

The Vision
 First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
 Small Groups Resume Feb. 26th @ 5:30 pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF

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 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 FEBRUARY
 MONDAY
 February 20th**

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, Feb. 6th
 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 7th
 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Friday & Saturday, February 10th & 11th

Deacon's Retreat
 Fri. 6:00 pm catered meal for deacon's & wives
 Sat. time TBA

Sunday, February 26th
 Deacons Meeting @ 4:00 pm

Prayer Warriors

Teacher gifts are due in church
 office by Wed. Feb.8th



YAH Crafters 10:00 am

Thurs. Feb.9th assembling gifts for delivery



Come Have Lunch

Thurs, Feb. 9th

12:00 pm

Ladies of all ages are welcome
 FBC Fellowship Hall



**Please Be in Prayer for the Upcoming
 Mission Trip to Haiti
 March 15th-22nd**

There is a Mandatory Meeting Sunday, Feb 5th
 Immediately following morning worship service
 For All Team Members.

Pam & David Caruthers	Hailey & Ethan Chandler
Steve Ijames	David Jung
Steve Livingston	Lisa McCall
Kim Morris	Blythe & Cameron Potter
Chris Roth	Rebecca Wagner

*To Know Christ and to
 Make Him Known*



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*January 25, 2023
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**YOUTH DESSERT AUCTION
 BACK TO THE "80's"**

*Bring your baked goodies to be Auctioned off
 All proceeds benefit the Youth Fund ~ Donations gladly accepted*

Meal: Spaghetti, Chicken Alfredo, Salad, & Garlic Bread

Sunday, February 19th
 5:00 pm in FBC Fellowship Hall

Dinner is Free

Admission is a Dessert for the Auction

Dessert Auction following meal

Sign up for the meal in the Gathering Area

Dress in your favorite 80's attire



Youth
 Fund
 Raiser

Young At Heart ♥ Birthday Bash

Bring a wrapped White Elephant Gift

Meal: Sloppy Joe's & Cake & Ice Cream- provided by the YAH Council

A-J: Bring Chips & Dips K-R Bring Buns S-W: Bring Salads/Veggies

If you need a Contribution Record
 for 2022, please contact the church office.

From The Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

Blessing in disguise. No one would have thought that a call of desperation, coming on Christmas Day at 4:15 PM would turn out to be a blessing. Call came that the church's fire alarm was going off, the sprinkler system was on and that water was pouring out of the church's NW entry. There was no fire, blessing # one; the sprinkler system pipe broke, pouring water out the NW entry, none of the sprinklers were activated, blessing #2; members came to help push a multitude of water out of four entry doors, blessing #3; Little Elves Water Restoration worked on Christmas until midnight emptying 700 gallons of water from the carpets, blessing # 4; the next 2 weeks, calls, visits, texts, poured in from volunteers asking how they might help in the restoration, getting us back in shape, blessing # 5.

I could go on, but space will not allow. We used to sing a song, Count Your Blessings. "Count your many blessings, name them one by one." We are a blessed congregation, a community of faith. A call of desperation, a vision of total ruin, reality...God said, watch my people work! To God be the Glory.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
 Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- February 1 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- February 4 8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast
- February 5 9:00 am FBC-101 Class
12:00 pm Haiti Mission Trip Meeting
- February 6 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting
11:30 am -5:30 pm Blood Mobile
- February 7 4:30 pm Temple Training
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- February 8 Prayer Warrior Gifts Due
- February 9 10:00 am YAH Crafters
12:00 pm Ladies Luncheon
- February 10 & 11th Deacon's Retreat
- February 12 Mission Trip Offering
- February 13 10:00 am FBC's Party
- February 14 10:00 am FBC's Party
- February 19 5:00 pm Youth Dessert Auction
"Back To the 80's"
- February 20 NO SCHOOL
5:30 pm BB Team Meal
- February 21 4:30 pm Temple Training
5:00 pm YAH Meeting
- February 22 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study Starts
- February 23 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study Starts
- February 26 4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
5:30 pm Small Group Kick Off
All groups meet in Fellowship hall
- February 27 & 28 Meals on Wheels Delivery
- February 28 4:30 pm Temple Training



Blood Mobile
Monday, Feb. 6th
11:30 am-5:30 pm
FBC Fellowship Hall

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Sue Hobson Bill Bowman Lorraine Vice Gary Swor Wayne Dingman
Roberta Hampton Beverly Ramseyer Junior Hammons Chris Sheat

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Josie Chairez, great niece of Ed & Brenda Onstott
Jude Meyer, granddaughter of Bobby & Yvonne Haile
David Ewers, friend of David Banwart
Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls
Travis Stroud, son of Carol Stroud Carla Wagner, sister of Denise Hodson
Peggy Buchanan, mother of Debbie Marti
Jeanie & Bill Burkhardt, family of David Thrasher
Nancy Kirby, sister in law of Kay McKee Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts
Nate Clement, grandson of Ivan & Denzil Voorhees
Tyler Worthington, grandson of Shirley Hildebrand
Rubin & Tracy Neufeld & Kim Tilford, family of James & Rosmarie McMullen
Billy Schnauffer, brother in law of Gary & Nina White
Jessica Query, sister in law of Kerri Beshore
Scott Gordon, friend of Bruffets and Sandbergs Rod Jurgens, friend of Sheila Stevens

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Taylor Sheat, Nat'l 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 Frances
Caleb StevenUSAF 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 Vacation Bible School

February Homebound

Lynn Grigery



Homebound Members
of the Month

Small Groups

Sunday Feb.26th-Mar. 26th
We are looking for people
willing to host and/or
facilitate a small group.
If you are interested please
contact Steve Livingston
@ 417-225-2821

We will meet as a group Sun. Feb. 26th
@ 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

See Steve's article above to

Music/Family Ministries

It's easy for Christians to find themselves caught up in the life of cluttered schedules, rhythms, and routines dictated by our culture. Many feel stuck in the routine of life—their jobs, relationships, and daily circumstances. They know it's not the life they dreamed of. They feel stuck in a life yearning for deeper meaning.

The *Unstuck* Bible study has been designed to help guide you out of the ruts and pitfalls that so often ensnare us all. You will be inspired and equipped through the powerful biblical teaching of Mark Batterson, Francis Chan, Lisa Harper and Rich Stearns.

Each of these teachers will draw from the lessons of the award-winning short film *Journey to Jamaica*—a true story about two kids who are forced to search for hope in a broken world.

The dynamic combination of the film, profound biblical teaching and powerful real-life stories from everyday people will help us get unstuck and back on the path to a life of purpose that God intends for us!

Please join us for the Small Group study "*Unstuck*". February 26-March 26. Details on locations and facilitators should be in place by the first of February.

Steve



Men's Ministry Breakfast
Saturday, Feb. 4th 8:00 am
Speaker: Jared Beshore

MEN'S BREAKFAST

"Ruth" Loss, Love and Legacy By Kelly Minter

Do you trust God to write happy endings? We all struggle through seasons of bitterness, tears and loss wondering if there could ever be a happy ending to our stories. The story of Ruth affirms that yes, there is hope for you, and it is found in the power and protection of a sovereign God who never takes His eyes off you for even a moment.

During this 7-session study we will examine Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love and divine legacy while learning how God's law is meant to lead to life, trust God's providence, and trace shadows of Jesus, the Messiah, who is to come.

There are two opportunities to participate in this study,
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning
February 22 or
Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm beginning
February 23.

Books cost \$10. Sign-up through the church office by
Monday, February 20.



Enrollment for Fall 2023 Classes has begun:

3 & 4 yr. Classes Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs
8:30-11:15 am

4 & 5 yr. Classes Mon-Thurs
8:15-11:15 am

Kindergarten Class Mon-Thurs
8:00am -12:00 pm

New Class-Hybrid 1st & 2nd Grade Class
Mon-Thurs. 8:00 am-12:00 pm
This class offers the classroom experience along
with homeschooling.

For more information go to our website @
Fbclamar.org

Vital Signs for January, 2023

Average Attendance for January
Morning Worship - 244
Sunday School -152

Treasurer's Report for December 2022
Total Income: \$59,188.74
Total Expenditures: \$54,89.46