

**The Vision**  
**First Baptist Church**  
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**Sunday Worship Times**

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am

Church office will be CLOSED Monday, May 29th

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**STAFF**

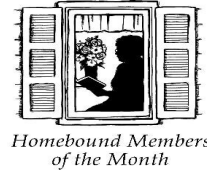
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 Worship Leader & Family Ministries  
 Chris Roth, Youth & Outreach Director..... 214-0233  
 Pam Caruthers Secretary  
 Gina Reed, Secretary  
 Staci King, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

**Church Office Hours**  
 Monday-Thurs.  
 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
 Fri. 8:00 am - Noon

**Staff Meeting**  
 Monday 1:30 pm



**FOR MAY**  
**Monday**  
**May 22nd**



**MAY HOMEBOUND**

Roberta Hampton

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Tuesday, May 2**

10:30 am YAH Council Meeting  
 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

**Monday, May 15th**

7:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting



Thursday, May 4th

12:00-1:00pm

Location TBA

Join us in praying for our Nation as  
 A Community

*Twists & Turns VBS 2023*

*Sunday, July 9th—Thursday, July 13th*

**Donations for Operation Christmas Child Packing Parties**

We continue to prepare for Operation Christmas Child Packing Parties for our youth and children that will be held in October. A goal has been set for the children and youth 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.

**May items: Hairbrushes & Hairbows for girls  
 Combs & Bandanas for boys**

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

To Know Christ and to  
 Make Him Known



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*Happy Mother's Day*

**Baby Dedication**

Parent/ Baby Dedication  
 Sunday, May 14th @ 10:15 am

William Hank Tucker son of Tripp & Whitney Tucker  
 Harrison Daniel Hall son of Colby & Kalie Hall  
 Baelor Michael Veazey son of Harley & Johny Veazey  
 Koe Andrew Dean Hurt son of Stanley & Kaitlyn Hurt  
 Layton Ann Waggoner daughter of Kennedey & Jake Waggoner  
 Natalie Mendez daughter of Shari Ann & Gabriel Mendez

**Sunday May 21st- Sr. Breakfast/Card Shower**

9:00 am-Fellowship Hall-No Sunday School

10:15 am Youth Led Service-Graduate Recognition



Lamar High School Graduates

Emma Aborn Tate Ansley Tyler Ansley Joel Beshore Phajjia Gordon  
 Presli King Kiersten Kinney Alex Livingston Isabelle Sandberg

College Graduates

Whitten O'Neal, Crowder College ~Associate in History

**From the Pastor's Heart**

Dear First Family and Friends,

May 7 we celebrate the “Senior Adults” of our church. It is hard for me to believe I have been in the group for over ten years now. I thank God for those in our fellowship that continue to work and minister as God leads. Through prayer, personal involvement, encouragement, you are a rich blessing.

Dr. Rodney Harrison will be our guest speaker for this special day. He is the president of the Baptist Home and Healthcare Ministries. Their mission statement is: Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries is a distinctively Christian ministry called to JOYFULLY SERVE in a CHRISTLIKE manner by EDUCATING, ADVOCATING, and CARING for the aging for the GLORY of GOD. Plan to attend and hear what God is doing in our state, caring for fellow followers of Jesus Christ.

The month of May has several other special days, Mother's Day, Baby Dedication, Senior Graduation, and Memorial Day. We are looking forward to sharing all these special days with you in Worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,  
 Pastor Robb

## Looking Ahead

- May 2 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting  
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- May 4 12:00-1:00 pm National Day of Prayer
- May 7 12:00 pm Senior Adult Banquet
- May 10 Prayer Warrior Gifts due in office
- May 11 10:00 am YAH Crafters/ Delivery to schools  
12:00 pm Ladies Luncheon
- May 13 8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast
- May 14 10:15 Mother's Day & Baby Dedication
- May 15 7:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting
- May 17 6:00 pm LAST TEAM KIDS for Summer
- May 18 FBC's & 123's End of Year Celebration
- May 21 9:00 am **NO Sunday School**  
Sr. Breakfast/ Card Shower  
10:15 am Sr. Recognition-Youth Led Service  
Graduation  
VBS National Day of Prayer
- May 22 & 23 Meals On Wheels Delivery
- May 29 Memorial Day- Office Closed

### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



Church Goal: \$12,000

Amount Received: \$12,878.00

### Senior Adult Banquet

Sunday, May 7th @ 12:00

Morning Worship-Speaker: Dr. Rodney Harrison

Missouri Baptist Home

Lunch served in Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by our Young At Heart

55 & over are welcome

Sign up sheet in Gathering area or call the Church office

### MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Elwood Fisher Chris Roth Charlotte Danley Beverly Ramseyer  
Louise Caruthers Jimetta Thomas Melanie Bruffett Chris Sheat  
Roberta Hampton Sandra Moore John Lawrence  
Bill & Brett Bowman

### EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Randy Lambert, brother in law of Donna Oglesby  
David Sanders, brother in law of Gary Melton Becky Saddler, sister of Barb Gaines  
Kevin Chastain, cousin of Teresa Roberts  
Mark Horton, Nephew of Barbara Robertson Wayne Griffitt, father of Lena Harris  
Cathy Bell, mother of Jennifer Beem Suzanne Cloyed Bro. Ken Roller  
Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls Travis Stroud, son of Carol Stroud  
Jessica Querry, sister-in-law of Kerri Beshore Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts  
Ron & Peggy Buchanan, parents of Debbie Marti  
Carla Wagner, sister of Denise Hodson Kim Tilford, sister of James McMullen  
Tyler Worthington, grandson of Shirley Hildebrand  
Billy Schnaufer, brother in law of Gary & Nina White  
Jeanie & Bill Burkhardt, sister & Brother in law of David Thrasher  
Scott Gordon, friend of Bruffett's & Sandberg's Rod Jurgens, friend of Sheila Stevens  
Nancy Kirby, Kay McKee's sister in law

### MILITARY PERSONNEL

Taylor Sheat, National Guard, nephew of Chris Sheat  
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  
Brian Jenkins, helicopter pilot in Germany, Grandson of Maxine Francis  
Mark Jones - Navy, Illinois son of Linda Jones  
Nathan Davis-National Guard, husband of Sarah Davis

### MISSION OUTREACH

Pastoral Staff Lamar's Unchurched Building Project / Committee

*Thursday, May 11th-Attention Ladies*

*10:00 am YAH Crafters*

*Assembling & Delivering Gifts to School*

*12:00 pm Ladies Luncheon*

*Menu: Soup, Salad, Dessert served in F.H.*



### Men's Ministry

Men's Breakfast Saturday May 13th @ 8:00 am

Guest Speaker: Larry VanGilder/ Gideons Ministry

Our Deepest Sympathy to:



Stephanie & Kayden Siebert,

In the loss of Stephanie's Brother, Denny Hyder

## Youth & Outreach

### Live with Eternal Perspective

*"This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away." - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

Have you ever wondered what eternity will be like? Maybe you've discussed with friends what questions you would ask Jesus, or what you think heaven will look like. Looking forward to the future we have with Christ is one of the greatest joys we have as Christians, and it often sparks conversation.

Paul's directions can seem odd when taken alone or considered out of context of his life, culture, and the Bible as a whole. Fortunately, he makes it clear before and after today's passage that he's not advocating for people to divorce their spouse, pretend like grief doesn't matter, or live without joy. He's also, most certainly, not asking that you live disconnected from the world or ignore its existence as you look forward to eternity.

So, if he's not advising any of those extremes, then what is he getting at? Paul is encouraging the Corinthians to leave behind the habit they had of only thinking about the present world. Throughout 1 Corinthians, Paul consistently points the Corinthian believers to Christ, urging them to lay down their rights for the sake of others and make loving others their aim: to love God and love their neighbor. As Christians, Paul is asking them to leave behind their old ways of selfishness, living for present glory and pleasure, and look instead to the eternal promise they have in Christ.

To God be the Glory!

Chris Roth

### "Summer Camp Dates @ Baptist Hill

Theme: Child of the King

#### Day Camp

Sat. June 3rd

9:00 am-3:00 pm

Ages: 3 yrs old -starting

Kindergarten in fall

Cost: \$22.00 per camper

If Registered by May 20th

#### Intro To Camping

June 16-17

Ages: Completed K-2nd

(In the spring)

Cost: \$35.00 per camper if registered by June 3

#### Children's & Middle School Camp

Theme: Mission Possible

Dates: Fri, July 14th-Mon, July 17th

Cost: \$100.00 per camper

Church pays \$50.00 per camper

Ages: Completed 3rd-8th grades

Deadline to register is Mon. June 30th

Registration Forms available soon. Staff cost: \$85.00



FBC's & 123's Christian School  
End of Year Celebration & Fund Raiser  
Thursday, May 18th

Watch bulletin & Facebook Page for more info.

### Katie's House Pregnancy & Family Resource Center

115 W. 12th St. Lamar

Offers pregnancy testing, ultrasound, parenting classes, prenatal and birthing classes and more. They also offer post abortion and miscarriage healing, and adoption resources. They want to be come along side of you, offer hope and be a support to you! They have many options to help with your pregnancy.

Baby Bottles to fill with your spare change will be in the Gathering area from Mother's Day till Father's Day  
Help us support a local Ministry

### Vital Signs for April, 2023

Average Attendance for April  
Sunday School - 137  
Morning Worship Service-269

Treasurer's Report for March 2023 Business Meeting  
Total Income: \$42,595.39  
Total Expenditures: \$59,027.51