

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

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

**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 1:30 pm



**FOR NOVEMBER**  
**MONDAY**  
**November 26**



**The Church Office will be closed**  
**Thursday, November 22nd & Friday,**  
**November 23rd for Thanksgiving**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Tuesday, November 6th**

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

**Sunday, November 11th**

Business, Meeting @ 6:00 pm

**Sunday, November 25th**

Deacon's Meeting @ 6:00 pm

**Community Thanksgiving Service**

Sunday, November 18th

6:00 pm

Lamar United Methodist Church

**In Need Of Coolers**

The Church is needing to borrow about 30 coolers for deliveries on Thanksgiving Day. Coolers need to be at the Church no later than Wednesday, November 21st. Please have your name on your cooler. Thank You.

**Ladies' Night Out**

Thursday, November 15th

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Come & Go

Amanda Livingston's Home @ 1805 Lakeview Dr.

Menu: Lasagna Soup, Caesar Salad, & Dessert



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To Know Christ and to  
 Make Him Known

The Vision



Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 Sunday, November 4th

Don't Forget To Set Your Clocks  
 Back One Hour The Night Before



**Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 12:00 pm

First Baptist Church



Once again we are planning our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner and food items are needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for these items. Please have the turkeys and the non-perishables to the church by Sunday, November 18th. Please have the salads, pies and cakes to the church by 8:00 am on Thursday, November 22nd.

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| 20 Turkeys   | 42 Large Pkgs. Slaw Mix       | 16 Large Salads       |
| 5 Turkey Breast  | 4 Gallons Sweet Potatoes      | 60 Pies               |
| 40 Cans Jellied Cranberry Sauce  | 14 Sheet Cakes                | 54 Boxes Stuffing Mix |
| 22 Gallons Green Beans   | 40 - 2 pound pkgs Frozen Corn | 130 #'s of Potatoes   |
| 9 Kretschmar Boneless Hams - <u>Money Donations Only!</u> (Church will purchase) |                               |                       |

If you would like to help in the kitchen or deliver meals, please sign up in the Gathering Area or call the church office at 682-3538. If you would like to have a meal delivered, or know of someone who would like to have a meal delivered, please contact the church office. We are also taking reservations for anyone who would like to join us at the church at noon Thanksgiving Day.

**From the Pastor's Heart**

Dear First Family and Friends,

Denise and I would like to take this opportunity to share our appreciation and thankfulness for you as you remembered us through cards, words, and gifts this past month for Pastor Appreciation. We continue to thank God for sustaining our ministry here and for giving us vision to remain faithful to His calling.

Are you truly thankful? We live in such a "hurry-up" culture that we seldom take time to express thankfulness to God for the blessings He has given us. So much of the time, our selfish attitudes and desires overwhelm the truth that we are truly a blessed people. God has given us everything we need and much that we desire.

As November approaches, let us become intentional to thank God for His daily supply of our needs. Let us thank Him for the direction He has planned for His church, and let us commit to follow that direction.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,  
 Pastor Robb

## Looking Ahead

- November 4 *Daylight Savings Time Ends*  
10:15 am OCC Shoeboxes Received  
5:30 pm Small Groups
- November 6 Election Day  
1:15 pm YAH Council  
7:00 pm Church Council
- November 7 5:40 pm BLAST
- November 11 *Veteran's Day*  
5:30 pm Parenting Class  
6:00 pm Business Meeting
- November 12-19 OCC Collection Week
- November 13 5:00 pm YAH Meeting
- November 14 5:40 pm BLAST
- November 15 6:00 pm Ladies' Night Out
- November 18 6:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service @ Methodist
- November 22 *Thanksgiving Office Closed*  
12:00 pm Thanksgiving Community Meal
- November 23 *Office Closed*
- November 25 3:00 pm Maple Senior Living Service  
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting  
7:00 pm Evening Worship
- November 28 5:40 pm BLAST



## Missouri Baptist Children's Home Christmas Tree

Be watching for the Christmas Tree by the church office for the ornaments with gift ideas for the children at the Children's Home



### MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

George Kramer Chris Sheat Junior Garringer Laurann Robertson  
Dorris Westbay

### EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Jessica Query, sister-in-law of Kerri Beshore Renee Whitley, sister of Alan Ray  
Fred Plain, brother of Sheila Stevens Crea Schmidt, grandson of Wanda Reno  
Tara "O'Sullivan" Carter, granddaughter of Ed & Mamo Patterson  
Eddie Brown, brother of Martha Hillman Travis Denney, friend of Jan Bowman  
Maryann Howard, mother of Susan Roland & David Howard  
Frieda Leer, mother of Pam Kelley  
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 Sami Bayless, relative of Jerry Marti  
Robert & Pansey Holt, friends of Rose Bronson

### MILITARY PERSONNEL

Austin Potter - Marines, son of Dan & Tanya Potter  
Cole Markunas - Marines, friend of the Sandbergs  
Brandon Lipe - Chicago, Ill. 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

## Angel Tree Ministry

Christmas will be here before we know it and this will be the 6th year that we will be joining Prison Fellowship in ministering to the children of incarcerated parents from Barton County through Angel Tree ministry. Last year we provided Christmas gifts, a Bible, a letter from their parent and a visit to about 9 children who have a parent in prison. I will be asking Sunday School classes or individuals to adopt 1 or more of these children. Prison Fellowship asks that the gifts be limited to about \$25.00. We will have a list of names and ages along with each child's "wish list".

Please begin praying about this opportunity today. This is a tremendous outreach event and these children and their caregivers will be presented with the Gospel message.

Thank You, David Banwart, Men's Ministry Director

## Family Ministries

In Matthew 25:14-30, we find the "Parable of the Talents". Based on what we read, the talents mentioned in the parable are talents of great value, possibly gold. With this in mind, it is reasonable to assume that the owner of the talents, the Man traveling into a far country, was a wealthy Man. In this parable, the Man is entrusting his wealth to three men based upon their abilities as stewards of his money, to invest and produce a profit. One receives five talents. Another receives two talents. A third steward receives one talent. The stewards know the character and reputation of their Lord, and that he expects them to follow his instructions with obedience and wisdom; that those who obey are richly rewarded, but those that fail to obey receive severe judgment. The first two immediately use their resources to gain a profit, a 100 fold. The Lord praises the profitable stewards giving them greater responsibilities and invites them to enter into the joy of their Lord. Fear and mistrust of his Lord motivate the third

steward. He buries the talent in the earth and returns the original amount. The untrusting steward is scolded, rejected, and punished. Each of us are stewards of talents given by the Lord based on our abilities. The question we must ask ourselves is, "how will we manage these talents"? Will we choose obedience to the Lord, trusting in His character, being faithful with what he has entrusted us; our money, time, family, the very Gospel of Christ? Or will we live in fear, never truly trusting in His character, His promise of daily provision. Yes, we must use wisdom, but we cannot make the mistake of burying the talent, in fear of what might or might not happen. We must plan our steps, while being prepared and willing to step out. Let us pray for wisdom, yet never fail to trust the Holy Spirit's guidance in our stewardship.

Bless You All,  
Steve



### November Homebound

Arlene Marti

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Shoeboxes are in the Gathering Area, ready to be picked up and filled with wonderful gifts of love. Don't miss out on this opportunity to bless a child and share the love of God with children all around the world. **Please return your filled shoeboxes by Sunday, November 4.**

National Collection Week is November 12-19 and we will again be a Drop-Off location. Volunteers are needed to help pack the shoeboxes that will be dropped off; there is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.

### Operation Christmas Child Collection Week

Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> - Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Dates & Times

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| November 12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> | 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  |
| November 17 <sup>th</sup>                    | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm |
| November 18 <sup>th</sup>                    | 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm |
| November 19 <sup>th</sup>                    | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm |

We need volunteers to help with the collections. There are sign up sheets in the Gathering Area if you would like to help.

## Youth Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Lamar United Methodist Church

## YAH Meeting

Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm

*Meal:* Turkey & Dressing (provided)

A-R Bring a Dessert

S-Z Bring a Side/Salad

We will be collecting for Ronald McDonald House

## PRAYER WARRIORS

Teacher gifts for November need to be in the Church Office by Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for delivery on November 8<sup>th</sup>

### *Averages for October, 2018*

Average Attendance for October  
Morning Worship - 248  
Sunday School - 150  
Small Groups - 46  
Evening Worship - 46

Treasurer's Report for October 2018 Business Meeting  
Total Income: \$41,130.10  
Total Expenditures: \$36,799.75