The Vision

First Baptist Church 1301 E. 6th St. P.O. Box 426 Lamar, MO 64759

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Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am Small Groups @ 5:30 pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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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 - 12:00 pm

Staff Meeting Monday 1:30 pm

FOR OCTOBER **MONDAY** October 26

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday Oct. 2nd 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 3rd

Church Council @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 22nd Deacons Meeting @ 4:00 pm

PRAYER WARRIORS

Gifts for October need to be in the Church Office by Wednesday, October 18th for delivery on October 19th.

YAH Crafters

Thursday, Oct. 19th @ 10:00 am (note date change) Assembling & Delivering gifts to the schools

We are still in need of a few more Prayer Warriors



Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of

Louise Caruthers



Goal: \$9,000 Total Received: \$9,418.00 Thank You to all that generously gave.



Trunk OR Treat

Tuesday. October 31st 5:00 -6:30 pm

Hotdogs, Chips & Water FREE for ALL

If you would like to participate in decorating your vehicle and handing out candy please sign up in the Gathering Area.



To Know Christ and to Make Him Known



Vision

September 27, 2023 Volume 16, Issue 9

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



FALL SMALL GROUPS

Join us for this 6-week study of the book of ROMANS Sundays @ 5:30 pm October 1st-Nov. 5th

> Sign up sheets are in the Gathering area For all the host homes & Facilitators

YAHFish/Chicken FRY Tues. Oct. 17th @ 5:00 pm Fish & Chicken provided A-J; bring Vegetables K-R bring Dessert 10:00 am -12:00 pm Ladies Winter S-Z: bring Salads

Men's Ministry Breakfast Sat, Oct. 7th @ 8:00 am Speaker: Jerry Stansberry **Car Care Day**

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

Yesterday (Sunday 9/17) was a Great Surprise! I am not sure who did the planning and preparing this celebration, but you kept it quiet and I did not have a clue. Looking back over 25 years, I cannot believe all that God has lead and accomplished. There is no doubt that God led us here, but I had no idea what He had in mind. Denise and I have been blessed beyond measure and we love you all very much.

My devotional reading today was from the book of Exodus. God instructed Moses to prepare the garments for Aaron and his sons as priest unto the Lord. Aaron, as the High Priest was to have an Ephod, with the names of the 12 tribes of Israel embossed on Onyx stone. Aaron, as High Priest were to remember the nation of Israel as he served the Lord.

I am reminded that my calling, from God, has enlisted me to remember you as I serve Him. My goal and prayer is that I be found faithful. I strive to serve you to the best of my ability, seeking God's direction and purpose.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,

Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

October 1 5:30 pm Small Groups Begin OCC Shoeboxes ready for pick-up

October 2 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting

October 3 7:00 pm Council Meeting

October 4 6:00 pm Fall Women's Bible Study begins

October 5 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study begins

October 7 8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast 10.00 am –12:00 pm–Car Winterization

October 8 11:15 am O.C.C. Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Costner 5:30 pm Small Groups

October 9 6:00 pm O.C.C. Sorting Night

October 11 6:30 Women's Bible Study Community Youth Night @ Sheldon FBC

October 12 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study

October 14 3:00-5:00 pm KID'S Day OUT

October 15 5:30 pm Small Groups

October 16 11:30 am-5:30 pm Blood Mobile

October 17 2:00 pm O.C.C. Meeting-Set up F.H. 5:00 pm YAH Meeting/Fish Fry

October 18 6:00 pm Team Kids/O.C.C Packing Party 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

October 19 10:00 am YAH Crafters (note change)
Gifts due for delivery
1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
4:30 pm Team Meal

October 22 4:30 pm Deacon's Meeting 5:30 pm Small Groups

October 23 & 24 MBC Annual Meeting

October 24 Meals On Wheels Deliveries 6:00 pm O.C.C. set up Gathering area

October 25 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7: 00 pm Collision Youth/O.C.C.Packing Party

October 26 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study

October 29 5:30 pm Small Groups

October 30 & 31 FBC's & 123's Fall Costume Party

October 31 5:00-6:30 pm Trunk Or Treat

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Joel Cofield Chris Sheat Beverly Ramseyer Jill Willoughby Melanie Bruffett Lorraine Vice Christine Bryam

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Brett Campbell, friend of Belinda & Dayne Shoff Travis Gire, friend of Tom & Gale Main Helen Gardner, Diane Moore's Mother, Steve Rawlings, nephew of Lynn Divine Jim & Glenda Thomas, parents of MikeThomas Donna Faglie, friend of Jerry & Jane Houghton John Orahood, friend of Leon Bishop Diane Dighero, sister of Pam Kelley Joel Miller, friend of Mae Cooper Jeannie Koehn, mother of Mike Koehn Tom Buchanan, friend of LeeRoy & Anna Voorhees Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls Travis Stroud, son of Carol Stroud Jeanie & Bill Burkhardt, sister and brother in law of David Thrasher Billy Schnaufer, brother in law of Gary & Nina White Scott Gordon, friend of Bruffet's & Sandberg's Rod Jurgens, friend of Sheila 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

Taylor Sheat, National Guard, nephew of Chris Sheat
Rene Gamache, Army, Husband of Jerica (Stahl) Gamache
Brian Jenkins, Grandson of Maxine Franics
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, soneof Linda Jones
Nathan Davis—National Guard, husband of Sarah Davis

MISSION OUTREACH

Bldg Committee Pastoral Staff Lamar's Unchurched

Important Upcoming OCC News

October 1—boxes will be available to YOU to both pick up and fill!

October 8– 11:15 am Special Speaker: Elizabeth Costner /Latvia

October 9- 6:00 pm Sorting night

October 17- 2:00 pm Set up in Fellowship Hall October 18- 6:00 pm Team Kids Packing Party

October 24- 6:00 pm Set up in Gathering area

October 25- 7:00 pm Youth Packing Party

Our goal is for the kids and youth to pack a total of 150 boxes. You can help by providing the items listed below for our kids and youth!

September items: gloves, box of bandages, hairbrushes, small toys and colored pencils

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

Music / Family Ministry

Martin Luther, a monk in the Roman Catholic order named after Augustine, was teaching the book of Romans to his students at the University of Wittenberg, Germany. As he carefully studied the text, he became more and more convicted by Paul's central theme of justification by faith alone. He wrote, I greatly longed to understand Paul's Epistle to the Romans, and nothing stood in the way but that one expression, "the righteousness of God," because I took it to mean that righteousness whereby God is righteous and deals righteously in punishing the unrighteous. ...Night and day I pondered until ... I grasped the truth that the righteousness of God is that righteousness whereby, through grace and sheer mercy, he justifies us by faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise. The whole of Scripture took on a new meaning, and whereas before "the righteousness of God" had filled me with hate, now it became to me inexpressibly sweet in greater love. This passage of Paul became to me a gateway to heaven. (Cf. Barend Klaas Kuiper, Martin Luther: The Formative Years [Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1933], pp. 198–208.)

Why and what we believe as Southern Baptist must be proven by scripture. I am convinced that the book of Romans is the most concise source of Biblical support for our beliefs. I challenge you to join us for an in-depth study into Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Starting October 1st through November 5, we will study the first 6 chapters. In the spring of next year, we will look at the next 5 chapters, and conclude with the final 5 in the fall. You will be challenged, you will be encouraged, and you will be blessed.

Steve

"With Us in the Wilderness"

A study of the Book of Nuumbers By Lauren Chandler

The book of Numbers is a story of wilderness wandering, but it's also a story of God's desire to be among His dearly loved children. God's presence, provision and faithfulness carried His children through their wilderness wandering. And He promises the same to us, through His steadfast love and character.

During this 7-session study, we will learn that God never wastes wilderness seasons, how Old Testament stories give a deeper understanding of God's purposes and love and rekindle our trust in God.

There are two opportunities to participate in this study: Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 pm beginning October 4 or Thursday afternoons at 1:30 beginning at 1:30 pm.

Book cost \$10. Sign-up through the church office by Monday, October 2.

Community Youth Night Wed. Oct. 11th Sheldon FBC Bus leaves 6:00 pm~ Returns 8:30 pm

KID'S DAY OUT
Saturday, Oct. 14th
OL'Yale Farms
306 S. 250th St. Pittsburg, Ks.

Time 3:00-5:00 pm Prices TBA

Welcome New Members

Roman & Sophie Gordon Mya Castle Rory Rook Ronnie & Nicole Brownsworth



Monday, October 16th 11:30-5:30 pm Fellowship Hall



October Homebound

Rose Bronson

Averages for September, 2023

Average Attendance for September Morning Worship - 264 Sunday School - 140

Treasurer's Report for September 2023 Business Meeting

<u>June</u> <u>July</u> <u>August</u>

otal Income: \$43,121.72 \$72,961.66 \$50,320.41

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 \$43,121.72
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 Total Expenditures:
 62,148.66
 59,717.12
 53,186.63

 Net Income
 \$-19,026.94
 \$13,244.54
 \$-2,866.22

September FLOC Contributions: \$2,852.00