

The Vision
First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
Church Office CLOSED Tues, July 4th

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF

Church Phone..... 682-3538
 Fax Number..... 682-3539
 Church Web Site..... www.fbclamar.org
 www.facebook.com/firstbaptistchurchoflamar
 Online giving available
 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 JULY
 MONDAY
 July 25th**




Upcoming Meetings:

Sunday, July 23rd
4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

Thursday, July 27th
6:00 pm Church Council Calendar Planning Meeting

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Children's & Middle School
 Friday, July 14th-Monday, July 17th
 Completed Grades 3rd-8th
 Cost: \$100.00 (Church pays half)

Camp Como, Colorado 
 Monday, July 31st-Sunday, Aug. 6th
 Student Cost: \$250.00 per person
 (church pays half of students fee)
 Adult Cost: \$100.00 per person

Choir & Hand Bells will resume
 Wed. Aug. 9th
 Accepting new members— See Steve

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 you plan, prepare and purchase the needed items through the year.

July items: crayons, colored pencils and erasers

We need total of 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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Faith ~ Family ~ Fireworks # 6

Bingo
 Under the tent
 6:30-7:00 pm

5:00 pm Car Show Registration Begins (no entry fee)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Car Show Sponsored by O'Reilly Auto Parts

6:00 pm Free Hot Dogs, Chips, & Water

7:00-8:30 pm Concert "WE ARE MESSENGERS"

9:00 pm Fireworks Display

Free: Bouncy House, Face Painting, Shiver Shack, Thrasher's
 Bavarian Nuts, Jack's Ice Cream, Pony & Wagon Rides



Golf Cart rides
 Available from
 parking area to
 event

"TWISTS & TURNS"

Vacation Bible School
Sun. July 9th—Thurs. July 13th



Meal 5:30 pm VBS @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

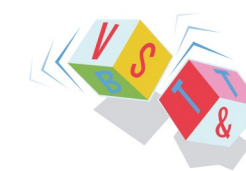
Use the QR Code to Pre-Register for VBS or
 Registration forms are in the Gathering area.

ADULT CLASS 6:00-7:45 pm

Bible Study/Parenting Topics for more info call the church office.

You are invited to join us Thursday evening @7:00 pm for our
 Closing Worship Rally.

Thank you to those who have donated food for VBS each night.
 There are a few items left, if you would like to help.



From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another." (Romans 12:10 NKJV). This verse was part of my daily devotional today. Coming off a week with our Grandlamb, we had a great opportunity to see firsthand how "family" reacts throughout different situations and circumstances. Putting cousins together, with siblings included, is a combination of excitement, tension, and loud playfulness. Exactly what one would expect with that context.

Paul calls the church to act like a family. We are brothers and sisters in Christ and the world needs desperately to see the interaction of individuals lovingly devoted to one another, giving preference to one another. I see that every day in our church family. Love is abundant and working together is obvious.

In the next couple of weeks, the world will be coming to our doorstep. Faith, Family, and Fireworks, along with Vacation Bible School will be great opportunities for our community to see how much we love one another and allow the love of Christ to pour out to others. Make every effort to be kindly affectionate to one another.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
 Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- July 2 5:30 pm Art of Parenting-Small Group F.H.
 July 3 6:00 pm Faith, Family, Fireworks #6
 July 4 Independence Day-Church Office closed
 July 9-13th 5:30-8:00 pm Vacation Bible School
 July 14-17 OPBA Children's & Middle School Camp
 July 15 2:00-4:00 pm 100th B-Day party for Louise Caruthers/ Come & Go
 July 16 5:30 pm Art of Parenting-Small Group F.H.
 July 18 5:30 pm YAH Meeting
 July 23 4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
 5:30 pm Art of Parenting-Small Group
 July 27 6:00 pm Church Council Calendar Planning Supper & Meeting
 July 31-Aug. 5th- Camp Como, Colorado

*Our Deepest Sympathy to:
 Barbara Robertson & family
 in the loss of Doug Robertson*



YAH Meeting

Tuesday, July 18th 5:30 pm
 Meal: Hamburgers & Hotdogs
 A-G: Bring Dessert
 H-R: Bring Veg/Salad
 S-Z: Bring Chips / Dips
 Program: 4-H Speeches/
 Demonstrations

25 Tickets available now for
 "ESTHER" @ Sight & Sound
 Theater in Branson
 Thurs. Sept. 21st.
 Cost \$59.00 per ticket and
 Cost of your meal.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Lorraine Vice Marno Patterson Laura Hammons
 Beverly Ramseyer Sondra Divine Melanie Bruffett
 Jeanie Leavell

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Becky Purkey & Lisa Dahlquist, daughters of LeeRoy & Anna Voorhees
 Wilmetta Jeffries, mother of Gale Main
 Wayne Griffitt, father of Lena Harris
 Rod Jurgens, friend of Sheila Stevens
 Suzanne Cloyed
 Scott Gordon, friend of Bruffett's and Sandbergs
 Ron Buchanan, father of Debbie Marti
 Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls Travis Stroud, son of Carol Stroud
 Jeanie & Bill Burkhardt, sister & Bro. in law of David Thrasher
 Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts Nancy Kirby, Kay McKee's siter in law
 Billy Schnauffer, bro. in law of Gary & Nina White
 Jessica Querry, sister-in-law of Kerri Beshore
 Tyler Worthington, grandson of Shirley Hildebrand

MILITARY /1st RESPONDER PERSONNEL

Taylor Sheat, National Guard, nephew of Chris Sheat
 Rene Gamache-Army, husband of Jerica (Stahl) Gamache
 Brian Jenkins-helicopter pilot, Germany, Grandson of Maxine Francis
 Richard Jones - Army, son of Linda Jones
 Caleb Stevens-USAF Las Vegas, NV Son of Gary & Sheila Stevens
 Joey Rossiter - North Carolina, grandson of Sue Hobson
 Merissa Schmidt - Guam, 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 /Project Committee
 Vacation Bible School Issues in Ukraine
 (Prayer requests will be left in Bulletin for 3 weeks unless updated)

The Art Of Parenting"

Join us for this 's week study -Book Cost: \$5.00

@ 5:30 pm in F.H. Sundays- July 2nd, 16th, 23rd
 Aug. 6th, 13th, 27th.
 Group meal, Video and discussion-Led by Steve Livingston

Topics: The Goal Of Parenting, Forming Character, Applying
 Discipline, Building Relationships, Understanding Identity,
 Nurturing Identity, Preparing for Mission, The Power of Family

Thank you for your generous baby bottle donations
 \$1039.85 was collected for
 Katie's House Pregnancy & Resource Center

Youth / Outreach

Be the church

1 Corinthians 12:20

Dear First Family,

What is the church? Is it just a building? Or is it much more than that? According to Strong's Greek Bible, the word 'church' comes from the Greek word 'ekklēsia' which means "a calling out, a Christian community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both." Jesus calls us out of darkness into his wonderful light. We are called to be different and set apart from everyone else, therefore when someone looks at you they should be able to say, 'Hey! There goes a Christian, there goes the church.'

The word 'church' became the staple of Christianity from the beginning. In fact, church was had anywhere that Christians met, for example at a believer's home. It was the literal gathering of God's people in the New Testament and not necessarily a building. After a while, when Christians became settled and developed concrete places of worship, those buildings became known as churches. However, according to the Bible, a church is primarily still considered to be a group of people who have surrendered their lives to Christ.

When people look at our church, they should see a group of people who have committed their lives to Jesus. Therefore, it is each individual's responsibility to represent the church in everything that they do, so that Christ, in turn, is manifested to others. It's a simple formula, if you follow Jesus, then you are the church. It would be careless of us to think that it is only the job of the Pastors, deacons, and leaders of the church to represent Christ to the community. But in fact, it is the job of every member of the congregation of believers to use their talents and gifts for the spreading of the gospel.

1 Corinthians 12:20 says, "But now are they many members, yet but one body." As citizens of God's Kingdom, we ought to be examples of God's love in our community. Being church means we live in a way that others can see Christ in us. As we go about our daily lives, let us be mindful that others see Jesus in us whether we are good examples or not. We are all ambassadors of Christ and His church. It is my prayer that we all will be found faithful as we go through this crazy thing we call life.

To God be the Glory!

Chris Roth

Welcome New Members

Dick & Linda Pope
 Rylan & Joel Cofield

Celebrate Our Oldest Church Member

LOUISE CARUTHERS
 "100th Birthday"

Saturday, July 15th 2-4 pm
 FBC Fellowship Hall
 Come & Go-Cake & Punch



KID'S DAY OUT

Sponsoring a
 WATER FUN DAY
 Squirt guns, Water Balloons, Popsicles, and
 The Fire Truck! 10:00-11:00 am @ FBC
 July Date TBA

NO MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST IN JULY



HOMEBOUND

Junior & Laura Hammons

Vital Signs for June, 2023

Average Attendance for June
 Morning Worship - 232
 Sunday School - 128

Treasurer's Report for June 2023 Business Meeting

	March	April	May
Total Income:	\$42,595.39	\$53,495.53	\$34,926.59
Total Expenditures:	59,027.51	44,607.77	43,010.65
Net Income	\$-16,432.12	\$8887.76	\$-8084.06

June FLOC Building Fund Contributions: \$36,024.00



CALENDAR PLANNING NIGHT & MEAL

Thursday, July 27th @ 6:00 pm
 Come prepared to put your dates
 On the church calendar.