

The Vision
First Baptist Church
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The Church Office will be closed

Monday, December 26th .

Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF

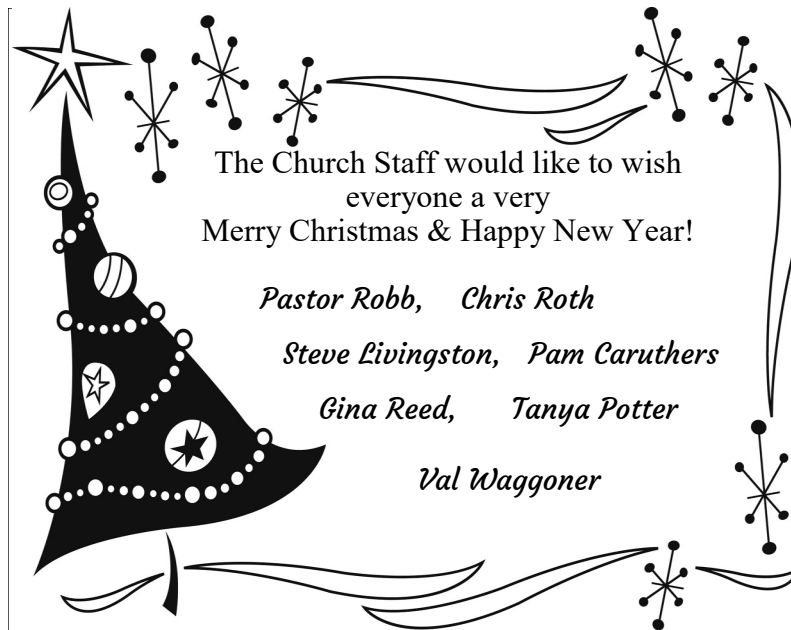
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Gina Reed Secretary
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Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm 4:30pm
Friday
8:00 am - noon
Staff Meeting
Monday 1:30 pm



**FOR DECEMBER
MONDAY
DECEMBER 27th**



The Church Staff would like to wish
everyone a very
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Pastor Robb, Chris Roth

Steve Livingston, Pam Caruthers

Gina Reed, Tanya Potter

Val Waggoner



Monday, December 12TH

11:30 am-5:30 pm

FBC Fellowship Hall

Youth Christmas Party & Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, December 14th

6:30 pm

Meal: Breakfast

Bring a White Elephant Gift (not to exceed \$5)

Wear your favorite PJs



Prayer Warriors/ Crafters

Teacher Gifts for Dec. need to be in the
church office by Wed. Dec. 7th

YAH Crafters

10:00 am Thurs. Dec. 8th

Assembling gifts for delivery to schools

No Men's Breakfast or Temple Training in Dec.

The Christmas Mailbox



The mail box will be set up across from the office
window for your convenience to give cards to others.
Please remember that the postage you save may be given
to Missions.

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To Know Christ and to
Make Him Known



December Events @ FBC

Thurs. Dec. 8th @ 6:00 pm Women's Christmas Dinner Party

Sun. Dec. 11th Church Wide Christmas Dinner

Carry out meals ready for pick up @ 4:30 pm

Dine In-Fellowship Hall 5:00-6:00 pm

Business Meeting 6:00 pm

Wed. Dec. 14th @ 6:30 pm Collision Youth

Scavenger Hunt, Breakfast, P.J.'s, White Elephant Gift exchange

Sun. Dec. 18th @ 10:15 am Choir Christmas Presentation

Tues. Dec. 20th @ 10:00 am FBC's & 123's Christmas Program



Sat. Dec. 24th @ 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service



Sun. Dec. 25th Christmas Day Service-10:15 am

Lord's Supper

(No Sunday School)

Winter Devotional magazines are available on table in the Gathering Area.

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

The Holiday seasons are upon us and we are quickly moving into the Christmas season of Advent. The four Sundays of Advent are Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. This year, the Christ Candle celebrated on Christmas Day is also on Sunday. Many have asked if we will have service on the 25th and the answer is Yes! We will not have Sunday School and our service will begin at our regular time of 10:15 AM. We will worship in song, message, and sharing the Lord's Supper.

Denise and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and love as you have expressed to us over this past year. God has so richly blessed us being a part of this wonderful community of faith. We are truly "family" here.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead in December

December	1	4:30 pm	YAH Christmas Trip
December	4	Advent of Peace 12:00 pm	Deacon's & wives Lunch
December	5	10:30 am	YAH Council Meeting
December	6	7:00 pm	Church Council
December	7	Prayer Warrior Gifts Due in Office 6:30 pm	Community Youth Night @ 1st Christian Church
December	8	10:00 am	YAH Crafters/Delivery 6:00 pm Women's Christmas Dinner
December	11	Advent of Joy 4:30 pm	Christmas Meal Carry outs 5:00 –6:00 pm Christmas Meal Dine in 6:00 pm Business Meeting
December	12	11:30 am-5:30 pm	Blood Mobile
December	13	12:00-8:00 pm	Salvation Army Bell Ringing @ Walmart
December	14	6:30 pm	Collision Youth Scavenger Hunt, Christmas party
December	16	6:00 pm	Sower's & Reaper's Christmas Party
December	17	10:00 am	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
December	18	Advent of Love Sanctuary Choir Presentation Dr. & Mrs. Berry-Haiti Mission Trip	
December	20	10:00 am	FBC's & 123's Christmas Program
December	24	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
December	25	10:15 am	Christmas Service Lord's Supper NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
December	26		Office Closed

Annual Christmas Church Dinner Sunday Dec. 11th

Come & Go

Carry out or Dine In options

4:30 pm Carryout Meals Ready for pick-up

5:00 –6:00 pm Dine In

Business Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Sign-Up Sheets in Gathering area.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Roberta Hampton Marno Patterson Gary Swor
Maxine Francis Roy & Thelma Lehman Thelma Selvey

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls
Hailey Fowler, grand daughter of Yvonne & Bobby Haile
Patrick Leavell, son of Wayne Leavell
Travis Stroud, son of Carol Stroud Carla Wagner, sister of Denise Hodson
Yvonne O'Neal, daughter of Althea & Harold VanDeMark
Peggy Buchanan, mother of Debbie Marti Kim Tilford, sister of James McMullen
Charles Clark, friend of Mike & Sondra Divine Jim Thomas, father of Mike Thomas
Carolyn Needles, Cole Schwahn, friends of Isabelle Sandberg
Dixie McLain, sister of Sharon Ramey Rod Jergens, friend of Sheila Stevens
Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts Elnora Fast, grandmother of Jennifer Beem
Dale Phipps, friend of Laurann Robertson Oretha Cochran, sister of Sue Hodson
Tyler Worington, grandson of Shirley Hildebrand
Jessica Querry, Kerri Beshore's sister in Law
Jeanie & Bill Burkhardt, sister & brother in Law of David Thrasher
Nancy Kirby, Kay McKee's siter in law Scott Gordon, friend of Sandbergs & Bruffetts
Billy Schnauffer, brother in law of Nina & Gary White
Nate Clement, grandson of Ivan & Denzil Voorhees

MILITARY/ 1st RESPONDER PERSONNEL

Michael Riccio-Marines, nephew of Bill & Jan Bowman
Brian Jenkins-helicopter pilot in Germany, grandson of Maxine Francis
Rene Gamache-Army, husband of Jerica (Stahl) Gamache
Caleb Stevens-USAF Las Vegas, NV son of Gary & Shelia Stevens
Richard Jones-Army, Washington son of Linda Jones
Joey Rossiter - North Carolina, grandson of Sue Hobson
Merissa Schmidt - San Antonio granddaughter of Wanda Reno
Mark Jones - Navy-Illinois son of Linda Jones
Nathan Davis-National Guard, husband of Sarah Davis

MISSION OUTREACH

Pastoral Staff Lamar's Unchurched Building Committee/Project
Issues in Haiti /Ukraine Haiti Mission Trip

December Homebound

Phyllis Morris & Juanita Johnson-Truman Healthcare
Maxine Francis & Roberta Hampton –Maple Sr.
Living
Junior & Laura Hammons-St. Luke's Carthage
Joyce Stone
Lynn Grigery –Oak Point, Carthage



Our Deepest Sympathy
To These Families

Nell Voorhees
Ed Brown, brother of Martha Hillman
Dusty Jones, son of Joann Jones
Julia Przybylski, mother of Donna Kramer

Music/ Family Ministries

One of the verses in which we find the word hope is **Hebrews 11:1**. "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." This verse at the beginning of the faith chapter, carries with it all of the confidence that comes with knowing for sure, with no question, what we have been promised by God in His Word. All of the actions of the heroes of the faith recorded in **Hebrews 11** were made possible because they had this faith based in their confident assurance, or hope in God. To be certain of something is to be confident that it will happen in spite of it not being revealed yet. To walk by faith and not by sight, does not mean we walk blindly. It means we walk believing that the God who has always been faithful, will continue to be faithful even if we do not see it immediately. He has proven Himself repeatedly, and though we may question His will in our lives; often disturbed by the events that are certainly uncomfortable and painful, we can trust that "for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose" **Romans 8:28**.

Therefore, biblical hope is a reality and not a feeling. Biblical hope is the sure foundation upon which we base our lives. Hope, or confident assurance, can be ours when we trust the words, "He who believes on Me has everlasting life" **John 6:47**. Accepting that gift of eternal life means our hope is no longer filled with doubt but, rather, has **at** its sure foundation the whole of God's Word, the entirety of God's character, and the finished work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

So, what is your hope in? Who is your hope in? This is a question I ask myself almost daily. May we always find our "Hope" in Christ alone.

God Bless, Steve



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to our church family for your participation in Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry, a total of 362 shoeboxes were filled by individuals and our youth and children during their Packing Parties.

Each child who 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 1290 shoeboxes dropped off, packed into shipping cartons and delivered to Joplin to begin their journey to children all over the world.

Vital Signs for November, 2022

Average Attendance for November
Morning Worship - 233
Sunday School - 142
Small Groups - 76

Treasurer's Financial Report for October
Total Income:\$51,789.41
Total Expenditures: \$44,121.77
FLOC Donations: \$123,091.30

Welcome New Members

Jacob & Katie Blackwelder
& Family

Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering-Goal \$12,000
Will be collected through the month of December