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Sunday Worship Times Morning Worship @ 10:15 am Small Groups- Sunday Feb 20th- Apr. 3rd @ 5:30pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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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 MARCH MONDAY March 28th



Sunday, March 6th Lord's Supper-Baptisms X **Benevolence Offering** 10:15 am Morning Worship Service

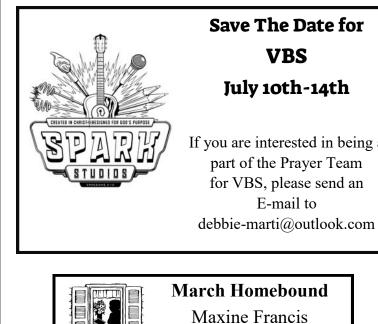
Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, March 1st YAH Council @ 1:15 pm Church Council @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 13th Meal served in Fellowship Hall @ 5:30 pm Business Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 20th OPBA Semi-Annual Meeting @3:00 pm

> Sunday, March 27th Deacons Meeting @ 4:00 pm



If you are interested in being a



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Community Youth Night

Wednesday, March 2nd 6:30-8:00 pm @ Assembly of God Church

Speaker: Stony Capeheart Youth Minister: Lamar Christian Church

Sign up now for your ticket to Silver \$ City Sat., April 2nd for Young Christians Day \$20.00 plus the cost of food. Only 40 Tickets available. Make plans now to go!

Dear First Family and Friends,

From the outside looking in it may appear that there is not much going on around First Baptist Church. I would like to bring you up-to-date on some things that may have missed your notice or observation.

The Family Life and Outreach Center is finishing its 1st phase. Vickie Morris, Committee Chair, and the committee is working diligently making plans for and executing the next phase. This will include electric, plumbing, HVAC, and sprinkler system. Because of your faithfulness in giving most of the cost of these adventures are in the bank. Please continue to pray for and give toward the finalization of this project.

Many have heard the rumor that we are establishing a Safety Team. It is not a rumor. With the culture in which we live, the addition of a Preschool, and our ministerial staff here alone at times, there is a need for more safe precautions. Our campus is growing and there is a need for more eyes on the perimeters during worship and ministry. Tom Doyle is our Safety Team Director, with Jerry Marti and Kale Reiger as major consultants. Fifteen to twenty individuals will be available to assist any event.

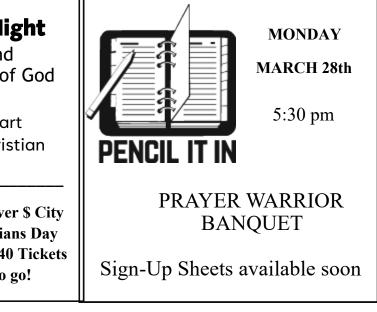
FBC's & 123's Preschool ministry is in its second year. What a real joy to travel into the fellowship hall and hear all the excited boys and girls as they gather for education, fun, and fellowship. Looking ahead to next year our 4/5 classes have 22 of 24 already enrolled. Our 3 year olds have seven out of eight enrolled. Three have enrolled in our kindergarten class. We need six to offer this class. Check out our Webpage.

These are just a few of the many things God is doing among His people here at First Baptist.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing, Pastor Robb

Daylight Savings Time **Begins March 13th**





From the Pastor's Heart

March	1	Looking Ahead 1:15 pm YAH Council Meeting 7:00 pm Church Council
March	2	6:30-8:00 pm Community Youth Night @ Lamar Assembly of God church 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
March	3	9:00 am Women's B.S.F. 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
March	5	12:00-4:00 pm Harold VanDeMark Retirement Party-all Welcome
March	6	10:15 am Lords Supper-Baptisms- Benevolence Offering 5:30 pm Small Groups
March	9	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
March	10	9:00 am Women's B.S.F. 10:30 am Prayer Warrior Crafters 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
March	12	2:00 –4:00 pm Elwood Fisher's 90th Birthday party-all welcome
March	13	Daylight Savings Time Begins 5:30 pm Supper Served in FH 6:00 pm Business Meeting No Small Groups
March	14-2	20 Spring Break
March	16	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
March	17	9:00 am Women's B.S.F. 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
March	20	3:00 pm OPBA Semi Annual Meeting 5:30 pm Small Groups
March	23	1:00 pm Coloring Ministry 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
March	24	9:00 am Women's B.S.F. 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
March	27	4:00 pm Deacons Meeting 5:30 pm Small Groups
March	28	10:00 am Prayer Warrior Crafters –setup 5:30 pm Prayer Warrior Banquet
March	30	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

March 31 9:00 am Women's B.S.F. 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY Emily Jett Dorris Westbay Steven King Roberta Hampton

Shirley Cook Brian Gilbert Leonard Metcalf

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Sonya Zhestokovia, foreign exchange student from Ukraine, friend of Wayne Dingman Crea Schmidt, grandson of Wanda Reno Mary Bowman, mother of Chastity O'Neal Tom Welch Oretha Cochran, sister of Sue Hobson Tom Buchanan, friend of LeeRoy & Anna Voorhees Larry Roland, father of Eva Buchanan & Curt Roland Nancy Kirby, Kay McKee's sister in law Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts Nate Clement, grandson of Ivan & Denzil Voorhees Josie Chairez, great niece of Brenda Onstott Tyler Worthington, grandson of Shirley Hildebrand Noraleen Trout, sister of Barbara Robertson Jessica Querry, sister-in-law of Kerri Beshore

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Rene Gamache-Army, husband of Jerica (Stahl) Gamache Brian Jenkins-helicopter pilot in Germany, grandson of Maxine Francis Caleb Stevens-USAF Las Vegas,NV. Son of Gary & Shelia Stevens Richard Jones - Army, son of Dwayne & Linda Jones Brandon Lipe - Chicago, II. grandson of Noel & Lynn Grigery Joey Rossiter - North Carolina, grandson of Sue Hobson Merissa Schmidt - San Antonio, granddaughter of Wanda Reno Mark Jones - Okinawa, Japan, son of Dwayne & Linda Jones Nathan Davis-National Guard, husband of Sarah Davis

MISSION OUTREACH

Pastoral Staff Lamar's Unchurched Building Committee / Project

Vacation Bible School Issues in Haiti

PRAYER WARRIOR BANQUET MON. MAR. 28TH 5:30 PM LHS CHOIR will be performing Directed by Anna Strong

No Delivery this month Bring gifts to the banquet

Crafters-Mon. Mar. 10th 10:30 am-assemble gifts-Mon. Mar. 28th 10:00 am set up for banquet

TKindergarten

Open enrollment for Fall Kindergarten Waiting list open for 3's, 4's & 5's Preschool

Youth

Freedom in Christ

Dear First Family,

We have begun a new bible study upstairs on Wednesday nights entitled "Chasing Love". Our lesson this past week was about finding true freedom in Christ. In the "land of the free," we often confuse the true nature of freedom. For many of us, freedom has become synonymous with personal independence — the ability to make our own decisions and choose our own path in life, to do whatever we want, whenever we want. It's what I call "worldly freedom".

This is not the freedom that Jesus promised us. When Jesus revealed himself as the Messiah, He said that He had come to Earth to "proclaim freedom" (Luke 4:18). On another occasion, He said, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Jesus was not setting us free to do whatever we wanted; He was freeing us to do what we ought to do. He was liberating us to walk in relationship with God and to be the kind of people He created us to be. This freedom is what I call "spiritual freedom" — the ability to obey God and choose His will over our own will.

This is the freedom that sin has long denied us. Jesus shocked the Pharisees, the spiritual leaders of His day, when He stated, "I tell you the truth, everyone who

THANK YOU SO MUCH For the Desserts and Monetary Donations you so generously gave for the Youth Dessert Auction. Total Received: \$5262.50 To offset Youth Activities.

Donations for Operation Christmas Child Packing Parties

It is time to begin preparing for Operation Christmas Child Packing Parties that will be held in October. This year there will be a new opportunity for our children and their parents to participate in a packing party. Collision Youth will continue to participate in a packing party. A goal has been set for the children and youth to pack a total of 135 shoeboxes. Church-wide collections will be held March - September . Specific items collected each month.

March items: bars of soap, toothbrushes and wash clothes We need 135 of each item. Please bring the items to the church and put them in the tubs provided.

Your participation in this ministry is very important for it to be successful and will allow our children and 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



Youth/Outreach

sins is a slave to sin" (John 8:34). Jesus was asserting that we are all under the power and control of a natural tendency to sin; we can't get away from it by ourselves. Sin brings a penalty that, by ourselves, we can't escape either. The Bible says, "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

How do we find freedom from the penalty and power of sin? That comes through accepting Jesus Christ's death on the Cross as the payment for our sin. As we submit to Christ, sin loses its power — Christ's power takes over. As we choose to trust and follow Him, our sinful habits, thoughts and attitudes lose their control. Guilt disappears, and peace of mind dominates. Right habits become the norm. That's freedom — true freedom!

We can only be free when we embrace the kinds of relationships – in the right manner – that God designed us for. Freedom is developing the right wants through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

To God be the Glory!

Chris Roth

