

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

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am  
 Small Groups @ 5:30 pm (1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sunday)

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**STAFF**

Church Phone..... 682-3538  
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 Online giving available  
 Dr. Robert Hodson, Pastor..... 681-0393  
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 Worship Leader & Family Ministries  
 Chris Roth, Youth & Outreach Director..... 214-0233  
 Pam Caruthers, 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 24th**



**School Starts August 24th**

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

**YOUTH NEWS:**

**Pool Party At The Park**  
 Wednesday, August 5th  
 6:00 pm

**Community Youth Night**  
**Jeremy's Creek/Mother Tucker's Pizza**  
 Wednesday, August 12th  
 6:00 pm  
 Foot Golf

**NO Youth**  
 Wednesday, August 19th or 26th

**Free Back To School Haircuts**



Saturday, August 15th  
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Kids K-12th Grade  
 First Baptist Church

More Information to come



Monday, August 10th  
 12:00 pm  
 Fellowship Hall

**Ladies' Luncheon**

Thursday, August 20th  
 12:00 pm

Here @ FBC in the Fellowship Hall

Menu: Sandwiches, Chips, & Dessert



*To Know Christ and to  
 Make Him Known*



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**Free Movie @ The Plaza**

**"I Still Believe"**

Show Times:

Saturday, August 29th @ 3:00 pm  
 Sunday, August 30th @ 3:30 pm & 6:00 pm



*Please Invite Your Family, Friends, & Neighbors*

**Activities Resuming Wed., Sept. 2nd**

BLAST @ 5:30 pm  
 Choir @ 6:30 pm  
 Youth (upstairs) @ 7:00 pm  
 Adoration + Praise @ 7:15 am

**Vacation Bible School Update**

Concrete & Cranes  
 Building on the love of Jesus

We give thanks to God for another year of Vacation Bible School.

We prayed for children to teach and love...God gave us 166. Thank you Lord. We prayed for workers...God gave us 126+. Thank you Lord. The children learned so much and enjoyed being together again. Two children asked Jesus to be their Lord and Savior. Thank you Lord.

During a time of uncertainty, the church body moved together as one. Not one time did I hear anyone considering not having VBS. Thank you Lord for the plans you have for us. Plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us a hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

The kitchen team served 1,120 meals and lots of wonderful snacks. To quote one of the preschool children "we ate like a king" ☺

It's a beautiful thing to see the body of Christ work together. Each one using the gifts and abilities God has given them. The Bible was taught. The love of God showed through you. Now we trust that "He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6

Serving with you,  
 Debbie, Susan, Beth, Jennifer, Leena

## Looking Ahead

- Aug. 2 4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting  
5:30 pm Small Groups
- Aug. 4 Election Day  
1:15 pm YAH Council  
7:00 pm Church Council
- Aug. 5 6:00 pm Youth Pool Party @ the Park
- Aug. 9 5:30 pm Small Groups
- Aug. 10 12:00 pm Bloodmobile
- Aug. 12 6:30 pm Community Youth Night  
@ Jeremy's Creek/Mother Tucker's Pizza
- Aug. 15 9:00 am—Noon Free Haircuts
- Aug. 16 5:30 pm Small Groups
- Aug. 18 6:00 pm YAH Meeting
- Aug. 20 12:00 pm Ladies' Luncheon @ Here
- Aug. 23 7:00 pm Community Fair Service  
@ the square
- Aug. 24 Lamar Schools Start
- Aug. 26 Lamar Free Fair
- Aug. 27 Lamar Free Fair  
Team Meal  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Lamar Fair Booth
- Aug. 28 Lamar Free Fair  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Lamar Fair Booth
- Aug. 29 Lamar Free Fair  
12:00 pm -9:00 pm Lamar Fair Booth  
3:00 pm Free Movie @ the Plaza
- Aug. 30 3:30 pm Free Movie @ the Plaza  
6:00 pm Free Movie @ the Plaza  
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

George Sheat Sharon Ramey Dwayne Jones Oscar Bronson  
Laura Hammons Carlee Phipps Brian Gilbert Wayne Leavell

## EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Ronald Wilson, brother of Alan Ray  
Jack Noll, relative of Donald Noll  
Jim Schiltz, friend of Dean & Dorris Westbay  
Drew Woods, grandson of Harvey & Lorraine Vice  
Gloretta Rhodes, wife of Bro. Gordon Rhodes  
Beth Pettibon, friend of Barb & David Thrasher  
Josie Chairez, great niece of Brenda Onstott  
Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts  
Melissa Fanning, friend of Jennifer Beem  
Elizabeth Banwart, cousin of David & Peggy Banwart  
Noah Mason, cousin of Belinda Shoff  
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

## Youth & Outreach

Pressing On Through Troubled Times - Proverbs 16

Dear First Family,

Often times we have great ideas and sometimes even master plans for our lives. We can pray about things, ask for God's guidance and still end up following our own path and leaving God out of it.

We can all probably think of a time when we have carefully worked out a plan in great detail, even deciding how the future will unfold. My summer has been filled with some of the best laid out plans falling by the way side due to circumstances that I could not control. As I reflect on this past summer so far, it would be pretty easy to become frustrated. From a cancelled mission trip to Haiti, to unforeseen weather on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, to several youth camp cancelations, and even just trying to get my kids together on a Wednesday night has been a challenge. But as we learn, things do not always go as planned. Along the way some doors open while others may close. When doors close it is possible that God may have something completely different in mind. There is nothing wrong with planning and having dreams for the future but we must always be ready and flexible for God to change the direction along the way.

There are three main verses in Proverbs 16 that teach us how God is the one in complete control.

“We can make our own plans, but the Lord gives the right answer.” (Prov. 16:1)

This verse shows us that we cannot do things solely on our own strength because God is the one who gives us the ability to do all things. With Him we have the strength to move mountains.

“We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.” (Prov. 16:9)

Regardless of the plans we have or the path we see ourselves on, God needs to be the one directing our steps. In order for God to guide us we must put our faith in Him completely, no matter the circumstance.

“We may throw the dice, but the Lord determines how they fall.” (Prov. 16:33)

We may be the ones initiating things in various areas of our lives, but work apart from devotion or love of God is helpless and cannot stand alone.

We must put our full faith and trust in Him to lead us through our life. Ultimately God knows what is good for us and regardless of what path we decide to walk on, He is there to guide and love us along the way. No matter the storm or celebration we can take comfort in knowing that God is in control. It is my prayer that we as God's church don't become frustrated with “changed plans”, or the extra work it takes to make an event or a ministry successful. We must not grow weary and press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14)

To God be the Glory!

Chris Roth

## 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



## August Homebound

Phyllis Morris (Truman Healthcare)

## LAMAR FAIR BOOTH MINISTRY

Thursday, August 27 to Saturday, August 29

*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.

## Community Fair Service

Sunday, August 23rd

7:00 pm

At the West side of Lamar Square

Alternate weather location FBC Lamar

## Vital Signs for July, 2020

Average Attendance for July  
Morning Worship - 212  
Sunday School - 140  
Small Groups - 53