

The Vision
First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
 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
 On-line Giving available
 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 JUNE
FRIDAY
June 26

Sunday Morning Worship will be live on our
 Facebook page
www.facebook.com/firstbaptistchurchoflamar
Online Giving is available on our website
www.fbclamar.org

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, June 2

YAH Council @ 1:15 pm
 Church Council @ 7:00 pm

FLOC Special Offering

We will receive this offering Sunday, June 7.
 Please pray about what God
 would have you give.
 Goal: \$100,000

**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 help fill shoeboxes.

Since we have been staying at home due to the coronavirus, the church-wide collections will be held during the summer from May through August. The following items are needed:
bars of soap, toothbrushes, hair brushes, boxes of bandages, small plastic cups, 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.

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.

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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Faith, Family and Fireworks 3

Friday, July 3
 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

5:00 pm Car & Tractor Show Registration begins (no entry fee)
 6:00 - 8:00 pm Car Show sponsored by O'Reilly Auto Parts
 Antique Tractor Show sponsored by Lamar Bank & Trust
 6:00 pm Free Hot Dogs, Chips & Water
 9:00 pm Firework Display

Free Bouncy House, Pony & Wagon Rides, Face Painting, Shaved Ice,
 Mini Train Rides & Obstacle Course



Vacation Bible School

July 12 - 16

Meal @ 5:30 pm VBS @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Please be in prayer for all those involved with VBS.



Food Needs for VBS :

40 lbs. Hamburger	5 lbs. shaved Ham	5 lbs. shaved Turkey
4 large jars of grape jelly	85 bananas	18 bags of grapes
50 lbs. Tater Tots	26 Sandwich Loaves Bread	5 gal. Whole Dill Pickles
14 Lg. Bags Fritos	19 lbs. of baby carrots	14 Large bags Potato Chips
1-3 lb. tub Butter	8 Lg. bottles Ketchup	1 Lg. Jar Miracle Whip
4 Lg. Bottles Ranch Dressing		4 large jars peanut butter
15 lbs. Shredded Cheddar Cheese		
10 lbs. sliced Cheese (not individually wrapped)		

You may sign up in the Gathering Area or contact the Church Office @ 682-3538

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

We are completing a month of stay at home and social distancing order. I hope that you are safe, healthy, and excited about all that God is doing with and through His church during these days. I am sure you will agree that we have experienced frustration, concern, challenges, and changes, which will incorporate themselves to our "new normal."

As we approach the end of May, we look forward to the fact that beginning in June most of our regular activities will begin again. I am specifically talking about Graded Sunday School, with students from birth to our "chronologically advanced." There will be new features and ministries available to us as we work through Live-stream and other additions coming out of our recent experiences.

Two aspects that have not changed in all this. One, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the central focus of our efforts and energies. There is still only one way to the Father and that is through Jesus Christ. The good news is Jesus has made a way for us.

Second, our love for one another. If anything has become crystal clear in all of this is that we desperately need each other. When Jesus gave the new commandment, "love one another" to His disciples, He did so knowing that they would need each other more than they realized. Today, I know that I need you and I love you. By this, the world will know that we are His disciples. As we continue our journey into our New Normal... we do so together!

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
 Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- Jun 2 1:15 pm YAH Council
7:00 pm Church Council
- Jun 3 6:30 pm Youth at the Park
- Jun 8 12:00 pm Bloodmobile
- Jun 10 5:30 pm BLAST resumes
6:30 pm Youth at the Park
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study resumes
- Jun 14 10:15 am Baby Dedication
11:45 am VBS Meeting & Meal
- Jun 16 5:00 pm Young at Heart
- Jun 17 5:30 pm BLAST
6:30 pm Youth at the Park
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study
- Jun 21 Father's Day/Baptist Men's Day
- Jun 24 5:30 pm BLAST
6:30 pm Youth at the Park
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study
- Jun 28 9:00 am Graduate/Churchwide Breakfast
10:15 am Graduate Recognition
Youth Led Service
5:00 pm Graduation

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Carol Melton Charlie Barnes Ed Onstott Laura Hammons
Carlee Phipps Brian Gilbert Dean Westbay

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Karen Hardy, mother of Todd King
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
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
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
Vacation Bible School

VBS Training Session

June 14th
11:30 -2:30

Lunch provided

There is only one training session this year. Please make plans to attend. This is for teachers, assistants, rotation leaders, preschool guides, hospitality crew, & security.

Our Deepest Sympathies To:

Sheila & Gary Stevens in the loss of her brother,
Fred Plain.

George Sheat & family in the loss of Pat Sheat.

Lynn & Keith Divine in the loss of her brother,
Mike Berry

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Church Goal: \$10,000
Amount Received: \$5,555

Youth & Outreach

Freedom

Romans 6:5-6

For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin.

Dear First Family,

It seems as if a lot of our freedoms over the past 6-8 weeks have been taken away. I have felt many times almost as if I am in jail or captivity.

When Eve accepted Satan's offer of greater independence from God, do you think she experienced more freedom? The answer is obvious. She, Adam, and the entire human race became enslaved to sin from that point forward. What looked like a great deal ended in deadly bondage. Although Christ has set believers free from slavery to sin, we, like Eve, oftentimes long for the "freedom" to do what we want. But whenever we give in to sinful desires, we're behaving like slaves instead of living as free children of God. He's given us the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to say no to sin if we'll just yield to His leadership.

The consequences of reverting to our old ways are devastating. We'll sink deeper into bondage to sin, lose

the peace and joy of fellowship with Christ, grieve the Holy Spirit, and find ourselves under the disciplining hand of the Father. We can also miss out on the blessing of helping to advance His kingdom—by falling into the hypocrisy of living like the world, we ruin our testimony because there's no discernible benefit to having a relationship with God. Our unsaved friends, relatives, and co-workers are watching. Unless they see a difference between us and themselves, why would they want our Savior?

If Satan whispers in your ear that the Lord's limitations are depriving you of something good, remember what happened to Eve in the book of Genesis. Liberty to do whatever we want is slavery to self and sin. Only when we live within the Father's protective boundaries can we experience the freedom Christ purchased for us.

Faith, Family, and Fireworks is just around the corner (July 3rd). Even though this event is a family oriented church event, there are also going to many people here that haven't had the opportunity to experience true freedom in Christ. I want to encourage each of you to be praying for this event. Specifically, I want to encourage you to be praying that God will give you the opportunity to share His freedom to someone who is still enslaved in sin.

To God be the Glory,
Chris Roth

YAH Meeting

Tuesday, June 16 @ 5 pm

Fish & Chicken Fry

A - J Bring Salad

K - R Bring Vegetable

S - W Bring Dessert

We are looking forward to getting back together for a time of fellowship!

Welcome New Members

Ragan Chaney, Chance Moore,
Bernie & Val Waggoner

These individuals will participate in the ordinance of Baptism Sunday, June 7.

Sunday School Resumes!

Sunday, June 7 @ 9 am

This is also SS Promotion Sunday

All students will be promoting to the next grade level class. Your teachers are looking forward to seeing you again!

Hey Kids

BLAST RESUMES!

Join us Wed., June 10 - July 8
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Vital Signs for May, 2020

Average Attendance for May
Morning Worship - 200
Sunday School - 0
Evening Worship - 0

Treasurer's Report for April, 2020
Total Income: \$32,868.89
Total Expenditures: \$30,873.67

GRADUATE RECOGNITION & YOUTH LED SERVICE

Sunday, June 28 or July 26

Churchwide Breakfast @ 9:00 am

Youth Led Service @ 10:15 am

Our entire church family is invited to celebrate and honor our graduating seniors for breakfast and card shower. Sunday School will be dismissed.

CELEBRATE



J.D. Bishop Donte Stahl
Travis Noyes Gillian Watts
Whitten O'Neal Olivia Smoots
Cody Gilbertson

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES

Nicholas Ray, Bachelor of Science in Education
Megan N. Reavley, Associate of Applied Science
in Dental Hygiene