

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

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

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**STAFF**

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 Belinda Shoff, 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 10:00 am



**FOR OCTOBER**  
**MONDAY**  
**October 28**



**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Tuesday, October 1st**

Church Council @ 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, October 8th**

Recreation Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm

**Sunday, October 13th**

Business Meeting @ 6:00 pm

**Monday, October 21st**

Building & Finance Committee Meeting @ 7:00 pm

**Sunday, October 27th**

Deacon's Meeting @ 6:00 pm

**WMU Meeting**

Thursday, October 22nd

6:30 pm

Here @ FBC



**Monday, October 14th**

12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

**CRAFTERS**

Thursday, October 10th

9:00 am

We will put together the teachers gifts then deliver them.

**Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting**

October 28th-29th

Branson, MO



*To Know Christ and to  
 Make Him Known*



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**October is Pastor Appreciation Month**



**Trunk & Treat**

Sunday, October 27th

5:30 pm

If you would like to participate in decorating your vehicle and handing out candy please sign up in the Gathering Area.



**From the Pastor's Heart**

Dear First Family and Friends,

Driving through the countryside one quickly sees that harvest has begun. I have passed field after field of harvested corn, seen trucks unloading at area grain bins, and followed combines moving to the next field for harvest. Because of bountiful rains in July and August, this year's soybeans are the tallest I have seen in years. It also promises to be a good harvest, especially after the questionable start this spring. One question begs asking. What if none of the farmers had taken a risk to plant the seed? What if the problem of too wet, too early, the fear of drought in late summer had caused the farmers to decide not to take the risk and refused to plant this year? The result, nothing to harvest this fall.

Sharing the Gospel is like a farmer planting the seed. The threat of the culture, the busy-ness of individual lives, the attitude of complacency, could cause the follower of Jesus Christ to reconsider taking the risk. Yet, we know, no planting the seed, no reaping the harvest! Barna Research states that it takes fifteen touches for one individual to respond to the Gospel message. That means that maybe fifteen different people must share about the Gospel to one person before they respond. There has to be that # 1 person who will take the risk and plant the Seed of the Gospel.

What number will you be?

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,  
 Pastor Robb

## Looking Ahead

- October 1 7:00 pm Church Council
- October 2 5:30 pm BLAST  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study  
7:00 pm Community Youth Night
- October 3 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study  
5:00 pm Team Meal
- October 6 OCC Shoeboxes Available  
9:00 am FBC 101  
12:00 pm Sr. Adult Banquet  
5:30 pm Small Groups
- October 8 6:30 pm Recreation Committee Mtg.
- October 9 5:30 pm BLAST  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- October 10 9:00 am Crafters  
1:30 pm Women's Bible Study  
5:00 pm Team Meal
- October 13 5:30 pm Adult Finance Class  
6:00 Business Meeting  
7:00 pm Evening Worship
- October 14 12:00 pm Bloodmobile
- October 16 5:30 pm BLAST  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study  
7:00 pm OCC Youth Packing Party
- October 17 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study  
5:00 pm Team Meal
- October 20 5:30 pm Small Groups
- October 21 7:00 pm Building & Finance Meeting
- October 22 6:30 pm WMU Meeting @ FBC, Lamar
- October 23 5:30 pm BLAST  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- October 24 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study  
5:00 pm Team Meal
- October 27 5:00 pm Trunk & Treat  
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
- October 28 MBC Annual Meeting @ Branson, MO
- October 29 MBC Annual Meeting @ Branson, MO
- October 30 5:30 pm BLAST
- October 31 5:00 pm Team Meal

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Mae Cooper Carol Standley Donald Noll Gailand Johnston  
Roberta Hampton Junior Garringer George Sheat Harvey Vice

### EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Marva & Billy Schnauffer, friends of Belinda Shoff  
Wanda & Russell Hutson, sister-in-law of Denzil Voorhees  
Hugh Logan, father of Dana Sheat  
Troy Onstott, grandson of Ed & Brenda Onstott  
Dallas Beem, father of Darin Beem  
Fred Plain, brother of Sheila Stevens  
Peggy Buchanan, mother of Debbie Marti  
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

## PRAYER WARRIORS

Teacher gifts for October need to be in the Church Office by  
Wednesday, October 9th for delivery on October 10th.

## Senior Adult Banquet

Sunday, October 6th  
12:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Dr. Robert (Bob) Perry

Dr. Robert Perry works with churches & other organizations for strategy planning, conflict resolution, health & leadership assessments. He has served as Director of Missions of several associations. He has also authored & co-authored several books, i.e. *Leadership the Ozarks Way*, *Find a Niche and Scratch It*, *Congregational Wellness: Help for Broken Churches*, and others.

*Please make your reservation by signing up in the Gathering Area or calling the Church Office.*

## Youth & Outreach

### Isaiah 6:8 Here am I...Send Me

[Rom. 10:14-15](#) How can they hear without someone preaching...? How can they preach unless they are sent...?

Dear First Family,

As I sit here contemplating what to write about this week, my mind keeps drifting back to my trip to Haiti. It was truly a life changing trip for me and everyone else that went. I am truly thankful that I had the opportunity to go. The question we have to ask ourselves now is do we want to go back next year? I am asking you as a church to prayerfully consider this question. Without your support, these mission trips are impossible. Project Hope has sent us three dates to consider for next year. We need to decide soon if we are going to take one of them. Your prayer and input would be appreciated as we make this important decision in the life of our church.

Healthy churches are sending out people that proclaim the love of God around the world. From the time it was birthed by Jesus, many churches have answered the call to spread the good news of salvation to every nation, tribe, and people. Despite barriers of culture, politics, and language, the message has been proclaimed, using every method to bring hope to a hurting world.

Today the work of telling others continues. Jesus' promise to send his Holy Spirit is still being realized. Jesus' commission that his followers would be witnesses everywhere, to the ends of the earth, is as much in effect today as it was two thousand years ago. The message that once traveled on sailing ships and by foot is now delivered by way of radio, television, printed page, and Internet--as well as in one-on-one conversations and face-to-face encounters.

The methods have changed, but the message is the same--the good news of God's unconditional love for sinners--the word of salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Peter's words at Pentecost are as true today as ever before: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" ([Acts 2:38](#)). "How can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?"

To God be the Glory,  
Chris



## October Homebound

Dorothy Roberts

## Sanctuary Choir

Please come sing with the choir. We're getting ready for Christmas and would love for you to join us in the choir.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Shoeboxes will be in the Gathering Area October 6, 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 10.**

National Collection Week is November 18-25 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.

## Youth Packing Party Operation Christmas Child

Wednesday, October 16th  
7:00 pm

## Community Youth Night

Wednesday, October 2nd  
7:00 pm

@ Assembly of God  
Youth will leave FBC @ 6:45 pm

## Averages for September, 2019

Average Attendance for September  
Morning Worship - 272  
Sunday School - 169  
Evening Worship - 47  
Small Groups - 70

Treasurer's Report for September 2019 Business Meeting  
Total Income: \$41,697.24  
Total Expenditures: \$48,053.01