

**The Vision**  
**First Baptist Church**  
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**Sunday Worship Times**  
 Morning Worship @ 10:15 am

Church office will be CLOSED Monday, May 31st

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**STAFF**

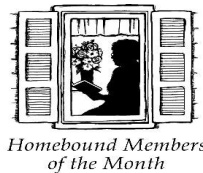
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**Church Office Hours**  
 Monday-Thurs.  
 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
 Fri. 8:00 am - Noon

**Staff Meeting**  
 Monday 1:30 pm



**FOR MAY**  
**Monday**  
**May 24**



MAY HOMEBOUND

Roberta Hampton

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Tuesday, May 4**

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

**Life Choices Baby Bottle Campaign**

May 9th-June 20th  
 Bottles available in Gathering area. Bless others  
 With your spare change.



**Thursday, May 6th**  
**11:45 - 12:30 pm**  
**@ Bandstand**  
**On Lamar Square**

**Donations for Operation Christmas Child Youth Packing Party**

It is time again to begin preparing for the Youth Operation Christmas Child Packing Party that will be held in October. A goal has been set for the youth to pack 100 shoeboxes. Church-wide collections will be held in May through September with specific items collected each month.

**May items: bars of soap, toothbrushes and boxes of bandages**

We need 100 of each item. Please bring the items to the church and put them in the tubs that will be provided.

Your participation in this ministry is very important for it to be successful and will allow our youth an opportunity to serve through a "hands-on" activity.

Later in the year individuals and families will have the opportunity to personally fill shoeboxes. It is our prayer that more children will have 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*



*The Vision*

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*Don't Miss a Single Sunday in May*

*Baby Dedication*

**Parent/ Baby Dedication**  
 Sunday, May 9th  
 10:15 am

Wyatt Stokley Aborn son of Ryan & Beth Aborn  
 Rayner Logan Means son of Ross & Taylor Means  
 Skylar Kale Regier daughter of Kale & Jennifer Regier

**YOUTH LED SERVICE & GRADUATE  
 RECOGNITION**  
 Sunday, May 23rd @ 10:15 am



**Lamar High School Graduates**

*Sydney Moore, Case Tucker, Carter Livingston, Delaney Potter  
 Jacob Mattox, Cade Griffith, Darcy McDonald, Mason Guinn,  
 Zane Reavley, Isaac Reed*

**College Graduates**

*Kip Roland—John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ar.—Entrepreneurship & Marketing  
 Tanner Phipps— Missouri State University, Springfield, Mo— Agriculture Business  
 Darrah Bartlett— Missouri State University, Springfield, Mo—Communication Sciences/*

*From the Pastor's Heart*

Dear First Family and Friends,

May is a special month and has many events you will want to participate in. If you will remember, Mother's Day last year was the first Sunday we started full worship together. I want to thank you for your encouragement, faithfulness, and support as we have traveled and are traveling through all the issues of Covid-19 and its stipulations. It has been a long process and we are still not fully back together, but we are getting there.

May is bringing us several events that you will want to participate in. May 6th is our National Day of Prayer. Our nation is in dire need of God's people praying. If you are able, please attend this event and join with our community to pray for our nation. We are meeting at the Bandstand, on the square at 11:45 am. May 9th is Mother's Day and Baby Dedication. You should have already received a letter of invitation. Please respond, if you have not done so already. May 23rd is our annual Senior Graduation Recognition and Youth Led Service. We have several key leaders graduating this year.

Lastly, I am asking for your prayers. May 11th I will have back surgery and will be out for 4-6 weeks. My prayer is to come back stronger than ever as we join together to accomplish all God has purposed us to do. I thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,  
 Pastor Robb

## Looking Ahead

- May 4 1:15 pm YAH Council  
7:00 pm Church Council
- May 6 11:45- 12:15 National Day of Prayer
- May 9 10:15 Mother's Day & Baby Dedication
- May 13 12:00 pm Ladies Luncheon
- May 18 5:30 pm YAH Meal / Movie Night
- May 20 6:00 pm Preschool Graduation / Dinner
- May 23 10:15 am Youth Led Service  
Grad. Recognition /LHS Graduation  
Baccalaureate 3:00 pm Graduation 5:00 pm
- May 26 1:00 pm R.A.K. Coloring Ministry
- May 31 Memorial Day- Office Closed



End of Year Celebration  
Thursday, May 20th  
6:00 pm.

### Baptist Hill Assembly's

#### Day Camp- June 5th, 2021

Theme: In Christ I Am

Ages: 3 year olds-Kindergarten (Fall)  
Cost: \$22.00 kids  
\$3.00 parents/adults  
Time: 8:45 am -3:00 pm

#### Intro-to-Camping June 18-19, 2021

Ages: K-2nd Completed by spring 2021  
Cost: \$32.00 per camper, registered by  
June 4th  
\$37.00 registered by June 14-18  
\$14.00 per adult/leader  
Time: Fri. 4:30 pm -Sat. 3:00 pm

For more info, contact church office.

### MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Brian Gilbert Mike Koehn Pastor Robb

Bonnie O'Neal Royce/ Sue Hines

Phyllis Morris Melanie Bruffet Roberta Hampton

### EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Josie Chairez, great niece of Brenda Onstott Traci Overman, friend of Kristi Gordon  
Melissa Fanning, friend of Jennifer Beem Gary Gordon, friend of Ron Sandberg  
Justin Weis, friend of Linda Gardner Rhonda Enochs, friend of Anna Voorhees  
Beth Pettibon, friend of Barb & David Thrasher  
Dwayne Sprouls, brother of Dwight Sprouls Linda Welch  
Gloretta Rhodes, wife of Bro. Gordon Rhodes  
Jessica Querry, sister-in-law of Kerri Beshore  
Rhonda Enochs, friend of Anna Voorhees Becky Howell, Friend of Teresa Roberts  
Tom Laepple, nephew of Roberta Hampton  
Gloretta Rhodes, wife of Bro. Gordon Rhodes

### MILITARY PERSONNEL

Dylan Hill-Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, son in law of Darin & Jennifer Beem  
Caleb Stevens-USAF Las Vegas, NV, son of Gary & Shelia Stevens  
Richard Jones - Army, son of Dwayne & Linda Jones  
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  
Nathan Davis-National Guard, husband of Sarah Davis

### MISSION OUTREACH

Pastoral Staff Lamar's Unchurched Building Committee

### VBS Save the Date



July 11th-15th

### Ladies' Luncheon

Thursday, May 13th 12:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Menu: Lasagna Soup, Caesar Salad  
& Dessert

## Family Ministries

Like many who find joy and encouragement in music, especially music written with the intention of glorifying God and edifying His people, I often find myself singing a song in most difficult of times. Songs like "Great is Thy Faithfulness", "It Is Well With My Soul, and "10,000 Reasons", have helped to bring countless saints to a proper perspective in the midst of suffering. These songs elevate and transport our souls to a place where we may find the faith to look past our sorrow and see the Grace of God working in our lives. It is here where we find joy in suffering, hope in despair and perseverance in testing. Here we find the strength to proclaim in agreement with Paul:

**"But He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Corinthians 12:9).**

One of my favorite songwriters is Matt Maher. His song; "Alive and Breathing" is a song that is of great encouragement to me. The chorus proclaims:

**"Joy still comes in the morning, Hope still walks with the hurting  
If you're still alive and breathing, Praise the Lord**

**Don't stop dancing and dreaming, There's still good news worth repeating  
So lift your head and keep singing, Praise the Lord"**

What's your song of encouragement? Be sure to thank God for songwriters, and for inspiring them to write songs that fill our hearts with hope and joy.

Steve

### Family Life Outreach Center Update

**Sprouls Construction** has begun construction of the Family Life Outreach Center. Construction will proceed as funds allow. Please continue to be in Prayer & support for the project.

Offering Received to Date:

\$483,121.72

The two CD's approximate total is

\$234,990.00

### YAH Meeting

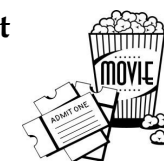
Tuesday, May 18th @ 5:30 pm

Meal & Movie Night

Meal Provided: Breakfast

Showing: "Like Arrows"

Accepting donations for  
Ronald McDonald House.



If you have a College Graduate that we can  
Recognize in May,  
Please let the church office know.

### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Church Goal: \$10,000

Amount Received: \$13,695.00

### Vital Signs for April, 2021

Average Attendance for April  
Sunday School - 142  
Morning Worship Service-255

Treasurer's Report for March 2021 Business Meeting  
Total Income: \$41,396.94  
Total Expenditures: \$43,736.88