of LeeRoy & Anna Voorhees
Brent Sandberg, son of Ron & Lynn Ann Sandberg
Marjorie McCormack, friend of Sheila Stevens
JH Phipps, cousin of Bill Phipps
Earl Higgins, brother-in-law of John Lawrence
Sara Williams, sister of Jessica Stahl
Sheila Hobbs, sister of Julie Morrow
Nancy Isenhower Smith, cousin of Lynn Divine
Retha Cochran, sister of Sue Hobson
Frieda Leer, mother of Pam Kelley
Robert & Pansey Holt, friends of Rose Bronson
Sami Bayless, relative of Jerry Marti
Danny & Dee Walker, friends of Rose Bronson
Barb Moore, aunt of Debbie Marti

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Austin Potter - Marines, son of Dan & Tanya Potter
Cole Markunas - Marines, friend of the Sandbergs
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

Senior Adult Banquet

Sunday, October 7th

12:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Richard Cooper

Please make your reservation by signing up in the Gathering Area or calling the Church Office.

Youth & Outreach

It's so easy to become calloused.

Paul corrects Timothy in dealing with the lost.

2 Timothy 2:24-26

A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth. Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.

When dealing with the lost, we sometimes get upset about the wrong things. Paul is coaching his protégé Timothy to not get upset that people are difficult, but rather get upset that they are damned to an eternity in hell if we do not reach their hearts. It was clear that there were some folks in Timothy's church that jumped on his last nerve and he was ready to write them off. Paul is reminding Timothy that he isn't there to love those who are easy to love. Ministering people to freedom is not for the faint of heart. Paul reveals that these

"difficult people" are trapped and "held captive" to the enemy's whims and ways. They are slaves to their own sin. We can't give up on them until they are free, just as Jesus never gave up on us no matter how difficult we were... and are.

Matthew 9:37-38 "Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Lord, please help me to be a servant and laborer for you. Forgive me for putting limits on Your love. Forgive me for forgetting how much you have forgiven me of, and how much You have loved me through so many difficult times and attitudes. Forgive me for choosing defensiveness over developing relationships with those who are unbelievers. Break my heart for those who do not yet know you. Help me to see past the cultural facades and see the captive's souls crying to be free even if it seems they are yelling in my face. Amen

To God be the Glory,
Chris Roth



October Homebound

Dorothy Roberts

Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes

Thank You!

Thank you for your generosity during the Spring and Fall providing donations that will be used in October for the Youth Packing Party. Their goal is to pack 80 shoeboxes. Your giving will help provide children around the world the joy of receiving a gift and an opportunity to hear about the love of God.

We still need the following items:

64 bars of soap, 59 toothbrushes, 70 hairbrushes, 62 box of bandages, 68 small plastic cups, 32 pencil sharpeners, 10 pencil pouches, 16 glue sticks (no liquid glue), and 16 erasers. Donations will be accepted (monetary and items) until October 8.

Shoeboxes will be available for you to pick up on Sunday, October 7th in the Gathering Area.

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

Youth Packing Party Operation Christmas Child

Wednesday, October 17th

7:00 pm

Parenting From the Tree Of Life

October Schedule

Sunday, October 14th

5:30 pm

Averages for September, 2018

Average Attendance for September
Morning Worship - 287
Sunday School - 164
Evening Worship - 33
Small Groups - 41

Treasurer's Report for September 2018 Business Meeting
Total Income: \$44,318.09
Total Expenditures: \$43,710.09