

# The Vision

First Baptist Church  
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**ATTENTION..... Due to the way the holidays fall in December we are combining December and January's Issues.**

### 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

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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 10:30 am



**FOR JANUARY  
MONDAY  
January 28th**



The Church Staff would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

**The Church Office will be closed Tuesday, December 25th and Tuesday, January 1st**



*Lord's Supper*  
December 2nd & 24th

### Youth Christmas Party & Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, December 5th

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Here at FBC in the Youth Department.

Bring a White Elephant Gift (not to exceed \$5)  
We will eat at the Church Wide Christmas Dinner, then move upstairs.



December 10th

12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

### Lottie Moon Offering

Goal: \$12,000

Sunday, December 23rd

Received during the Morning Service

### Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm

Lord's Supper



### Christmas Mail Box



The mail box is set up in the Gathering Area for your convenience to give cards to others. Please remember that the postage you save may be given to missions.

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To Know Christ and to  
Make Him Known



### BLAST Children's Choir Presents.....

"The Secret of Snowflake County"

Sunday, December 9th

6:00 pm

Fellowship to follow



### The Sanctuary Choir Christmas Presentation

Sunday, December 23rd

10:15 am Service



### FBC's Winter Games, Chili Cook-Off & Pie Contest

Sunday, January 27th

5:00 pm

Meal: Chili



Please Sign Up To Bring A Chili Condiment, or Other Side Dish

We invite you to enter our Chili Cook-Off and Pie Contest. We also invite you to bring your favorite card or board game as we gather for a time of games and fellowship. We'll have a room set up for movies for the younger kids. Bring your favorite Disney or Veggie Tale movie. You won't want to miss the Wii Bowling Tournament we will have going on. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area for the Chili Cook-Off, Pie Contest, and a list of condiments needed for chili along with other food items needed.

There will be something for everyone so please make plans to join us.

Everyone is Welcome! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

### From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

In light of the fact that this Vision will contain information for both December and January, let me start with a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!" Denise and I want to express our thankfulness and appreciation to our church family and friends for their generosity and encouragement as we embark on another year of service together.

We are thrilled concerning the vote of affirmation to pursue building the Family Life Center. We join with you in prayer, participation, and giving to accomplish all that God has planned and purposed for His church. To see this project begin is energizing to our whole body.

I appreciate all the communication Chris is doing with planning and promoting the mission trip and the Michael Franzese event. I want to add my encouragement to you to make plans to participate and promote these two major events in the life of our church. God is moving in some remarkable ways in our church. He is looking for you and me to step up and become all He has created us to be for His Kingdom and His glory. As we move forward, keep your eyes on the goal... Jesus Christ.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,  
Pastor Robb

## Looking Ahead in December

- December 2-9 Week of Prayer for International Missions
- December 2 *Advent of Hope*  
10:15 am Lord's Supper  
5:30 pm Parenting Class
- December 4 7:00 pm Church Council
- December 6 5:40 pm BLAST  
5:30 pm Annual Christmas Dinner  
6:00 pm Youth Christmas Party
- December 9 *Advent of Peace*  
12:00 pm Deacon/Wife Banquet  
5:00 pm Business Meeting  
6:00 pm BLAST Program
- December 10 12:00 pm Bloodmobile
- December 12 7:00 pm Community Youth Night @ FBC Lamar
- December 15 8:00 am Random Acts of Kindness, Gift Wrapping at Wal-Mart
- December 16 *Advent of Joy*
- December 18 5:00 pm YAH Meeting
- December 19 No BLAST or Youth
- December 23 *Advent of Love*  
10:15 am Adult Choir Presentation  
Receive Lottie Moon Offering
- December 24 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service  
Lord's Supper
- December 25 Christmas - Office Closed
- December 26 No BLAST or Youth
- December 31 New Year's Eve

## Annual Churchwide Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 5th  
5:30 pm

Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Area or you may call the Church Office.



## January Homebound

Walter & Juanita Johnson

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Michelle Gaines Leonard Metcalf Junior Hammons Chris Sheat  
Bonnie O'Neal Junior Garringer Dorris Westbay

## EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Bob Ives, son-in-law of Diane Truscott  
Elnora Fast, grandmother of Jennifer Beem  
David Sander, brother-in-law to Gary & Carol Melton  
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 Sami Bayless, relative of Jerry Marti  
Travis Denney, friend of Jan Bowman Eddie Brown, brother of Martha Hillman  
Roger McCaslin, nephew of Denzil Voorhees  
Marjorie McCormack, friend of Sheila Stevens  
Robert & Pansey Holt, friends of Rose Bronson

## MILITARY PERSONNEL

Austin Potter - Marines, son of Dan & Tanya Potter  
Brandon Lipe - Chicago, IL, 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 Haiti Mission Trip

## Reminder Of Inclement Weather Policy

If the schools dismiss early because of inclement weather, all evening meetings & after school activities will be cancelled. Sunday services & activities will be dismissed after the pastor has conferred with Ministerial staff & Deacon officers. If services are cancelled, we will call the local television stations and place the information on Channel 3.

## Random Acts of Kindness Gift Wrapping @ Walmart

Saturday, December 15th  
8:00 am - 11:00 pm

Once again we will be wrapping Christmas Gifts inside Walmart for anyone that would like us to. We are in need of Volunteers for one hour time slots. Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Area. Any donations of large gift bags would be appreciated. If you have any questions please contact Sue Ann Noll.

## Looking Ahead in January

- January 1 *New Year's Day* - Office Closed
- January 6 5:30 pm Parenting Class
- January 8 1:15 pm YAH Council  
7:00 pm Church Council
- January 9 5:40 pm BLAST Resumes  
7:00 pm Youth Resumes
- January 12 OPBA Annual Wild Game
- January 13 10:15 am Guest Speaker: Michael Franzese  
5:30 pm Parenting Class  
7:00 pm Community Outreach: Michael Franzese @ Thiebaud
- January 15 5:00 pm YAH Meeting
- January 16 5:40 pm BLAST
- January 17 TBA Ladies' Night Out  
7:00 pm OPBA Executive Board Mtg.
- January 20 *Baptist Men's Day*  
8:30 am Men's Family Breakfast  
5:30 pm Parenting Class  
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
- January 23 5:40 pm BLAST
- January 27 5:00 pm Winter Games, Chili Cook-Off & Pie Contest
- January 30 5:40 pm BLAST

## YAH Meeting

Tuesday, January 15th @ 5:00 pm

*Meal: Chili/Vegetable Soup*

*Program: Games*

A-M Bring a Dessert

P-Z Bring Chili/Soup Condiments

## Your Invited

The children of Ken Roller invite you to attend a reception in honor of his ninetieth birthday. The reception will be held on December 2 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church of Lockwood, located at 112 W. 5th Street. Guests are invited to come and go at their convenience. Light refreshments will be served.



## Baptist Men's Day Breakfast

Sunday, January 20th  
8:30 am

For Men & their Families

## December Homebound



Walter & Juanita Johnson, Mary Walker,  
Martha Condon, LaDean Lawrence, Velma Miller,  
Maxine Francis, Arlene Marti, Betty Gilmartin,  
Junior Garringer, Dorothy Roberts, Charles Ritchey

## PRAYER WARRIORS

Teacher gifts for December need to be in the church office by Wednesday, December 12th. Gifts for January will need to be in the Church Office by Wednesday, January 9th.

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to our church family for participating in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes during 2018. Because of the generous donations from the church family and Sunday School classes our Youth were able to pack 90 shoeboxes; 138 individuals donated shoeboxes, for a total 228 shoeboxes from our church.

Thank you also for the volunteers that helped during Collection Week, as our church served as a drop-off sight. There were 1100 shoeboxes dropped off, packed into shipping cartons and delivered to Joplin to begin their journey to child all over the world.

Each child that will receive a shoebox will have an opportunity to hear about God and His love for them. Please continue to pray for these children. Each shoebox collected reaches 7 to 10 people in 120+ countries.

## Guest Speaker: Michael Franzese

Sunday, January 13th  
10:15 am Here  
7:00 pm @ Thiebaud

Michael Franzese is a former New York mobster and caporegime of the Colombo crime family who was heavily involved in the gasoline tax rackets in the 1980s. Since then, he has publicly renounced organized crime, become a devoted Christian, created a foundation for helping youth, and become a motivational speaker.

## Community Youth Night

Sunday, December 12th @ 7:00 pm  
Here @ FBC

## Vital Signs for November, 2018

Average Attendance for November  
Morning Worship - 245  
Sunday School - 150  
Small Groups - 47  
Evening Worship - 29

Treasurer's Report for November 2018 Business Meeting  
Total Income: \$52,923.20  
Total Expenditures: \$50,194.97