

The Vision
First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am

Church Office CLOSED Monday, July 5th

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF

Church Phone..... 682-3538
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 Online giving available
 Dr. Robert Hodson, Pastor..... 681-0393
 Steve Livingston..... 225-2821
 Worship Leader & Family Ministries
 Chris Roth, Youth & Outreach Director..... 214-0233
 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
 Fridays
 8:00 am—Noon
Staff Meeting
 Monday 1:30 pm



FOR JULY
MONDAY
July 26th



Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, July 6th

Yah Council Meeting @ 1:15 pm

Sunday, July 25th

Deacon's Meeting @ 4:00 pm

Collision Youth @ The Park

Wednesday, July 7th

6:30 pm

(Shelter House #3 by the Tennis Courts)

There will be food, games, and devotional time.

Bring your friends for a time of
 Bible Study & Fellowship.

**Operation Christmas Child Youth
 Packing Party**

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. The Packing Party will be held in October.

July items: small toys

Ideas for small Toys-----

| <i>Girls</i> | <i>Boys</i> | <i>Both</i> |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| jump rope | Yoyo | puzzles |
| jacks | small ball | card games |
| paper dolls | cars | harmonica |
| craft kits | lego type toys | kazoo |

A goal has been set for the youth to pack 100 shoeboxes and we need 100 small toys. Please bring the items to the church and put them in the tubs that will be provided.

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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Bingo
 Under the tent

Faith, Family, & Fireworks 4 Everyone

Saturday, July 3rd

6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

5:00 pm Car Show Registration Begins (no entry fee)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Car Show Sponsored by O'Reilly Auto Parts

6:00 pm: Free Hot Dogs, Chips, & Water

7:00 pm Farnum Family Bluegrass

9:00 pm: Fireworks Display



Golf Cart rides
 Available from
 Parking area to
 event

Destination DIG

"UNEARTHING THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS" - Jeremiah 29:13

Vacation Bible School

July 11th-15th

Meal @ 5:30 pm

VBS @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Please be in prayer for all those involved with VBS.

You are invited to join us Thursday evening @7:00 pm for our
 Closing Worship Rally.



Thank you to those who have donated food for VBS each night. There are a few items left, if you would like to help.

You may sign up in the Gathering Area or contact the Church Office

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

The month of June is quickly coming to a close and I would like to highlight a few special events. We celebrated our fifteenth year in this new facility. The testimonials and worship time was one to review several times. It is on Facebook and YouTube. If you were not here in worship, please take time to join us in worship through these avenues. We celebrated the Lord's Supper with passing the plates for the first time in over a year! To God be the Glory. We honored our First Family Fathers on Father's Day and had a challenging message from four men in our church. May and June saw the most we have ever received in a two-month span for our Family Life and Outreach Center. The footings are poured and we are on our way.

July is coming fast with a couple of special events that are going to need your help to be successful. Faith, Family, and Fireworks is July 3! This is our fourth annual event and could pose to be the biggest yet. All hands-on Deck! Chris, Steve, and the Recreation Committee are looking for volunteers that want to be Missionaries for a Day! God is calling you to respond. Quickly following that event is Vacation Bible School, not just for children anymore! Debbie, Susan, and their team has laid the foundation for a successful VBS. Your prayers and participation are welcome and needed for God to not only touch the hearts of children, but parents and adults too.

Lastly, let me once again thank everyone for your prayers, support, and encouragement during these past few weeks of my surgery and recovery. God bless you richly! As we move forward, may we keep our eyes focused on God, a tuned to His Spirit, confident to follow His leadership.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
 Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- July 3 6:00 –9:30 pm Faith, Family, & Fireworks 4
- July 4 Independence Day –Farnum Family Music Morning Worship
- July 5 Church Office closed
- July 6 1:15 pm YAH Council Meeting
- July 7 6:30 pm **Last Youth @ The Park**
- July 11 5:30 pm VBS Meal
6:00 pm VBS
- July 12 5:30 pm VBS Meal
6:00 pm VBS
- July 13 5:30 pm VBS Meal
6:00 pm VBS
- July 14 5:30 pm VBS Meal
6:00 pm VBS
- July 15 5:30 pm VBS Meal
6:00 pm VBS
7:00 pm VBS Family Night
- July 16 –19 OPBA Children/Middle School Camp
- July 25 4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
- July 27 5:30 pm YAH Meeting/Birthday Bash



MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Jane Houghton Nell Finley Thelma Lehman
Phyllis Morris Brian Gilbert Mike Koehn
Rebecca Emery Melanie Bruffett Pastor Robb

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Tom Buchanan, Rhonda Enochs, Justin Weis, friends of LeeRoy & Anna Voorhees
Traci Overman, friend of Kristi Gordon Linda Welch
Rachel Kailer, Granddaughter of Sam & Jolene Leemasters
Beth Pettibon, friend of Barb & David Thrasher
Richard Gloodt, father of Chastity O'Neal
Josie Chairez, great niece of Brenda Onstott
Jim Sorden, Dan Jenskins, Friends of Laurann Robertson
Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts
Melissa Fanning, friend of Jennifer Beem
Bekah Kinsey & Family, Daughter of Rosmarie McMullen
Beth Pettibon, friend of Barb & David Thrasher
Brett Simmons, grandson of Shelia Pugh Dwayne Sprouls, brother of Dwight Sprouls
Jessica Querry, sister-in-law of Kerri Beshore

MILITARY /1st RESPONDER PERSONNEL

Brian Jenkins-helicopter pilot, Germany, Grandson of Maxine Francis
Dylan Hill-Eielson Air Force base, Alaska-son in law of Darin & Jennifer Beem
Richard Jones - Army, son of Dwayne & Linda Jones
Caleb Stevens-USAFA Las Vegas, NV Son of Gary & Sheila Stevens
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

Youth / Outreach

Walking in Freedom

"I will walk in freedom, for I have devoted myself to your commandments."
- Psalm 119:45

Dear First Family,

As we approach the July 4th holiday, one of the things that comes to my mind is the celebration of freedom.

The Gospel is about walking in freedom—being freed from sin and every kind of bondage. That's why, early in His ministry, Jesus quoted Isaiah's Old Testament prophecy that He had been sent to "*set free those who are oppressed*" (Luke 4:18). Jesus made clear that this freedom begins with *our relationship with Him*.

Many Believers (and even non-Believers) quote Jesus as saying, "*You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.*" But we sometimes forget that there was a *condition* to this freedom. Jesus said this *only* is available to those who "*continue in my word,*" and to those who are "*truly disciples of Mine*" (John 8:31-32).

The Old Testament stresses this same principle. We read how the Psalmist could walk in freedom because he had "*devoted himself to your commandments,*" basing his life on God's Word.

Many in the world think that freedom means doing whatever they want., but the Bible urges us to remember that freedom begins with a loving, obedient relationship with God. He is our Creator, and He knows us better than we know ourselves. He desires to bless us physically and spiritually. He wants to enrich our lives in every way and free us from all fears and worries.

We only experience real freedom after we make Jesus our Lord, devote ourselves to God's Word, and are filled with the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to direct our lives.

Today, remember that "*the truth will set you free.*" You don't have to be dominated by sin or bad habits, worry or fear. Make Jesus your Lord. Renew your commitment to base your life on God's Word.

This is His plan to give you real freedom, real victory, and real peace. You can be confident and secure, guided by His wisdom.

July 3rd each of us will have an opportunity to share this freedom with our entire community. Through our words, deeds, and actions I pray that each of us will share a true freedom only found through a relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord!

To God be the Glory! Chris Roth



Parents Day Out!
Tuesdays & Thursdays
July 6th-29th
8:00 am –12:00 pm

Ages 4-10 (must be potty trained)
Cost: \$15.00 per child per day
More than 1 child per Household \$15 for 1st child \$10 for each additional child
Must register 3 days before Attending.

Bring your own snack

For more info call 417-214-4406

Welcome New Members

Tharran & Barb Gaines



HOMEBOUND

Junior & Laura Hammons

Vital Signs for June, 2021

Average Attendance for June
Morning Worship - 253
Sunday School - 145

Treasurer's Report for June 2021 Business Meeting

| | March | April | May |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Total Income: | \$41,396.94 | \$36,975.67 | \$40,812.10 |
| Total Expenditures: | 43,736.88 | 51,053.88 | 34,710.57 |
| Net Income | \$-2,339.94 | \$-14,078.21 | \$6,101.53 |



Our Deepest Sympathy to these families in
The loss of loved ones:

Harold VanDeMark
Gerry Garrett
Saundra Moore
Jeanie Leavell
Keith Divine