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 First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times
 Morning Worship @ 10:15 am

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF

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 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
 Friday
 8:00 am - Noon
Staff Meeting
 Monday 1:30 pm



For February
MONDAY
January 29th



*The Church Staff
 Would like to wish everyone a
 Happy & Blessed New Year!*

*The Church Office will be closed
 Monday, Jan. 1st for New Year's Day!*

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, January 2nd
 YAH Council Meeting 10:30 am
 Recreation Meeting 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 9th
 Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Monday, January 22nd
 Building Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 28th
 Deacon's Meeting @ 4:00 pm




January Homebound
 Howard Smith-Maple Senior Living

Prayer Warriors
 Gifts for Jan. Due in
 Office by Wed. Jan. 10th

YAH Crafters
 Thurs. Jan. 11th @ 10:00 am
 Assembling gifts for delivery.



To Know Christ and to
 Make Him Known

The Vision

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New Year-New Beginnings:

1. Get a devotion book and read God's Word (Bible) Daily.
2. Make a list of people and pray for them daily.
3. Ask God to bring individuals into your path daily that need encouragement, then be receptive to their needs.
4. Get involved in a Sunday school class, Bible study & small group



FBC's Winter Games, Chili Cook-Off & Pie Contest

Sunday, January 28th

Registration : 5:00 pm

Dinner: 5:30 pm



Bring your Homemade Chili's, Soups, and Pies

We invite you to enter our Chili Cook-Off and Pie Contest.

A-M: Bring sides for Chili's N-Z: Bring side dishes, cakes or cookies

Sign-Up Sheets will be in the Gathering Area.

Wii Bowling Tournament for adults and youth

Bring your favorite card and board game to share in the festivities.

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

Denise and I want to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, words of encouragement and prayerful support during this Christmas season. God has richly blessed us with such a loving and caring church family. Thank you!

Looking ahead into next year, 2024, we have several things to be in prayer with anticipation! Completion work and dedication of the FLOC Building is just a few months away. We are already making use of the facility and only God knows what is in store for its use down the road.

We are also looking forward to the enlargement of our ministries and mission. We have so many opportunities for participation... when you begin to list all the different ways to become involved from men, women, youth, children, preschool, senior adults, families, small groups, mission trips, just to list a few, God is working and we will join Him.

The New Year looks promising and I thank God has called me here for such a time as this.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,

Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- January 1 Office Closed-New Year's Day
- January 2 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting
6:00 pm Recreation Com. Meeting
- January 3 6:00 pm TEAM KIDS Resumes
6:30 pm 1 Thess. Bible study resumes
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study starts
7:00 pm Collision Youth Resumes
- January 6 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
- January 9 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- January 10 Prayer Warrior Gifts Due in Office
- January 11 10:00 am YAH Crafters-Assembling
& delivering gifts to schools
- January 12 & 13 VBS Preview Event, Houston, Tx.
- January 16 5:00 pm YAH Soup & Chili Supper
Game Night
- January 21 10:15 am Baptist Men's Day
- January 22 7:00 pm Building Committee Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)
- January 23 Meals On Wheels Delivery
- January 28 4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
5:00 pm Winter Games/ Chili Cook-off
Pie Contest

Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering

Goal: \$13,00 Received: \$13,183.00

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT

JOIENE LEEMASTERS @ 214-4115

OR THE CHURCH OFFICE @ 682-3538

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Guy Gallman Beverly Ramseyer Beth Reed
Leonard Metcalf Barbara Robertson Melanie Bruffett
Lorraine Vice John Lawrence Junior Hammons Joel Cofield
Jerica (Stahl) Gamache

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Linda Welch, wife of pastor Tom Welch
Jerry Bunn, friend of Dick & Linda Pope Dohnyetta Robinson
Jentri Banwart, granddaughter of Peggy & David Banwart
Earl Higgins, brother in law of John Lawrence & Nancy McCall
Brett Campbell, friend of Belinda & Dayne Shoff Travis Gire, friend of Tom & Gale Main
Donna Fagile, friend of Jane Houghton Rick VanGilder, son of Patsy VanGilder
Diane Dighero, sister of Pam Kelley Joel Miller, friend of Mae Cooper
Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls Travis Stroud, son of Carol Stroud
Tim Gifford, friend of David Banwart Jeannie Koehn, mother of Mike Koehn
Jeanie & Bill Burkhardt, sister & Bro in law of David Thrasher
Billy Schnauffer, bro in law of Gary & Nina White
Scott Gordon, friend of Bruffetts & Sandbergs Rod Jurgens, friend of Sheila Stevens
Nancy Kirby, Kay McKee's sister in law Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts
Jessica Querry, sister in law of Kerri Beshore John Orahoad, friend of Leon Bishop
Tyler Worthington, grandson of Shirley Hildebrand

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Taylor Sheat, National Guard, nephew of Chris Sheat
Rene Gamache-Army, husband of Jerica (Stahl) Gamache
Brian Jenkins, helicopter pilot in Germany, nephew of Jerald Lehman
Richard Jones-Army, Washington son of Linda Jones
Joey Rossiter - North Carolina, grandson of Sue Hobson
Caleb Stevens-USAF Las Vegas, Nv. Son of Gary & Shelia Stevens
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 Issues in Haiti/ Israel

(Prayer requests will be left in Bulletin for 3 weeks unless updated)



YAH (Young At Heart)

Tues. Jan. 16th @ 5:00 pm

Soup & Chili Supper

(provided by YAH Council)

A-M Bring : Soup Condiments:

cheese, fritos, crackers, sour cream, onions, etc.

N-Z Bring: Dessert

Game Night~ Bring your favorite table game

to play

with everyone.



YOUTH/OUTREACH

Influencers

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things." — Philippians 4:8, NIV

After the first of the year, our youth are starting a new Bible study entitled "Influencers". As adults, it's important to remember that we too can be influenced! As human beings, we are influenced by different things in our lives. Even if we do not consciously realize it, we take in information from those around us and things we see. After some time, the information we are analyzing around us can change our actions, words and ways of thinking.

This is not necessarily a negative thing. In fact, at times, it can be extremely helpful. For example, if we are trying to learn a new language, spending time with others who are also learning or those who are fluent speakers may improve our understanding and speaking of the language. Or perhaps, we listen to positive upbeat music to help us get excited and pumped up for our day.

It can, however, become dangerous when we give the wrong things influence over our lives or even give the good things too much influence. God and His Word should have the biggest influence in our hearts and lives.

We have a choice of what we let influence our lives. The people we let in, the content we watch, things we listen to and places we spend our time can all shift our perspectives and outlooks.

Proverbs 4:23 says, *"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."* We can try our best to keep influence that we know will distract us from our goal and faith far from our minds and our hearts.

At times it may be difficult or even unavoidable if we are put into situations that we cannot control. However, there are a few things we can control, for the most part, that can influence us for good or bad.

The people we hang out around have great influence on us. In fact, it has been shown that we mirror the actions and behaviors of people we spend time with. Proverbs 1 describes this by saying, *"walk with the wise and become wise."*

If we spend time around people who have Godly habits and positive attitudes, we can be pushed by this influence to grow. However, if we fill our time with people who exhibit qualities that we do not want to hold, we are at risk of picking up on those qualities.

This is one reason why being a member of a strong church community is important. Having others who are willing to use their influence in our lives to help us grow more Christ like is essential in our Christian walk.

Our first and greatest influence should always be our Heavenly Father and His Word. Not other people, media or places, but righteousness and His kingdom. We can honor God by choosing to surround ourselves with things and people that will push us to grow closer to Him.

To God be the Glory,

Chris Roth

Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Thelma Lehman & family of
Roy Lehman

Men's Ministry Events



Sat. Jan. 6th Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
Speaker: Joe Nogalski, S.W. Regional Rep
For Missouri Baptist Children's Home

Men's Bible Study ~beginning
Wed. Jan. 3rd @ 6:30 pm "James" by Francis Chan

Baptist Men's Day ~Sun. Jan. 21st
Testimonies, Men's Choir, and other special music.

Vital Signs for December, 2023

Average Attendance for December
Morning Worship - 242
Sunday School - 118

Treasurer's Report for December 2023 Business Meeting
Total Income: \$ 49,963.47
Total Expenditures: \$51,551.95

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* Weather Policy *
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* If the schools dismiss early because of *
* inclement weather, Preschool, all evening *
* meetings & after school activities, will be *
* cancelled. Sunday services & activities will be *
* dismissed after the pastor has conferred with *
* Ministerial staff & Deacon officers. If services *
* are cancelled, we will call the local television *
* stations with this information. *
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