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

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The Church Office will be closed

Monday, December 25th.

Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF

	
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Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 4:30pm Friday 8:00 am - noon Staff Meeting Monday 1:30 pm

FOR DECEMBER **MONDAY DECEMBER 18th**





Monday, December 11TH 11:30 am-5:30 pm FBC Fellowship Hall

Children & Youth Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 13th

Everyone wear your P.J.'s~ Breakfast is on the menu!

Team Kids 6:00 pm Games & Cookie Decorating

Collision Youth 6:30 pm Scavenger Hunt White Elephant Gift Game (bring a gift not to exceed \$5)

Prayer Warriors/ Crafters



Teacher Gifts for Dec. need to be in the church office by Wed. Dec. 13th YAH Crafters

10:00 am Thurs, Dec. 14th

Assembling gifts for delivery to schools

Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering-Goal \$13,000 Will be collected through the month of December

The Christmas Mailbox



The mail box is set up across from the office Window for your convenience to give cards to others. Please remember that the postage you save may be given to Missions.

Know Christ and to Make Him Known To

The Vision

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December Events @ FBC

Sun. Dec. 3rd. Deacon & Wives Banguet @ 12:00

Sun. Dec. 10th Church Wide Christmas Dinner Carry out meals ready for pick up @ 4:30 pm Dine In-Fellowship Hall 5:00-6:00 pm Business Meeting 6:00 pm

Wed. Dec. 13th @ 6:00 pm Team Kids Christmas Party Games, Cookie Decorating @ 6:30 pm Collision Youth Scavenger Hunt, Breakfast, P.J.'s, White Elephant Gift exchange

Thurs. Dec. 14th @ 6:00 pm Women's Christmas Party

Tues. Dec. 20th @ 10:00 am FBC's & 123's Christmas Program

Fri. & Sat. Dec. 22 & 23 @ 7:00 pm Christmas Musical



Sun. Dec. 24th @ 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service Lord's Supper

Merry Christmas from FBC

Winter Devotional magazines are available on table in the Gathering Area.

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

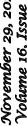
December is quickly approaching and with it the celebration of Advent. Advent is preparing for and anticipating the arrival of the promised Messiah.

We celebrate advent, realizing the Promised Messiah; Jesus of Nazareth came and will return. We now prepare for the second advent of Christ. Join us each Sunday as we celebrate the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love of Christmas.

Denise and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,

Pastor Robb



Looking Ahead in December

December 2 8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast

December 3 Advent of Hope 12:00 pm Deacon's & wives Lunch 5:00 pm OPBA Missions Fair Lockwood

December 4 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting

December 5 7:00 pm Church Council

December 6 6:30 pm Community Youth Night
@ 1st Christian Church

December 7 5:30 pm YAH Christmas Dinner Theater Trip / Carthage

December 10 Advent of Peace 4:30 pm Christmas Meal Carry outs 5:00 –6:00 pm Christmas Meal Dine in 6:00 pm Business Meeting

December 11 11:30 am-5:30 pm Blood Mobile F.H.

December 13 6:00 pm Team Kids Christmas Party 6:30 pm Collision Youth Scavenger Hunt, Christmas party

December 14 10:00 am YAH Crafters assembling / delivering gifts to schools 6:00 pm Women's Christmas Party

December 17 Advent of Joy

December 19 10:00 am FBC's & 123's Christmas Program

December 22 & 23 7:00 pm Christmas Musical

December 24 Advent of Love
9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
Lord's Supper

December 25 Christmas Day –Office Closed

January 1 New Year's Day-Office Closed

Annual Christmas Church Dinner Sunday Dec. 10th Come & Go

Carry out or Dine In options
4:30 pm Carryout Meals Ready for pick-up
5:00 -6:00 pm Dine In
Business Meeting @ 6:00 pm
Sign-Up Sheets in Gathering area.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Joel Cofield Beverly Ramseyer Beth Reed Lorraine Vice Melanie Bruffett Leonard Metcalf Mae Cooper Oscar Bronson Jerry Houghton Jerica (Stahl) Gamache

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Dalton Eason, grandson of Oscar & Linda Bronson
Joyce Nogalski, wife of Joe Nogalski, S.W. Reg Rep for MBCH
Jerry Bunn, friend of Dick & Linda Pope Dohnyetta Robinson
Jentri Banwart, granddaughter of David & Peggy Banwart
Rick VanGilder, son of Patsy VanGilder
Earl Higgins, brother in law of John Lawrence & Nancy McCall
Brett Campbell, friend of Belinda & Dayne Shoff
Travis Gire, friend of Tom & Gale Main John Orahood, friend of Leon Bishop
Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls Donna Fraglie, friend of Jane Houghton
Diane Dighero, sister of Pam Kelley Joel Miller, friend of Mae Cooper
Tim Gifford, friend of David Banwart Jeannie Koehn, mother of Mike Koehn

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Travis Stroud, son of Carol Stroud
Rod Jergens, friend of Sheila Stevens
Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts
Tyler Worington, grandson of Shirley Hildebrand
Jessica Querry, Kerri Beshore's sister in Law
Jeanie & Bill Burkhardt, sister & brother in Law of David Thrasher
Nancy Kirby, Kay McKee's siter in law Scott Gordon, friend of Sandbergs & Bruffetts

MILITARY/ 1st RESPONDER PERSONNEL

Billy Schnaufer, brother in law of Nina & Gary White

Brian Jenkins, Army-Germany, nephew of Jerald Lehman
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
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/Project

December Homebound

Howard Smith-Lynn Grigery

Lorraine Vice -Roy & Thelma Lehman -Dorothy Todd
Junior Hammons -Joyce Stone -Justine McManis

Rose Program - Names Payment

Rose Bronson - Nancy Bowman

Please take time to send each one of these a card this holiday season.



Our Deepest Sympathy To These Families

Mlike Thomas, in the loss of his father, Jim Thomas

The family of Maxine Francis

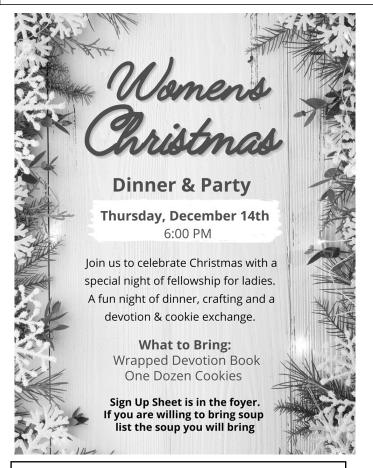
Music/Family Ministries

Merry Christmas!

Our Choir is working on the Dramatic Musical, "Welcome To Bethlehem". Many long hours have been committed to this endeavor and we have a long way to go, in order to make this production a memorable Christmas event.

"Welcome To Bethlehem" is a heartwarming story of love and redemption. The Bethlehem Inn, in city of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, is in big financial trouble. Mr. Wiseman, the general manager, will need a miracle to keep the Inn running for another year. "May", who has made some mistakes, is needing to know she's loved and that Christ is still the savior of lost and troubled souls. Please join us on December 22nd and 23rd, at 7:00 pm here at First Baptist, for the Musical Drama, "Welcome To Bethlehem."

God Bless, Steve



Welcome New Members

Anita & Guy Gallman

Colton, Jessica, Walter & Harlyn Bailey

Yvonne & Bob Haile

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Because of our church family's generosity, a total of **368** Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were filled by individuals, our youth and children during their Packing Parties.

Each child who receives a shoebox will have an opportunity to hear about God and His love for them. Please pray for these children and those who will deliver the shoeboxes.

Thank you also for the volunteers that helped during Collection Week, as our church served as a drop-off sight. During Collection Week, there were 1293 shoeboxes dropped off, packed into shipping cartons and delivered to Joplin to begin their journey to children all over the world.

Please pick up your coolers from the Fellowship Hall. Thank You to all that helped in any way to make our Community Thanksgiving Day a blessing to others.

Vital Signs for November, 2023

Average Attendance for November Morning Worship - 243 Sunday School - 125 Small Groups - 56

Treasurer's Financial Report for October Total Income: \$49,265.61 Total Expenditures: \$50,684.66 Nov. FLOC Donations: \$1,275.40