

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

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**STAFF**

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 Chris Roth, Youth & Outreach Director..... 214-0233  
 Pam Caruthers, Secretary  
 Gina Reed, Secretary  
 Staci King, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

**Church Office Hours**  
 Monday-Thurs  
 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
 Fridays 8-noon

**Staff Meeting**  
 Monday 1:30 pm



**FOR APRIL  
 MONDAY  
 April 26**

The Church Office will be closed Friday, April 2nd  
 in observation of Good Friday.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Tuesday, April 6th**  
 Church Council @ 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, April 20th**  
 YAH Meeting @ 5:00 pm

**Sunday, April 25th**  
 Deacon's Meeting @ 4:00 pm



**April 26th**  
 12:00 -6:00 pm  
 FBC Fellowship Hall



**April Homebound**  
**Dwayne & Linda Jones**

**Prayer Warrior Banquet**

**Monday March 29th**  
 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall



**Come Meet the Person that  
 You've prayed for this school  
 Year.**


**Meal : Pork Loin,  
 Salmon, Brisket, Sides & Cheesecake**

**Entertainment:**

**Mike Bliss-Illusionist**

**Sign-Up sheets are in the Gathering  
 Area Or Call the Church Office.**

*To Know Christ and to  
 Make Him Known*



*The Vision*

*March 24, 2021  
 Volume 14, Issue 3*

*Celebrate Our Risen Savior*  
**Good Friday Community Service @ First Baptist Lamar**  
*Friday April 2, 7:00 pm.*



**EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 4th @ 10:15 am**

**Special Music presented by Lorraine Vice  
 & The Sanctuary Choir**  
**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: Goal-\$10,000**

Check out our Morning Worship Service  
 Now being live streamed

On YouTube, Facebook Look for the link  
 On our Webpage @ fbclamar.org

*From the Pastor's Heart*

Dear First Family and Friends,

This coming Sunday begins the Christian Festival known as Pas-  
 sion Week. There are several events recorded in the gospels that occur  
 during this last week of Jesus' incarnation. It begins with Jesus coming  
 into Jerusalem, hailed as King, the Son of David. Other noticeable  
 events in random order, the cleansing of the temple, the last supper and  
 institution of the Lord's supper, washing the disciples feet, garden pray-  
 er, betrayal, trial, whipping, crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. What  
 a week!

This was why "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Cel-  
 ebrating what Christ has done on our behalf, paying the price for our  
 sin, redeeming us, we look forward to His return as King of kings and  
 Lord of lords.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,  
 Pastor Robb

## Looking Ahead

- April 1 10:00 am FBC & 123's Preschool Easter Program Livestream  
1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- April 2 7:00 pm Good Friday Service @ FBC
- April 4 10:15 am Easter Sunday Service
- April 6 7:00 pm Church Council
- April 7 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- April 8 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- April 14 6:30 pm Women's Bible study
- April 15 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- April 18 7:00 pm Toby Mac Concert Barco Drive In Theater
- April 20 5:00 pm YAH Meeting
- April 21 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- April 22 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- April 25 4:00 pm Deacons Meeting
- April 26 12:00 -6:00 pm Blood Mobile
- April 28 1:00 pm Coloring Ministry

Annie Armstrong Offering Received to Date:  
\$2795.00 Goal: \$10,000

 Our Deepest Sympathy to:

John Bary in the loss of his sister  
Kathy Bary

The family of Gailand Johnston  
The Family of Bill Phipps

## VBS Save the Date



July 11th-15th

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Peggy Banwart Bonnie O'Neal Royce / Sue Hines  
Brian Gilbert Melanie Bruffett Pastor Robb  
Mike Koehn Oscar/ Linda Bronson

### EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Josie Chairez, great niece of Brenda Onstott  
Melissa Fanning, friend of Jennifer Beem  
Linda Welch  
Justin Weis, friend of Anna Voorhees  
Elizabeth Banwart, cousin of David & Peggy Banwart  
Gary Gordon, friend of Lynnann & Ron Sandberg  
Roger McCaslin, nephew of Denzil Voorhees Dennis Suiter, husband of Sherry Suiter  
Gloretta Rhodes, wife of Bro. Gordon Rhodes  
Beth Pettibon, friend of Barb & David Thrasher  
Dwayne Sprouls, brother of Dwight Sprouls  
Terri Fowler Limberg, friend of Laurann Robertson  
Jessica Querry, sister-in-law of Kerri Beshore

### 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 & Sheila 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

**FBC'S & 123'S**  
Christian Preschool

### Live Stream Preschool Easter Program

Thursday April 1st, @ 10:30 am.  
Accepting applications for Fall Enrollment.

### YAH Meeting

(55 & older)

Tuesday, April 20th @ 5:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Meal & Movie Night: "Like Arrows"

## Youth & Outreach

Dear First Family,

A few years back, I did something unkind to my wife. It was a hot summer day, we had been outside working with the horses in the barn, and we had just come inside out of the heat. As she came into the house, she claimed the last Diet Coke in the refrigerator. I asked her to share it with me, but she refused. Later, when she was distracted, I decided to help myself to a few sips of the ice cold diet coke. She immediately noticed and was upset. I knew it was wrong, so I apologized and expected her to say, "That's OK. It's not a big deal." But to my surprise, it was a really big deal to her. That was the last Diet Coke! It took her a long time to get over it. To this day she still keeps one Diet Coke hidden in the refrigerator so I can't find it. It's her emergency stash! It seems silly now, but for the longest time, all I wanted was for her to forget about the "swiped" Diet Coke and forgive me.

Looking back, I shouldn't have been critical of her being upset. Even though I didn't think it was a big deal, it was to her. I often find myself doing the same thing. Someone will do something that hurts my feelings, and it takes me a long time to get over it. Sometimes the person doesn't even realize they've offended me. But I can hold on to the hurt and let it hinder a relationship with someone I love.

The Bible says we can't let that happen. Life is all about relationships, and because we humans are not perfect, even people who love us are going to hurt us.

The question is, "How will we respond when we get hurt?"

Colossians 3:13a says, "Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you." The first thing to do is understand that even the godliest people we know aren't perfect. They do things we might not think are right. If and when that happens, we're to be gracious and loving and explain to that person why we're offended. The verse then says to forgive anyone who offends us. That's very straightforward, and most of us who read this passage would understand that it's not just good advice; it's a command. God expects us to forgive each other. Knowing we should forgive someone doesn't make it any easier, especially when it's something that really stings.

My usual response is, "I can forgive a lot of things, but I can't forgive that!" The second half of Colossians 3:13 has the perfect answer: "Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." God has forgiven us, and not just for the small, insignificant things — He forgave us everything. Jesus died on the cross to forgive every offense you and I have ever committed against God or our fellow humans. If we've accepted Jesus as our Savior, God has already forgiven us, without hesitation or exceptions.

Whatever we've done and whatever our motivation was, He forgives us. And He expects us to do the same.

I don't know about you, but it's just not in my human nature to forgive sometimes. I need the Holy Spirit to take over my life to help me to forgive like Jesus. And when I do, I see the benefits: Not only do I experience God's forgiveness more fully, but also I enjoy relationships without being hindered by the hard feelings that come from holding a grudge.

That's why God wants us to forgive others — not just for their benefit, but for ours as well.

To God be the Glory,  
Chris Roth

Welcome New Members: Kathryn & Tom Doyle

### Family Life Outreach Center Update

At Business Meeting the church voted to begin construction. Construction will proceed as funds allow. The Building Committee was given the authority to accept the best bid to begin work on the project. **Sprouls Construction** was chosen as contractor for the Family Life Outreach Center. Please continue to be in prayer & support for the project.

Total **FLOC** Offering Received to Date:  
\$444,172.74

Random Acts of Kindness

**Coloring Ministry**

Wed. Mar. 31st

@1:00 pm.

Sowers & Reapers Classroom



### Vital Signs for March, 2021

Average Attendance for March  
Morning Worship - 224  
Sunday School - 133  
Small Groups - 38

Treasurer's Report for February 2021 Business Meeting  
Total Income: \$39,093.89  
Total Expenditures: \$36,809.30