

The Vision

First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
Small Groups— Sunday Feb. 26-Mar.26 @ 5:30pm

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-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
&
Benevolence Offering
10:15 am
Morning Worship Service

Welcome New Members
Elijah & Courtney Parker

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, March 6th
YAH Council @ 10:30 am

Tuesday, March 7th
Church Council @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 12th
Meal served in Fellowship Hall @ 5:30 pm
Business Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 19th
OPBA Semi-Annual Meeting @3:00 pm Cornerstone

Sunday, March 26th
Deacon's Meeting @ 4:00 pm

Men's Ministry Breakfast
Saturday, March 4th
8:00 am Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Mike Thomas



Save The Date for
VBS
July 9th-13th
2023

If you are interested in being a part of the Prayer Team for VBS, please send an E-mail to debbie-marti@outlook.com or lindacoon54@gmail.com



Homebound Members of the Month

March Homebound
Maxine Francis

To Know Christ and to
Make Him Known



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Daylight Savings Time
Begins March 12th



Community Youth Night

Wednesday, March 1st
6:45-8:15 pm
@ Lamar UMC

Speaker: Bryan Tabakian/C.H.I.P.S Church

YCW Young Christians Weekend

AT
Silver \$ City
Sat. April 1st

\$25.00 plus the cost of food.

Only 50 Tickets available

Sign up and pay to reserve your ticket



Spring Small Groups

Feb 26-Mar 26

4 Locations
5:30 pm

UNSTUCK-Moving from the Mundane to the meaningful.

Session #1— Feb. 26th, all 4 groups will Meet in fellowship hall for a POTLUCK Supper and lesson.

Session #2- Mar. 5th

Session #3—Mar. 19th

Session #4— Mar. 26th all 4 groups will Meet in the fellowship hall for Potluck Supper and final lesson.

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

There are two major church events planned for the month of March. First, is the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. As our local residents, if you have not received a personal letter, you should shortly. This is an annual offering received to support our missionaries serving in North America. We will be hearing about four such missionaries during our worship services beginning March 12.

The second event is our Mission Trip to Haiti. At the present time, we have eleven members traveling to Haiti, March 15-22. Please be in prayer for Hailey & Ethan Chandler, Pam & David Caruthers, David Jung, Steve Livingston, Lisa McCall, Kim Morris, Blythe & Cameron Potter, Rebecca Wagner, and Chris Roth as they give of their time and talent to share the Gospel.

God continues to bless us with every spiritual blessing. "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Jesus Christ to all generations forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21; NKJV)

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- March 1 6:45-8:15 pm Community Youth Night @ Lamar Methodist Church
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- March 2 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- March 4 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
- March 5 10:15 am Lords Supper
Benevolence Offering
5:30 pm Small Groups
- March 6 10:30 am YAH Council
- March 7 4:30 pm Temple Training
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- March 8 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- March 9 10:00 am Prayer Warrior Crafters
1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- March 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins
5:30 pm Supper Served in FH
6:00 pm Business Meeting
No Small Groups
- March 13-17 Spring Break-No Team Kids Mar. 15th
- March 14 5:00 pm YAH Meeting-Potluck
- March 15-22 Haiti Mission Trip
- March 15 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- March 16 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- March 19 3:00 pm OPBA Semi Annual Meeting
Cornerstone Baptist Church
5:30 pm Small Groups
- March 21 4:30 pm Temple Training
- March 22 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- March 23 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- March 26 4:00 pm Deacons Meeting
5:30 pm Small Groups End-Potluck F.H.
- March 27 & 28 Meals On Wheels Delivery
28 4:30 pm Temple Training
- March 29 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- March 30 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study

MINISTRY OF PRAYER
CHURCH FAMILY

Bill Bowman Lorraine Vice Melanie Bruffett Beverly Ramseyer
Louise Caruthers Chris Sheat Gary Swor

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Mark Fleming, friend of Laurannn Robertson Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls
Peggy Buchanan, mother of Debbie Marti
Travis Stroud, son of Carol Stroud Carla Wagner, sister of Denise Hodson
Jeanie & Bill Burkhardt, sister & Bro. in Law of David Thrasher
Kim Tilford, sister of James McMullen
Billy Schnaufer, brother 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
Tyler Worthington, grandson of Shirley Hildebrand
Jessica Query, sister-in-law of Kerri Beshore

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Taylor Sheat, Nat'l Guard, nephew of Chris Sheat
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-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
Vacation Bible School Issues in Haiti/ Ukraine

Prayer Warriors
Gifts due in church office
By Wed. March 8th

YAH CRAFTERS
Thurs. March 9th 10:00 am
Assembling & Delivering
gifts to schools
Prayer Warrior Banquet Mon. April 3rd



YAH Meeting~ Tues. March 14th @ 5:00 pm
Meal: Potluck
Program: Tammy Bartholomew, Show Me Youth Ag Academy
A-J Bring: Vegetable/ Salads K-R Bring: Dessert
S-Z Bring: Meat/ Casseroles

Youth/Outreach

First Hand Faith

Lamentations 3:22-23
22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
Our youth just finished up a bible study on first hand faith. To be honest with you I went into the study thinking I was pretty solid in my faith, but I soon realized I have some work to do myself. As adults, we sometimes get too comfortable in our faith and forget that an ongoing relationship with God takes continual work and effort. I was reminded of the old saying that “you can’t stay were you are and go with God”. It is very easy to find a comfortable place in our relationship with God and just hang out there. We all like comfortable and safe places. Don’t we? My question for you today is, are you just hanging out in a safe place with God? Does your relationship still have that fresh and new feeling? First hand faith should have a fresh and new feeling. Do you remember the feeling you had when you first got saved? That newness tends to fade when we stay in our comfort zone and quit putting work into the relationship. That work comes through bible study, prayer, and gathering with other believers to encourage each other.

In courts of law, a first-person witness is always preferred. The testimony of one who was there, saw it, heard it, and remembers and believes is a powerful witness. So too in matters of faith. Second-person faith is good. For instance, “You know God will help you,” Third-person faith is also good. For example, “They know the Lord will bless them.” But, however good they may be, second and third-person faith are not enough. Faith in God, on the first-hand level is essential now and will be increasingly so in days to come. There are several principles we can rely on to keep our first hand faith fresh and new.
Principle 1: Developing first-hand faith in God refers to a process. (Sanctification) Growing closer each day.
Principle 2: Developing first-hand faith in God requires personal involvement. Putting in the work.
Principle 3: Developing first-hand faith in God involves remembering who Jesus is always!
Principle 4: Developing first-hand faith in God matures into doubt not, fear not, only trust and believe.

To God be the Glory,
Chris Roth

Baptist Hill– Summer Staff Help Needed-\$13.00 per hour. 40 hour work weeks– Room & meals included.
Season: Mid May thru 3rd week of August. Must be 17 & over to apply. Applications are in church office.

A Big THANK YOU to ALL that participated
In the Youth Dessert Auction.
\$ 5,033.50 was raised for
The YOUTH FUND

Donations for Operation Christmas Child Packing Parties
It is time to begin preparing for the Youth and Children Operation Christmas Child Packing Parties that will be held in October. A goal has been set for the youth and children to pack a total of 150 shoeboxes. Church-wide collections will be held March through September with specific items collected each month. A list of monthly donation items is available to help plan, prepare and purchase the needed items through the year.
March items: bars of soap, toothbrushes and gloves
We need 150 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



Classes for the 23-24 school year are filling up quickly. If you are looking for a great preschool or kindergarten, please use the QR code to visit our website for online enrollment or more information about the classes. This fall, we will also be adding a hybrid 1st & 2nd grade class. If you would like to know more about what a hybrid class is, the QR code will lead you to that information as well. We continue to be blessed by the support of our FBC family and are so thankful to be a part of this church.



Vital Signs for February, 2023

Average Attendance for February
Morning Worship - 248
Sunday School - 150

Treasurer's Report for January 2023
Total Income: \$ 67,253.99
Total Expenditures: \$ 48,939.75