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Sunday Worship Times
 Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
 Evening Worship @ 7:00 pm (2nd & 4th)

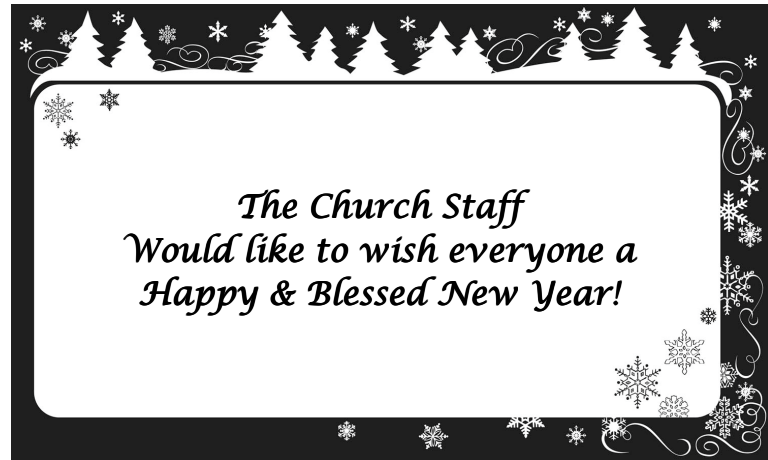
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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 Pam Caruthers, Secretary
 Gina Reed, Secretary
 Staci King, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

Church Office Hours
 Monday-Thursday
 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
 Friday
 8:00 am - Noon
Staff Meeting
 Monday 1:30 pm



For February
MONDAY
January 25th



*The Church Staff
 Would like to wish everyone a
 Happy & Blessed New Year!*

*The Church Office will be closed
 Friday, January 1st.*

Coloring Ministry
 (Sponsored by Random Acts of Kindness)

Wednesday, Jan. 27th
@ 1:00 pm
Sowers & Reapers Classroom



Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, January 12th

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

Sunday, January 24th
Deacon's Meeting @ 6:00 pm



CRAFTERS

Thursday, January 14th @ 10:30 am
Assembling Teacher Gifts for Delivery

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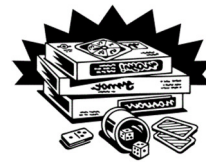
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*To Know Christ and to
 Make Him Known*



WELCOME 2021
It's a new Year!
New Opportunities for Service
Ask God to show
You ways to bless others



FBC's Winter Games & Chili/Soup Supper

Sunday, January 31st
5:00 pm



Join us for a warm bowl of homemade chili, soup, dessert & drink. No need to bring anything, just your appetite! We also invite you to bring your favorite card or board game as we gather for a time of games and fellowship. We'll have a room set up for movies for the younger kids. Bring your favorite Disney or Veggie Tale movie. You won't want to miss the Wii Bowling Tournament we will have going on. 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,

We are coming to the close of 2020, looking forward to a better 2021. I have never, in my life, experienced some of the things that happened in 2020. I will also add, I hope I we don't have to go through that again. The only hope, assurance we have is that God is sovereign and He is in control.

Most of us know and can quote Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purposes." So, what are the "good things" that has come out of 2020?

I have experienced more time to read, study, and reflect on my personal relationship with God and His calling on my life. Mornings have become more relaxed, enjoying the time with Denise over coffee. I have been challenged to rethink worship and sermon delivery due to "Live Streaming." Frustration with lock-down on hospital and nursing home visits has demanded more diligence with phone calls and texting. I have experienced God's healing hand and the work of God's people lifting one another up in prayer. Just a few of the "good things" that have come out of a Covid-19 infestation of our lives.

I encourage you to take a few minutes to write down your own personal "good things" that God has brought out of 2020.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
 Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- January 1 *New Year's Day*
Office Closed
- January 6 5:30 pm BLAST
7:00 pm Youth Resumes
- January 7 9:00 am Biblestudy Fellowship
- January 12 1:15 pm YAH Council Meeting
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
7:00 pm Audio / Visual Training
- January 13 7:15 pm Bells & Choir Resume
Prayer Warrior Gifts Due
- January 14 9:00 am Biblestudy Fellowship
10:30 am Crafters
6:30 pm WMU meeting @ Iantha
- January 21 9:00 am Biblestudy Fellowship
- January 24 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting
- January 27 1:00 pm Coloring Ministry
(Random Acts of Kindness)
- January 30 TBA VBS Preview Event
- January 31 5:00 pm Winter Games,
Chili / Soup Supper

WMU Meeting

Thursday, January 14th
6:30 pm
@ Iantha



January Homebound

Juanita Johnson- Truman Healthcare



PRAYER WARRIORS

Teacher gifts for January need to be in the Church Office by Wednesday, January 13th for delivery on Thursday, January 14th.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Sandy Bean Eugene Stump Ralph Stahl Sharon Ramey
Bonnie O'Neal Brian Gilbert George Sheat Linda Bronson

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Marva Stahl, friend of Laurann Robertson
Justin Weis, friend of Anna Voorhees Dennis Suiter, husband of Sherry Suiter
Doris Little, Cousin of John Lawrence Trixie, sister of LeeRoy Voorhees
Gloretta Rhodes, wife of Bro. Gordon Rhodes
Karen Hardy, mother of Todd King Beth Pettibon, friend of Barb/David Thrasher
Josie Chairez, great niece of Brenda Onstott
Melissa Fanning, friend of Jennifer Beem Renee Whitley, sister of Alan Ray
Elizabeth Banwart, cousin of David/Peggy Banwart
Jessica Querry, sister-in law of Kerri Beshore
Earl Johnson, stepdad of Sam LeeMasters

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Dylan Hill-Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska-son in law Darin& Jennifer Beem
Austin Potter - Marines, son of Dan & Tanya Potter
Richard Jones-Army, son of Dwayne & Linda Jones
Brandon Lipe - Norfolk, VA, 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
Nathan Davis-National Guard, husband of Sarah Davis

MISSION OUTREACH

Pastoral Staff Lamar's Unchurched Building Committee

(Prayer requests will be left in Bulletin for 3 weeks unless updated)

Family Ministries

Amanda and I would like to thank all of you for your generosity to our family this year and especially this Christmas. I can truly say that there has never been a time when I have felt unwelcome or unsupported by you. My prayer for this year is that we will continue to grow together, challenging each other to live out our faith in love and courage. To stand together as a church united, with the goal of reaching our community for the cause of Christ. I'm looking forward to another great year of worship; filled with powerful preaching, challenging Sunday school, exciting Youth and Children activities, and Christ centered music. I'll be praying for our

Small Groups and the fellowship shared as we live life together. This year we will remember the ones whom we have lost, love on the ones still here and reach out to the ones who have wandered off. This year we will mend broken relationships and be willing to forgive. This year we will give when the Lord leads, and ask for help when our burdens seem overwhelming. This year we will smile and laugh more, sing louder, and tell our brothers/sisters how much we love them.

God Bless You All
Steve

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to our church family for your participation in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, 234 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 1272 shoeboxes dropped off, packed into shipping cartons and delivered to Joplin to begin their journey to children all over the world.

VBS Preview Training Event

January 30, 2021 at FBC

The VBS Preview Training Event is virtual this year (it is usually held in TX, TN and NC). We see this as a great opportunity for All VBS workers to come together at FBC to view this event. There will be 10 base sessions and about 20 electives that we will have access to. We have found these sessions to be very helpful and energizing! We need to know if YOU are interested in attending. There is a cost involved that the church will pay for, so if you sign up you need to show up. 😊 We want to be good stewards! If you have questions or would like to sign up, please call Debbie Marti at 417.483.7764 or Susan Ray at 417.214.2579.

Lottie Moon Offering

Goal: \$12,000

Received: \$ 12,695.00

YAH Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 12th

1:15 pm

FLOC Offering - Goal \$116,000

Received to Date- \$93,899.76

Reminder Of Inclement Weather Policy

If the schools dismiss early because of inclement weather, Preschool, 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 with this information.

Our Deepest Sympathy goes to these families in the

Loss of loved ones.

Larry Robertson ,Pam Kelly (Frida Leer) , Joe Roe,
Denise Hobson (aunt & cousin)
Sam LeeMasters grandfather
and Debbie Lehman (Jim Sealey), Thelma Lehman
(brother Gary Johnston), George Sheat Family

Vital Signs for December, 2020

Average Attendance for December
Morning Worship - 181
Sunday School - 118

Treasurer's Report for December 2020 Business Meeting
Total Income: \$ 39,378.80
Total Expenditures: \$ 39,553.55