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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
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 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 10:30 am



**FOR FEBRUARY
 MONDAY
 February 25th**



Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, February 4th
 Building Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Tuesday, February 5th
 Church Council @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, February 10th
 Business Meeting @ 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 24th
 Deacon's Meeting @ 6:00 pm

PRAYER WARRIORS

Teacher gifts for February need to be in the Church Office by
 Wednesday, February 6th for delivery on
 Thursday, February 7th.

Needed...

Amanda Livingston is in need of hard cardboard rolls like the kind that tin foil and saran wrap comes on (not paper towels or toilet paper). She is also in need of the glass Yoplait yogurt jars.



February 11th
 12:00 pm
 Fellowship Hall

Ladies' Luncheon

Thursday, February 21st
 11:00 am
 Come & Go
 Sandy McDown's Home (1304 Crestwood Dr.)
 Menu: Soups, Sides, & Salads



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To Know Christ and to
 Make Him Known

Youth Dinner & Dessert Auction



Sunday, February 10th
 5:30 pm

Bring your sweetheart & your favorite dessert and enjoy a delicious dinner of Chicken Alfredo, Salad, & Breadsticks. Stay to bid on some delicious sweet desserts to help fund our Youth Projects. A Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Area for the supper or call the Church Office at 682-3538.

"Psalm 23"
The Shepherd with Me
 By Jennifer Rothschild

Every woman longs for someone to protect and care for her – someone to guide her, provide rest and to walk with her in the valley. God is the Good Shepherd who provides comfort and confidence no matter what season a woman finds herself in. She is safe with her Shepherd.

Ladies, join us in this 7-session study of Psalm 23 as we explore the depths of God care, discover that our vulnerability is not a liability and learn to release our fear and trust the Shepherd.

There are two opportunities to participate in this study,
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning February 20 or
Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm beginning February 21.

Books cost \$8. Sign-up through the church office by **Sunday, February 17.**

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

Today I picked up an afternoon snack. Yes, I get the munchies around 3:00 pm. I am trying to watch the calories, carbs, sugar, and other nasties that are so tempting. The snack I picked looked just like what the doctor would order (for me not him). It's title, "Skinny Pop Popcorn." It was free. When I say free, I mean FREE... "Gluten free, peanut free, tree nut free, preservative free, dairy free, no artificial flavors, no artificial ingredient, zero trans-fat." It had 9 grams of carbohydrates (my snacks are to have 15 or less!), 2 grams of protein (not sure where they found those, but not complaining). The company's statement, "We believe in snacking without compromise. To us, that means using the fewest, cleanest, and simplest ingredients possible to bring you the best tasting popcorn. –That's the Skinny

This article is to promote a healthy snack, although I must admit it was tasty. I missed the butter. I believe the challenge is to live our Christian faith without compromise. We are in constant battle with the elements of our culture to lean here, sway there, and give a little in this area. Jesus said that while in the world we would have troubles, but be of good cheer He has overcome the world! Jesus said, "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." Free from the penalty of sin, free from the power of sin, free from condemnation, free to live life to its fullest, free to taste and see that the Lord is good.

Live life free.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
 Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

February 3	5:00 pm Youth Super Bowl Party @ FBC
February 4	6:00 pm Building Committee Meeting
February 5	7:00 pm Church Council
February 6	5:40 pm BLAST 7:00 pm Community Youth Night @ First Christian Church
February 10	5:00 pm Business Meeting 5:30 pm Youth Dinner & Dessert Auction
February 11	12:00 pm Bloodmobile
February 13	5:40 pm BLAST
February 17	3:00 pm Maple Senior Living 5:30 pm Small Groups
February 18	<i>President's Day</i>
February 19	5:00 pm YAH Meeting
February 20	5:40 pm BLAST 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
February 21	11:00 am Ladies' Luncheon 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
February 24	5:30 pm Parenting Class 6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
February 27	5:40 pm BLAST 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study
February 28	1:30 pm Ladies Bible Study



YAH Meeting

Tuesday, February 19th
5:00 pm

Meal: Breakfast (provided by the church)

Program: Making Birdfeeders

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Dwayne Jones Scott Gordon Walter Johnson Curt Roland
David Thrasher Tammy Wehrly Kim Morris Junior Hammons
Bonnie O'Neal

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Rebecca Kinsey, daughter of James & Rosmarie McMullen
Merida Ramage, granddaughter of Keith & Lynn Divine
Merle Moore, mother of Debbie Heim
Frances Gordon, mother of Scott Gordon
Robbie King, sister of Nell Finley
Dallas Beem, father of Darin Beem
Billy Schnauffer, friend of Dayne & Belinda Shoff
Jessica Querry, sister-in-law of Kerri Beshore
Renee Whitley, sister of Alan Ray
Crea Schmidt, grandson of Wanda Reno
Sami Bayless, relative of Jerry Marti
Travis Denney, friend of Jan Bowman
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

Youth Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 3rd
5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Centrifuge 2019

Secure your spot now! Summer will be here before we know it and that means it's time to start planning for Centrifuge.

Centrifuge is June 17-21

Contact Susan Ray or Chris Roth with questions or if you want more information.

Youth & Outreach

Submitting to God Easier said than done.

Dear First Family,

One of the things we struggle with as Christians is total submission to Christ. We would like to think that we are in complete control of this thing we call life. James 4:7-9 gives us great insight into some ways we can improve in the area of total submission to God and His perfect ways.

James 4:7-9

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.

James gives us three very important actions that should be occurring in our lives daily that will help us be more submissive to God's plan for our lives.

1. Resist the devil (v.7). There are several things we can do to resist the devil. The first is bathing ourselves daily in God's word. The second is establishing a support system that

will help you be accountable for your actions. The third is a consistent prayer life. Communication with the master is key to resisting temptation and spiritual attack in your life.

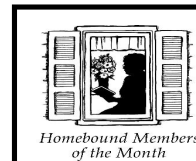
2. Pursue God (v.8). James tells us to draw near to God. The more time we spend pursuing Godliness, the less time we have to give in to sin and temptation.

3. Take sin seriously (v.8-9). Unfortunately, sin is an everyday part of our Christian walk. Repentance and restoration should be a daily part of our conversation with God. Small sin left unattended can one day become a major road block in our spiritual walk.

So...What are you waiting for? Get off the throne of your heart and allow the master to take His seat. How long are you going to struggle with this life on your own?

A. W. Tozer once said "Jesus knows the worst about you, nonetheless He is the one who still loves you the most." It's at our lowest point we find comfort in God. Humbleness is where we find true joy in this thing we call life.

To God be the Glory,
Chris



February Homebound

Maple Senior Living
LaDean Lawrence

Community Youth Night

Wednesday, February 6th
7:00 pm
First Christian Church
We will leave FBC at 6:45 pm
& return at 8:45 pm

Vital Signs for December, 2018

Average Attendance for December
Morning Worship - 285
Sunday School - 150
Evening Worship - 64

Treasurer's Report for December 2018 Business Meeting
Total Income: \$55,885.64
Total Expenditures: \$42,558.03

Young Christians Weekend

Saturday, April 6th

At Silver Dollar City

Cost: \$25.00 to reserve tickets

Deadline to Register: Sunday, March 10th

We will leave the Church @ 7:00am and return to the Church around 11:00 pm

Youth will need money for lunch at the Park and we will stop at McDonald's in Ozark on the way home.



Vital Signs for January, 2019

Average Attendance for January
Morning Worship - 278
Sunday School - 157
Evening Worship - 44

Treasurer's Report for January 2019 Business Meeting
Total Income: \$78,281.07
Total Expenditures: \$48,555.02