

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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Dr. Robert Hodson, Pastor..... 681-0393
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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-Thursday
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Fridays
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Staff Meeting
Monday 1:30 pm



FOR AUGUST
MONDAY
August 23rd



School Starts August 21st
Please keep the Faculty, Staff & Students in your prayers.
FBC's & 123's Christian School
Begins Monday, Aug. 28th

MONDAY, AUGUST 14th

11:30 am-5:30 pm

First Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall



August Homebound

Joyce Stone



Welcome New Member

Linda Hensley



Children & Youth Activities
Resuming Wednesday, Sept. 6th

TEAM KIDS
K-5th grades
6:00-7:30 pm
Supper, Bible teaching, games & more

COLLISION YOUTH
6th-12th grades
7:00-8:30 pm

Youth Led Services,
Supper & activities

Can't wait to see ya there!



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To Know Christ and to
Make Him Known

Lamar Free Fair Events

Sunday, Aug. 20th Community Fair Service
Place & Time TBA

Wednesday, Aug. 23rd Gospel Sing 7:00 pm
Thiebaud Auditorium

Thursday, Aug. 24th—Saturday, Aug. 26th Fair Booth Shifts
6:00-9:00 pm (Please watch for sign up sheets)

Free Movie @ The Plaza

" HIS ONLY SON "

Show Dates & Times

Saturday, August 26th @ 3:15 pm

Sunday, August 27th @ 1:30 & 6:00 pm

Sponsored by First Baptist Church Lamar

Please Invite Your Family, Friends, & Neighbors



Vacation Bible School Update

"Make your ways known to me Lord, teach me your way". Psalm 25:4
What a great week we have had at VBS! Boys and girls heard the good news about Jesus. Nine children made a profession of faith. Thank you Lord! There are more that are asking some really good questions as they learn more about who Jesus is. Thank you for investing in their lives. There were 141 children enrolled with an average attendance of 115. Our mission offering of \$3,797.90 went to Project Hope to build and furnish a school in Nicaragua. Many wonderful meals and snacks were served and very much appreciated.

As I think about our church family, I think about Matthew 25:40 "Assuredly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me". You have served your heavenly Father.

Debbie & Susan

Looking Ahead

- Aug 2 6:30 pm Hebrews Bible Study & Men's Ministry Bible Study resume
- Aug 5 8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast F.H.
- Aug 6 5:30 pm "Art of Parenting" small group F.H.
- Aug 7 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting
- Aug 9 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Resumes
7:15 pm Adoration & Praise Handbells Resumes
- Aug 13 5:30 pm "Art of Parenting" Small group F.H.
- Aug 14 11:30 am-5:30 pm Red Cross Blood Mobile
- Aug 20 Community Fair Service Time & Place TBA
- Aug 21 School Starts
- Aug 23 5:00-7:00 pm FBC/ 123 Open House Come & Go
- Aug 23 6:30 pm Pre-show 7:00 pm Gospel Sing
Thiebaud Auditorium
Lamar Free Fair
- Aug. 24-26 6-9:00 pm Church Fair Booth
- Aug 26 3:15 pm Free Movie @ Plaza
- Aug. 27 1:30 & 6:00 pm Free Movie @ Plaza
4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
5:30 pm "Art of Parenting" Small Group
- Aug 28 FBC's & 123's Christian School starts

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Beverly Ramseyer Lorraine Vice Jane Houghton
Melanie Bruffett

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Steve Smith
Jeannie Koehn, Mother of Mike Koehn
Rick VanGilder, son of Patsy VanGilder
Becky Purkey & Lisa Dahlquist, daughters of LeeRoy & Anna Voorhees
Wayne Griffitt, father of Lena Harris
Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls
Travis Stroud, son of Carol Stroud
Jeanie & Bill Burkhardt, sister & Bro. in law of David Thrasher
Billy Schnauffer, brother in law of Gary & Nina White
Scott Gordon, friend of Bruffets' & Sandbergs'
Rod Jurgens, friend of Sheila & Gary Stevens
Nancy Kirby, Kay McKee's sister in law, Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts
Tyler Worthington, grandson of Shirley Hildebrand
Jessica Querry, sister-in-law of Kerri Beshore

MILITARY/1st RESPONDER PERSONNEL

Rene Gamache-Army, husband of Jerica (Stahl) Gamache
Taylor Sheat-National Guard, nephew of Chris Sheat
Brian Jenkins-helicopter pilot in Germany, grandson of Maxine Francis
Caleb Stevens-USAF Las Vegas, Nv. Son of Gary & Sheila Stevens
Richard Jones - Army, Washington son of Linda Jones
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 Committee
Building Project Missionaries

Family Ministries

"You've Already Won"

I can imagine that there is a moment in every battle that the enemy is clearly defeated, yet he continues to fight. It is in this moment that the righteous warrior will need to trust that the battle, although still raging, is indeed already won. Faith will be the weapon that drives the righteous warrior to ultimate victory. The Bible speaks of such a weapon in Hebrews 11-12. Hebrew 11:1 says, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." The author of Hebrews then proceeds to list the heroes of the faith, how they by faith believed, yet had not seen. In each example, the hero had to face a challenge that without the weapon of faith, would have left them helpless. Often they were persecuted to the point of death, yet by faith, they persevered. In chapter 12, we read that as we contemplate on these "great cloud of witnesses", that it is important for us to remember; we, as they, must continue to look to Jesus the "founder and perfecter of our faith". Jesus endured the shame of the cross with joy looking forward to His future glory seated at the right hand of the throne of God. We have a hope of a future glory as well. And although we may face discipline through training or correction, we can be assured that, "for the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

Therefore, suffering is not meaningless, for it is given to us to make us stronger, and to increase our faith in the promise of a future "kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."

There's peace that outlast darkness, hope that's in the blood. There's future grace that's mine today that Jesus Christ has won.

Steve

Choir & Hand Bells Resume Wed. August 9th New members are welcome

Dear First Family and Friends,

It could have caused a major accident. It was a little embarrassing. I was driving east on 160. I heard a loud thud, checked the review mirror, and saw my worship Bible fly off the car roof, scattering sermon notes and folders throughout the 3 lanes of traffic. I was just east of Tractors, so I pulled into the nearest parking lot, put on my flashers and headed back to the wreckage. Pulling off to the side of the road, I headed to the scattered pages and Bible to begin the art of chasing papers (did I mention the wind had picked up), and retrieving the Bible. Three cars passed, only one stopped to ask if I needed any help. Thank-you, Larry Edge!

Back at the office, looking over the crumpled pages and notes, I thought my Leather bond Bible was ruined. Denise was there and after hearing my story, she began going through the pages and said it was not as bad as I thought. She then began the process of unfolding the wrinkled pages and putting things back together.

Sin causes us to fly off the roof of the moving vehicle only to hit hard on the pavement. Only a few passing by will even slow down to notice, fewer to stop and offer a word of encouragement. God sees our crumpled torn pages and begins to put things back in order. Is there someone you know who has hit the pavement hard? Do they know that God's specialty is putting things back together?

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
Pastor Robb

Vital Signs for July, 2023

Average Attendance for July
Morning Worship - 243
Sunday School - 133

Treasurer's Report for June 2023
Total Income: \$ 43,121.72
Total Expenditures: \$62,148.66

July FLOC Building Fund Contributions : \$179,987.59



Sympathy Extended to:

Junior Hammons in the loss of his wife,
Laura Hammons

&

Ed Patterson and family in the loss of his wife,
Marno Patterson

&

Debbi Marti and family in the loss her father,
Ron Buchanan

Donations for Operation Christmas Child Youth Packing Party

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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.

August items: coloring books, spiral notebooks and pencils

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