

The Vision
First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF

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 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 APRIL
MONDAY
April 22nd

The Church Office will be closed Friday, April 19th in observation of Good Friday.

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, April 2nd

Church Council @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 14th

Business Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Sunday, April 28th

Deacon's Meeting @ 6:00 pm



April 8th
 12:00 pm
 Fellowship Hall

Donations for Operation Christmas Child Youth Packing Party

With the help of the Youth Ministry we will be having a packing party in October 2019. We have set a goal to pack 100 shoeboxes during the Youth Packing Party and Sunday School classes have been asked to collect specific items all year long to fill shoeboxes. Church-wide collections will be held in April and August.

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.

April items: bars of soap, toothbrushes, hair brushes, boxes of bandages and small plastic cups.

We need 100 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.

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

*To Know Christ and to
 Make Him Known*



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Good Friday Services

Friday, April 19th

7:00 pm

Here @ First Baptist Church

Sanctuary Choir Presents...

"Resurrection Power"

Sunday, April 14th

10:15 am



FBC Work Day

Saturday, April 20th

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

Today seems a bit early to begin writing the April Vision article, but Denise and I will be out of town next week. We will be traveling to Mena, Arkansas, for the annual Christian Motorcycle Association's Pastor/Wife Retreat. Thank you Linda and Oscar Bronson for sponsoring us again. This is a special time of refreshing and renewal for us.

By the time you read this article, spring will have officially arrived. This year it is calendared for March 20. Spring signals the end of winter and the beginning of new life. The plants begin to take color and bloom, the birds begin their mating rituals and build nest for their future young, new life arrives in so many venues.

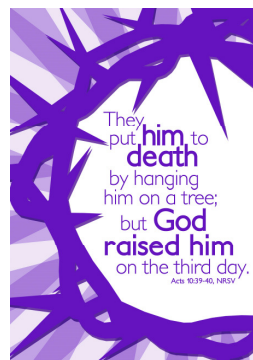
The gospel is a proclamation of new life too. The Good News of Jesus Christ is that anyone desiring of new life, a fresh start, a new beginning can find it in a personal relationship with Jesus. He has made the way possible by dying on the cross and rising again. He fulfilled the debt we owed for our sin and willingly gives us His righteousness we if will receive it by faith. Just as God calls an end to winter, He calls us into a relationship with Him through His Son.

Have you personally experienced the Spring of new life found in a relationship with Jesus? Enjoy God's new creation.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
 Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- April 1 5:00 pm Prayer Warrior Banquet
- April 2 7:00 pm Church Council
- April 3 5:30 pm BLAST
6:00 pm Prayer & Bible Study
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Community Youth Night
- April 4 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- April 6 7:00 am Young Christians Weekend
- April 7 5:30 pm Small Groups
- April 8 12:00 pm Bloodmobile
- April 10 5:30 pm BLAST
- April 11 6:30 pm WMU Meeting @ Iantha
6:30 pm Good Friday Praise Band Rehearsal
- April 13 9:00 am OPBA Work Day @ Cornerstone
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- April 14 10:15 am Easter Cantata
2:00 pm Good Friday Praise Band Rehearsal
6:00 pm Business Meeting
7:00 pm Evening Worship
- April 17 5:30 pm BLAST
- April 18 12:00 pm Ladies' Luncheon
- April 19 Good Friday - Office Closed
7:00 pm Good Friday Service - here
- April 20 8:00 am Work Day @ FBC
- April 21 Easter
No Evening Service
- April 24 5:30 pm BLAST
- April 28 6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
7:00 pm Evening Service



MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Laurann Robertson Sandy Bean Arlene Marti Beverly Clements
David Banwart Scott Divine Bill Bowman Sharon Ramey
John Lawrence

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Brett Campbell, friend of Dayne & Belinda Shoff
Steve McMullen, brother of James McMullen
Larry Beatty, friend of Pam Caruthers
Trevor Houghton, grandson of Jerry & Jane Houghton
Jason Stahl, brother of Julie Means
Merida Ramage, granddaughter of Keith & Lynn Divine
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
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 - Pentagon, 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
Capt. Cody Rossiter - Germany, 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

Young Christians Weekend

Saturday, April 6th

@ Silver Dollar City

We will leave the Church at 7:00 am

We will return around 11:00 pm

Youth will need money for lunch & snacks at the park and
supper at McDonald's on the way home

Community Youth Service

Wednesday, April 3rd

7:00 pm @ Family Ministries

Chris will be transporting our youth to Family Ministries.
Youth need to be here at FBC at 6:40 pm.

Youth & Outreach

God's Glory

Psalm 19:1-3

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

Dear First Family,

I had the opportunity this past week to go fishing for just a couple hours in the evening when I got home from work. As the sun began to lower itself behind a patchwork of clouds, purples, pinks, and oranges began to radiate on the water. It was a brilliant display of dancing light on liquid and in the sky. It was a breathtaking sight! I've often thought, "How great and glorious is our God!" watching His creation paint such a magnificent display.

God's glory is on display in other places besides the mountains and the trees and the sunsets and the oceans. Have you ever wondered how God displays His glory among people and communities? One way is through His Church.

God uses His church to display His glory as we serve others in the name of Jesus. Most importantly, when we share the Gospel we are glorifying God by sharing the most important message of all time. The Church shows the world through our commitment to God that He is worthy of our devotion, and as God works in and through us He shows Himself to His creation. The Church, then, is an instrument of God's glory on earth.

How does our community see God's glory through your life? Let it be by the way you care for and desire that everyone in your circle of influence know God and believe the Gospel. You, and our entire church, can and should be an instrument of God's glory.

God, May my life and the people of your church show Your glory each and every day by the way we live, love, serve, and share in our community. Teach us to be selfless, kind, considerate, and to care about others more than ourselves. Help us to put You first in all things, so that we display Your glory to those around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

To God be the Glory!
Chris

Prayer Warrior Banquet

Monday, April 1st

5:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Nancy Hughes

A-N Bring a Salad

O-Z Bring a Dessert



Please call the church office to make your reservations.

Attention Prayer Warriors: There will be no delivery in April. Bring your gifts to the banquet.

OPBA Work Day @ Cornerstone

"One BIG Day"

Sunday, April 13th

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Ladies' Luncheon

Thursday, April 18th

12:00 pm

Sandy McDown's House (1304 Crestwood)

Menu: Taco Bar

WMU Meeting

Thursday, April 11th

6:30 pm @ Iantha

Speaker: Penny Harding

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Sunday, April 21st

10:15 am Service

Church Goal: \$10,000



Vital Signs for March, 2019

Average Attendance for March
Morning Worship - 258
Sunday School - 146
Evening Worship - 53
Small Groups - 70

Treasurer's Report for March 2019 Business Meeting
Total Income: \$39,347.32
Total Expenditures: \$39,715.00