

The Vision
 First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
 Evening Worship @ 7:00 pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF

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 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 AUGUST
 MONDAY
 August 26th**



School Starts August 14th

Please keep the Faculty, Staff & Students in your prayers.

YOUTH NEWS:

Community Youth Night @ Jeremy's Creek

Sunday, August 4th
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Community Youth Night
 Back to School Bash-Bonfire**

Wednesday, August 7th
 7:00 - 9:30 pm
 Here @ FBC
 Hot Dogs, S'mores, Nine Square, & Devotion

NO Youth

Wednesday, August 14th or 21st

Youth Financial Class

Wednesday Nights Beginning August 28th
 Here @ FBC
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 Led by Jerry Marti

Free Back To School Haircuts



Sunday, August 11th
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 Kids K-12th Grade
 First Baptist Church



Monday, August 12th
 12:00 pm
 Fellowship Hall

Activities Resuming Wed., August 28th

BLAST @ 5:30 pm
 Choir @ 6:30 pm
 Prayer & Bible Study @ 6:30 pm
 Youth (upstairs) @ 7:00 pm
 Adoration & Praise @ 7:15 am

To Know Christ and to
 Make Him Known

The Vision

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**Coming to Speak in Lamar....
 Willie Robertson, CEO of Duck & Buck Commander**

Sunday, August 18th

Youth Betterment Rally 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 (6th - 12th Grade)

Community Fair Service 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Worship led by our Community Praise Team

Sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance



Free Movie @ The Plaza

Movie TBA

Show Times:

Saturday, August 24th @ 3:00 pm
 Sunday, August 25th @ 3:30 pm & 6:00 pm



Please Invite Your Family, Friends, & Neighbors

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

We are having a great week of VBS. As of this writing, we have had 116 children, with 104 youth and adult workers. Please refer to the VBS Records in this Vision as to the totals. As Pastor, I have great joy and appreciation to all the workers that pour out to make our VBS such a great success. I heard and witnessed many sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is the main reason we do what we do! It takes a united community of faith to make this possible. Thank you First Family.

Wednesday, July 24, our church will be sending its members to Haiti to share the Gospel in word and deed. Prayer for our team! Pray for safe travel both to and back. Pray for safety while they are there. Pray for an awareness of the many opportunities that will arise to share the Gospel and be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus. The team will be sharing of their experience during the morning worship service, September 8. We all are looking forward to hear all that God has done.

I mentioned last month that our church had voted overwhelmingly (97%) to accept the recommendation of the Building Committee to proceed with the building of a new family life center. We are actually calling it FLOC – Family Life and Outreach Center. This is to remind us that its main purpose is to reach others with the Gospel. What I did not tell you is that the cost of such a facility is approximately \$ 900,000.00. The joint meeting of the Finance and Building Committees have recommended, and the church has adopted, that we designate two of our CDs toward the building cost when they mature October 2020. They have also issued a challenge for the church to raise the remaining \$ 650,000.00 by the time the CDs mature. That is a goal only God can meet. He is calling His family to give sacrificially this next year. Pray and give.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
 Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- Aug. 4 5:00 pm Community Youth Night
@ Jeremy's Creek
5:30 pm Small Groups
- Aug. 5 6:00 pm Church Council
7:00 pm Finance & Building Committee Mtg.
- Aug. 7 7:00 pm Community Youth Night @ FBC
Back to School Bash-Bonfire
- Aug. 11 6:10 pm Springfield Cardinals Game
- Aug. 12 12:00 pm Bloodmobilbe
- Aug. 14 School Starts
6:00 pm Business Meeting
- Aug. 18 2:00 pm Youth Betterment Rally
6:00 pm Fair Service
- Aug. 21 Lamar Free Fair
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Lamar Fair Booth
- Aug. 22 Lamar Free Fair
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Lamar Fair Booth
- Aug. 23 Lamar Free Fair
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Lamar Fair Booth
- Aug. 24 Lamar Free Fair
12:00 pm - 9:00 pm Lamar Fair Booth
3:00 pm Free Movie @ the Plaza
- Aug. 25 3:00 pm Maple Senior Living Service
3:30 pm Free Movie @ the Plaza
5:30 pm Adult Finance Class
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
6:00 pm Free Movie @ the Plaza
- Aug. 28 5:40 pm BLAST Resumes
6:30 pm Choir Resumes
Prayer & Bible Study Resumes
7:00 pm Collision Youth (upstairs)
7:15 pm Adoration & Praise Resumes



August Homebound

Phyllis Morris (Truman Healthcare)

Custodian Position Open

We will be taking applications for the Custodian position for 2 weeks. Job is approximately 25 hours a week. Applications and job descriptions are available in the office.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Sue Ann Noll Kathy Koehn Mycah Reed John McDonald

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

David Mifflin, friend of Teresa Roberts
Connie Engle, mother of Mike McNaught
Katherine Sherron, sister of Margarette Buzzard
Troy Onstott, grandson of Ed & Brenda Onstott
Dallas Beem, father of Darin Beem Fred Plain, brother of Sheila Stevens
Andrew Butler, friend of Lynn Ann Sandberg
Peggy Buchanan, mother of Debbie Marti Larry Beatty, friend of Pam Caruthers
Jessica Querry, sister-in-law of Kerri Beshore Renee Whitley, sister of Alan Ray
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
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 Lamar's Unchurched Building Committee

You're Invited...

90th Birthday Reception for Roberta Hampton

August 11th @ FBC Fellowship Hall

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Please no gifts

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.

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.

August items: pencil sharpeners, pencil pouches, erasers, colored pencils, and crayons.

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 and needed.

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

Youth & Outreach

Serve Humbly in Love

Galatians 5:13-14

¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Dear First Family,

It's hard to believe that as I write this article, we are only two days away from or mission trip to Haiti. There are many emotions going through my brain as I make last minute preparations. Fear, excitement, worry, and many other thoughts are all swirling around in my head. As I read my daily devotion in Galatians 5:13-14 this morning, God reminded me that everything is going to be just fine, and serving Him in Haiti is exactly where He wants me to be.

Servitude is not a glamorous concept. Who in their right mind would sign up for a life of servitude? And yet that is what God has in mind for his people. God knows how service to others will bless us as well as the community around us.

Service is a great way to put aside our self-centeredness and notice how we are connected, even indebted, to others.

When we start seeing the genuine needs of others, it deters our own sense of entitlement. None of us became the people we are alone, but by the sacrifice and investment of many others from our earliest years. And that doesn't take into account what Christ has done for us.

Serving others not only reveals the bonds between us; it reflects the love of God. When we notice service to us, and when we serve others, we experience God's grace. It points people to Christ. Jesus modeled grace that goes way beyond our understanding. He emptied himself for us, though we deserved nothing. His example calls us to "submit to one another out of reverence for Christ" ([Ephesians 5:21](#)). In our "me-first" culture, God calls us to put others first. What a challenge!

Are we looking out for others the way we look out for ourselves? Can we put their needs ahead of our own? How are you serving in your church and community?

Prayer

Lord, teach us how to serve one another. Help us to put the needs of others first, as you did for us. Show us ways to use our gifts to bless others. Amen.

To God be the Glory,
Chris Roth

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LAMAR FAIR BOOTH MINISTRY

Wednesday, August 21 to Saturday, August 24

Volunteers Needed!!!

We are needing volunteers to help set up the tent on Wednesday and take it down on Saturday night. If you can help with this, please contact the Church Office.

Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Area for fair booth workers. First come, first serve, so don't delay and miss out on the time and day you want.

Vital Signs for July, 2019

Average Attendance for July
Morning Worship - 257
Sunday School - 164
Evening Worship - 43
Small Groups - 37

Treasurer's Report for June 2019
Total Income: \$ 41,974.99
Total Expenditures: \$ 38,676.70

Treasurer's Report for July 2019 Business Meeting
Total Income: \$ 42,960.73
Total Expenditures: \$ 42,412.964

Vacation Bible School 2018

In Vacation Bible School this year, 127 children got to focus on some amazing, real-life encounters with Jesus and discovered the most amazing truth of all—Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing we can have life in His name. We had 126 workers in the building helping through out the week and many more that helped by bringing food and praying!

Our missions offering this year will be used to purchase radios that our mission team will take to Haiti. Parents and children gave \$1,889.64 which will purchase 47 radios. These radios will allow the people in Haiti to HEAR the gospel.

As we walked down the halls, we heard teachers teaching mightily, we saw grandparents talking to children, encouraging them, giving high fives, we saw fun, beautiful decorations, we heard the sound of laughter as you worked together. Thank you to all who worked to make Vacation Bible School possible. You have made a difference!