

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

Church Phone..... 682-3538
 Fax Number..... 682-3539
 Church Web Site..... www.fbclamar.org
 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 1:30 pm



**FOR APRIL
 MONDAY
 April 27**

**The Church Office will be closed Friday, April 10th
 in observation of Good Friday.**

**Sunday Morning Worship will be live on our
 Facebook page
 www.facebook.com/firstbaptistchurchoflamar**

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, April 7th

Church Council @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 26th

Deacon's Meeting @ 6:00 pm



April 13th
 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 2020. 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 10th

7:00 pm

At First Christian Church

Helping Hands - Healing Hearts

If you would like to volunteer to help with shopping or deliveries for the Homebound contact Brenda Stewart at 214-5445.

If you know of someone that needs assistance, with travel, grocery shopping, or other services, please call the church office at 417-682-3538 or if God brings someone to your mind, please let us know.

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

As I am writing this article, I must admit I feel we have entered uncharted waters and whatever decision we make can come under scrutiny and criticism. As your staff and ministers, we continue to keep close tabs on the conditions and requirements associated with this virus and its concerns. There are a plethora of information and not all of it consistent with each other. Our deacon and organizational leadership is communicating weekly, (sometimes daily), discussing and giving advice to our next steps. We take the decision process seriously and with the utmost sensitivity to God's word, the Holy Spirit's direction, and our membership in mind. We are trying to keep our Website and Facebook post up-to-date, so please check it daily.

I realize that as I write this and the time you receive it, things could have changed completely. According to "News Break" as of today, Monday, March 23, 2020, there is a state mandate of no more than 10 gathering for any event, including religious. This mandate is scheduled to end Monday morning, 12:00 AM on April 6. Our plans were to come together for worship on Sunday, April 5. Those plans will be revisited.

We are activating a ministry, "Helping Hands, Healing Hearts." If you or someone you know is in need of travel, grocery shopping, or other service, please call the church office at 417-682-3538 or my cell phone, 417-682-8815. The church is not the building. The church is the people and we are here for each other.

Lastly, please pray for your ministerial staff, all the volunteers ready to assist you. Pray, asking God to bring a quick end to this crisis. Pray that God's Spirit would give us the motivation to share the Good News.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
 Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- April 4 7:00 am Young Christians Weekend
- April 7 7:00 pm Church Council
- April 10 *Good Friday*
Church Office Closed
7:00 pm Good Friday Services
@ First Christian Church
- April 12 *Easter*
No Evening Services
- April 13 Bloodmobile 12:00 pm
- April 16 12:00 pm Ladies' Luncheon TBA
- April 19 5:30 pm Small Groups
- April 21 5:00 pm YAH Meeting
- April 26 3:00 pm Maple Senior Living Service
3:00 pm OPBA Evangelism Conference .

Prayer Warrior Banquet

Postponed
Date TBA

OPBA Evangelism Conference

Sunday, April 26th
3:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Here @ FBC
Guest Speaker: Brad Bennett, MBC
A light meal will be served

VBS Save the Date



July 12th-16th

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Noel Grigery La Dean Lawrence Laura Hammons Carlee Phipps
Brian Gilbert Laurann Robertson Pat & George Sheat

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Steve & Conie Lawless, grandchildren of Jane & Jerry Houghton
Josie Chairez, great niece of Brenda Onstott
Terry Hartline, husband of Carol Hartline
Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts
Melissa Fanning, friend of Jennifer Beem
John Bauer, brother-in-law of Ed & Brenda Onstott
Marty Collier, member of Grace Place
Justin Weis, friend of Linda Gardner
Elizabeth Banwart, cousin of David & Peggy Banwart
Noah Mason, cousin of Belinda Shoff Dallas Beem, father of Darin Beem
Fred Plain, brother of Sheila Stevens
Renee Whitley, sister of Alan Ray
Jessica Querry, sister-in-law of Kerri Beshore

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Richard Jones - Army, son of Dwayne & Linda Jones
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 & 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

Young Christians Weekend

Saturday, April 4th
@ 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

Ladies' Luncheon

Thursday, April 18th
12:00 pm
TBA

Youth & Outreach

Let your worship drown out your worry.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?" (Matthew 6:25 NIV).

Dear First Family,

God is the source of everything you need to live. He is the Good Shepherd who feeds, leads, and meets your needs. You don't have to look anywhere else. You don't have to look to Wall Street. You don't have to look to the government. You don't have to look to your spouse, your individual retirement account, your Social Security, or your job.

If you're going to put your security in something, you need to put it in something that can never be taken from you. You can lose your health. You can lose your job. You can lose your good looks. You can lose your family. You can lose your life. You can lose your mind. You can even lose your way.

God, however, is never lost. And there is nothing you need that God can't supply. Philippians 4:19 says, *"God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus"* (ESV).

So why do we worry so much? Worry may be the most common sin on the planet. It is the direct result of forgetting that **God is good all the time**. You can pray, or you can panic. If you're not praying, you're panicking. You can worry, or you can worship. If you're not worshipping, you're worrying. As soon as you invite worship in the front door, worry goes out the back door. The Bible says, *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?"* (Matthew 6:25 NIV).

Clearly, God doesn't want you worrying about anything. Yet it's hard for all of us to stop the worry habit. It's just in our nature!

The best place to start is prayer. Once you've recognized how worry keeps you from the goodness of God and you've decided that you don't want it to get the best of you, you can take things to God in prayer instead.

To God be the Glory,
Chris Roth

FLOC Special Offering

Received on the next Sunday we are
able to gather for Worship
Goal: \$100,000

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Sunday, April 26th
10:15 am Service
Church Goal: \$10,000



YAH Meeting Birthday Bash

Tuesday, April 21st
Menu: Potluck
Please bring a wrapped
White Elephant Gift

Vital Signs for March, 2020

Average Attendance for March
Morning Worship - 259
Sunday School - 153
Evening Worship - 23
Small Groups - 57

Treasurer's Report for March 2020 Business Meeting
Total Income: \$52,795.89
Total Expenditures: \$51,394.99