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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)

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**STAFF**

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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 27th**



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

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



December 9th  
 12:00 pm  
 Fellowship Hall

**Youth Christmas Party & Scavenger Hunt**

Wednesday, December 18th

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Here at FBC in the Youth Department.

Meal: Breakfast

Bring a White Elephant Gift (not to exceed \$5)

Wear your favorite PJs



**Lord's Supper**  
 December 24th

**Christmas Eve Service**

Monday, December 24th @ 6:00 pm



**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. The mail box has been moved this year to across from the office window.

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*To Know Christ and to  
 Make Him Known*



**The Vision**

**YAH Outing**

Friday, December 13th

*"Gould's Annual Christmas Concert"*

Christ Community United Methodist Church

We will leave at 4:30 pm

Cost: Supper @ Cracker Barrel

The concert is free, but a Love Offering will be taken up.



**The Sanctuary Choir Christmas Presentation**

Sunday, December 22nd

10:15 am Service



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

Sunday, January 26th

Registration: 5:00 pm

Dinner: 5:30 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. 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 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,

A God-size miracle! Sunday, November 10, the building and finance committee challenged the church to raise an enormous one-day offering for the Family Life and Outreach Center. The challenge goal was \$ 50,000.00. I must admit, I was sceptic. I knew in my heart our church could reach the goal, but never in my wildest dreams imagined almost doubling that amount. Final total, \$ 91,910.00. Imagine with me reaching our \$ 900,000.00 goal and starting to build this coming fall. All glory to God!

Along with the financial blessing, God is opening doors of opportunity for us to launch out in a variety of ministries. We need your prayerful support as we consider several new areas of ministry to our community and mission field. It will take sacrifice, energy, commitment, and funds. We are definitely up for the challenge.

One day, Jesus asked his disciples, "what do you have?" "Five loaves and two small fish." "Give them to me." With that, He fed 5000 men, not counting the women and children. Jesus asks you and me, "What do you have?" "Give it to me." What happens... A God-size miracle!

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,  
 Pastor Robb

## Looking Ahead in December

- December 1-8 Week of Prayer for International Missions
- December 1 *Advent of Hope*
- December 3 7:00 pm Church Council
- December 8 *Advent of Love*  
12:00 pm Deacon/Wife Banquet  
6:00 pm Business Meeting
- December 9 12:00 pm Bloodmobile
- December 11 5:30 pm Christmas Dinner  
7:00 pm Community Youth Night  
@ Thiebaud
- December 12 9:00 am Crafters
- December 13 4:30 pm YAH Outing
- December 14 8:00 am Random Acts of Kindness,  
Gift Wrapping at Wal-Mart
- December 15 *Advent of Joy*
- December 18 6:30 pm Youth Christmas Party
- December 22 *Advent of Peace*  
10:15 am Adult Choir Presentation  
Receive Lottie Moon Offering  
No Evening Service
- December 24 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service  
Lord's Supper
- December 25 Christmas - Office Closed
- December 29 No Evening Service
- December 31 New Year's Eve

## Annual Churchwide Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 11th  
5:30 pm

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

**Community Youth Night**  
Wednesday, December 11th  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
@ Thiebaud

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

John McDonald David Banwart Bert Phipps Scott Divine  
Althea VanDeMark Eugene Stump Donald Noll Mae Cooper

## EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Eileen Ward, mother of Jolene LeeMasters  
Marty Collier, member of Grace Place Justin Weis, friend of Linda Gardner  
Elnora Fast, grandmother of Jennifer Beem  
Elizabeth Banwart, cousin of David & Peggy Banwart  
Mabel Bryant, aunt of Chastity O'Neal  
Troy Onstott, grandson of Ed & Brenda Onstott  
Dallas Beem, father of Darin Beem Fred Plain, brother of Sheila Stevens  
Jessica Querry, sister-in-law of Kerri Beshore Renee Whitley, sister of Alan Ray

## 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

## 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, our Facebook Page, & our Website.

## Random Acts of Kindness Gift Wrapping @ Walmart

Saturday, December 14th  
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 tissue paper, labels, bows & tape would be appreciated. If you have any questions please contact Sue Ann Noll.



## January Homebound

Juanita Johnson

## Looking Ahead in January

- January 1 *New Year's Day* - Office Closed
- January 5 6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
- January 7 1:15 pm YAH Council  
7:00 pm Church Council
- January 9 9:00 am Crafters
- January 10 OPBA Annual Men's Wild Game
- January 12 6:00 pm Business Meeting
- January 16 12:00 pm Ladies Luncheon  
7:00 pm OPBA Executive Board Mtg. @ Mt. Nebo
- January 19 Sanctity of Life Sunday  
*Baptist Men's Day*  
8:30 am Men's Family Breakfast
- January 21 5:00 pm YAH Meeting
- January 26 5:00 pm Winter Games, Chili Cook-Off & Pie Contest  
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
- January 29 7:00 pm Community Youth Night @ FBC Lamar

## YAH Meeting

Tuesday, January 21st @ 5:00 pm

*Meal:* Soups & Salads

*Program:* Robb & Denise will share about their trip to "The Ark Encounter" in Kentucky

YAH Council will provide the soup  
Everyone else please bring a side

## Lottie Moon Offering

Goal: \$12,000  
Sunday, December 22nd

## Community Youth Night

Wednesday, January 29th  
7:00 pm  
Here @ FBC



## Baptist Men's Day Breakfast

Sunday, January 20th  
8:30 am  
For Men & their Families

## December Homebound



Juanita Johnson, LaDean Lawrence, Mary Walker,  
Velma Miller, Maxine Francis, Phyllis Morris,  
Junior Garringer, Dorothy Roberts, George & Pat Sheat

## PRAYER WARRIORS

Teacher gifts for December need to be in the church office by Wednesday, December 11th. Gifts for January will need to be in the Church Office by Wednesday, January 8th.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!  
THANK YOU!**

Thank you to our church family for your participation in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, 308 shoeboxes were filled by individuals and during the Youth Packing Party. Each child receives a shoebox will have an opportunity to hear about God and His love for them. Please continue to pray for these children.

Thank you also for the volunteers that helped during Collection Week, as our church served as a drop-off sight. There were 1338 shoeboxes dropped off, packed into shipping cartons and delivered to Joplin to begin their journey to children all over the world.

## Ladies' Luncheon

Thursday, January 16th

12:00 pm

Come & Go

Amanda Livingston's Home (1805 Lakeview Dr.)

*Menu:* White Chicken Chili, Cornbread, Dessert

## OPBA Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, January 16th

7:00 pm

@ Mt. Nebo

## Vital Signs for November, 2019

Average Attendance for November

Morning Worship - 259

Sunday School - 170

Small Groups - 61

Community Thanksgiving Service - 337

Treasurer's Report for November 2019 Business Meeting

Total Income: \$30,923.22

Total Expenditures: \$45,498.07