

**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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 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  
 Friday  
 8:00 am - Noon  
**Staff Meeting**  
 Monday 1:30 pm



**For February**  
**MONDAY**  
**January 23rd**

*The Church Staff  
 Would like to wish everyone a  
 Happy & Blessed New Year!*

*The Church Office will be closed  
 Monday, Jan. 2nd.*

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Tuesday, January 3rd**  
**YAH Council Meeting 1:15 pm**  
**Recreation Meeting 6:00 pm**  
**Church Council @ 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, January 22nd**  
**Deacon's Meeting @ 4:00 pm**



**January Homebound**

Juanita Johnson- Truman Healthcare

**Barton County Right to Life  
 Victory Celebration**  
 Sunday, January 22 , 3:00 pm @ FBC  
 Speakers: Carol Reavley  
 State Representatives: Ann Kelley and Curtis Trent  
 Kathryn Miles from Katie's House

Shower for Katie's House-bring diapers,  
 Baby clothes or monetary donations.


**Prayer Warriors**

**Gifts for Jan. Due in  
 Office by Wed. Jan. 11th**

**YAH Crafters**

**Thurs. Jan. 12th @ 10:00 am**  
**Assembling gifts for delivery.**

*To Know Christ and to  
 Make Him Known*



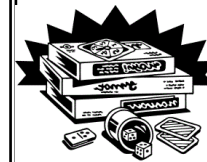
*The Vision*

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Sunday; January 1, 2023:  
**Online Service Only**

Due to major water damage, both Sunday School and Worship has been cancelled. We will have our morning worship On-Line Sunday Morning. We hope to be back together for Sunday School and Worship January 8, 2023.



**FBC's Winter Games, Chili Cook-Off & Pie Contest**

**Sunday, January 29th**

Registration : 5:00 pm

Dinner: 5:30 pm

**Bring your Homemade Chili's, Soups, and Pies**

**We invite you to enter our Chili Cook-Off and Pie Contest.**

**A-M: Bring sides for Chili's N-Z: Bring side dishes or cakes or cookies**

Sign-Up Sheets will be in the Gathering Area.

Wii Bowling Tournament for adults and youth

Bring your favorite card and board game to share in the festivities.



*From the Pastor's Heart*

Dear First Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! Only God knows what 2023 will bring to each of us, to our families, to our churches, to our communities, to our nation. If we look at all the outside circumstances, we could become discouraged about the future. Yet, as a believer in the one true God, we know He holds our tomorrows in His hands.

A hymn we have sung, "Because He Lives," has the phrase, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone; because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives." (Baptist Hymnal, 1991, # 407). Because Christ Jesus is alive, the Holy Spirit is active in our lives, and the Sovereign God has a firm control on everything going on, we can look at the beginning of 2023 and see the great opportunities God has for us to spread the gospel.

We are not discouraged; rather we are excited at what God has planned for us. We are ready to move as He reveals Himself to us. Listen as God whispers, this is the way, walk in it," (Isaiah 30:21)

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,  
 Pastor Robb

## Looking Ahead

January 2	Office Closed
January 3	1:15 pm YAH Council Meeting 2:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Recreation Com. Meeting 7:00 pm Council Meeting
January 4	6:00 pm TEAM KIDS Resumes 6:30 pm Hebrews Bible study resumes 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study starts 7:00 pm Collision Youth Resumes
January 7	8:00 am Men's Breakfast
January 8	Baptist Men's Day 9:00 am FBC 101 Class
January 9	4:30 pm BB Team Meal
January 11	Prayer Warrior Gifts Due in Office 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
January 12	10:00 am YAH Crafters
January 15	9:00 am FBC 101 Class
January 17	5:00 pm YAH Meeting/Meal
January 18	6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
January 20 & 21	VBS Preview Event/ Ft. Worth, Tx.
January 21	6:30-8:30 pm Kid's Day Out @ Ocean's Adventure-Webb City
January 22	9:00 am FBC 101 Class 3:00 pm Barton Co. Right To Life FBC 4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
January 23	4:30 pm BB Team Meal
January 25	6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
January 28	2:00 pm Phyllis Morris Memorial Service
January 29	9:00 am FBC 101 Class 5:30 pm Winter Games/Chili Supper
January 30	4:30 pm BB Team Meal

## Welcome New Members

Del & Beverly Thatch

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Wayne Dingman Lorraine Vice Gary Swor  
Sue Hobson Junior Hammons Chris Sheat

## EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Lindsay & Matt Malinowski, daughter & son in law of Gerry Garrett  
David Ewers, friend of David Banwart Aaron Hart, friend of John Lawrence  
Carolyn Needles, Cole Schwahn, friends of Isabelle Sandberg  
Jim Thomas, father of Mike Thomas Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls  
Travis Stroud, son of Carol Stroud Carla Wagner, sister of Denise Hodson  
Peggy Buchanan, mother of Debbie Marti Oretha Cochran, sister of Sue Hobson  
Jeanie & Bill Burkhardt, sister & Bro in law of David Thrasher  
Rubin & Tracy Neufeld & Kim Tilford, family of Rosmarie & James McMullen  
Lary Higgins, friend of Voorhees Charles Clark, friend of Mike & Sondra Divine  
Billy Schnauffer, bro in law of Gary & Nina White  
Scott Gordon, friend of Bruffetts & Sandbergs Rod Jurgens, friend of Sheila Stevens  
Nancy Kirby, Kay McKee's sister in law Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts  
Nate Clement, grandson of Ivan & Denzil Voorhees  
Jessica Querry, sister in law of Kerri Beshore  
Tyler Worthington, grandson of Shirley Hildebrand

## MILITARY PERSONNEL

Taylor Sheat, National Guard, nephew of Chris Sheat  
Michael Riccio-Marines, nephew of Bill & Jan Bowman  
Rene Gamache-Army, husband of Jerica (Stahl) Gamache  
Brian Jenkins, helicopter pilot in Germany, Grandson of Maxine Francis  
Richard Jones-Army, Washington son of Linda Jones  
Joey Rossiter - North Carolina, grandson of Sue Hobson  
Merissa Schmidt - San Antonio granddaughter of Wanda Reno  
Caleb Stevens-USAF Las Vegas, Nv. Son of Gary & Shelia Stevens  
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

## YAH (Young At Heart)

Tues. Jan. 17th 5:00 pm

Bingo

Soup & Chili Supper (provided by YAH  
Council)

A-M Bring : Dessert N-Z Bring: cheese,  
fritos, crackers, sour cream, onions

## MBCH Project Love

YAH will be collecting these items thru  
The month of Feb. for MBCH Hutchens

## Campus in Mt. Vernon:

Twin size mattress protectors, White flat & fitted sheets,  
White pillow cases, kitchen towels, White bath towels

## YOUTH/OUTREACH

### The Blessings of Grandchildren

*They are the sons God has given me here," Joseph said to his father. Then Israel said, "Bring them to me so I may bless them. Genesis 48:9*

God's gift to grandchildren is their grandparents' blessing. It is significant for grandsons and granddaughters to receive this grand blessing. Grandchildren are certainly a blessing; who can argue this? Their smiles bless. So does their laughter. Their creative and passionate conversations bless. Their infant coos and twinkling eyes, their honesty and love, their trust and imagination all bless. Grandchildren are a blessing without a whole lot of effort. The minute they showed up, they blessed. Grandchildren are a grand gift from God, but there is more to the grand blessing of grandchildren. They are created by God to be blessed by their grandparents, so not only are they a blessing to their grandparents, they are to be blessed by their grandparents.

That blessing is critical to the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of children. There is a greater family purpose beyond their immediate relationship with mom and dad. This is more easily understood in a cultivated society where the family is close and connected. They are close in proximity and have aligned passions around work, play, home, and church. Grandparents are nearby to bless with kind words and understanding ears. They model good healthy relationships and teach their grandchildren everything from how to use a pocket knife, to how to drive a car. They bless you without your even knowing that you're being blessed.

Therefore, position your family to interact and engage with their grandparents. Visit them often. Invite them over at holidays and on the spur of the moment. Create environments for your children in which they can be blessed by their grandparents. They are not competition, but agents of Almighty God. Do not deny them the opportunity to be blessed and to bless. The blessings of confidence, courage, and honesty come from being around grandparents who care. The few grandparents who couldn't care less may eventually come around because God created them to care. Don't give up on them, but keep praying for their care to awaken from its selfish slumber. Give them a chance, for Christ created grandkids to be objects of their grandparents' affection and blessing. Encourage your children to visit the home of your parents, and trust God to unleash His blessing through your parents. Their unconditional love makes your child a better son or daughter and you, a better parent.

Grandparents, bless your grandchildren with a legacy of love for God and people. Do not become the center of attention; instead lead them to fall in love with Jesus. God will live in your grandbabies far beyond your life. Bless them with Bible reading and prayer. Bless them with worship at church. Bless them with stories and adventure. Bless them with generosity. Bless them with obedience to God. Bless them with a life worth emulating. Grandchildren are not complete without the blessing of their grandparents. You invest in eternity when you bless your grandchildren.

To God be the Glory,

Chris Roth

## Our Deepest Sympathy To:

The family of Phyllis Morris  
Faye Storm, sister of Ivan Voorhees  
Family of Zach Kelley  
Audi Allen, loss of her dad, Earl Robinson

## Reminder Of Inclement Weather Policy

If the schools dismiss early because of inclement weather, Preschool, all evening meetings & after school activities, will be cancelled. Sunday services & activities will be dismissed after the pastor has conferred with Ministerial staff & Deacon officers. If services are cancelled, we will call the local television stations with this information.

## Men's Ministry Events



Sat. Jan. 7th Men's Breakfast 8:00 am  
Men's Bible Study beginning  
Wed. Jan. 4th @ 6:30 pm  
Baptist Men's Day Sun. Jan. 8th

## Lottie Moon Offering

Goal: \$12,000

Received: \$13,605.00

## Vital Signs for December, 2022

Average Attendance for December  
Morning Worship - 239  
Sunday School - 150

Treasurer's Report for December 2022 Business Meeting  
Total Income: \$ 69,458/38  
Total Expenditures: \$47,156.77