

The Vision
 First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
 Small Groups Resume Feb. 26th @ 5:30 pm

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-Noon
Staff Meeting
 Monday 1:30 pm



**FOR FEBRUARY
 MONDAY
 February 26th**

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, February 6th
 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting
 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Sunday, February 25th
 Deacons Meeting @ 4:00 pm

Prayer Warriors

Teacher gifts are due in church
 office by Wed. Feb. 14th



YAH Crafters 10:00 am

Thurs. Feb. 15th assembling gifts for delivery



KID'S DAY OUT

Saturday, Feb. 24th

6:30-8:30 pm

Ocean's Adventure-Webb City, Mo.



Our Deepest Sympathy

To: *The family of Beverly Ramseyer*

The Family of Elwood Fisher

The family of Leonard Metcalf

Rosmarie McMullen and Pam Kelley

In the loss of family members

Community Youth Night

Wednesday, February 21st 6:30-8:00 pm

@ FBC Meal & Speaker: Darrell Doss

If you need a Contribution Record
 for 2023, please contact the church office.

To Know Christ and to
 Make Him Known

The Vision

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YOUTH DESSERT/ FOOD AUCTION
"Hawaiian Lu'au"

*Bring your baked goodies/ Food and Craft items
 to be Auctioned off*

All proceeds benefit the Youth Fund ~ Donations gladly accepted

Meal: Hawaiian Chicken/ Rice & Pork Loin w/Mango sauce

Sides, drinks & Dessert



*This Sunday, February 4th
 5:00 pm in FBC Fellowship Hall*

*Dessert Auction following meal
 Sign up for the meal in the Gathering Area
 Dress in your favorite Hawaiian attire*

Youth
 Fund
 Raiser

Young At Heart ♥ Baked Potato Bar & Movie Night

Potatoes will be provided by the Council

Tuesday, February 20th @ 5:00 pm

A-G: Bring Toppings H-Q: Bring Salads R-Z: Bring Dessert

Movie: "The Hill" Enjoy some Popcorn from the "PLAZA"

From The Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

Denise and I had the privilege of traveling with Bill and Judy Jetton, (OPBA Director of Missions), this past week to the Midwest Leadership Summit in Springfield, Illinois. I would not be able to share everything I experienced in those few days, but I did share with the deacons one take away from the conference. The last speaker of Thursday morning shared this truth. **"Your church will not impact your community with the Gospel, until the Gospel impacts your church."**

The last few days I have tried to digest all that is in that sentence. I see two elements key to this statement. The first key is the word Impact. Webster's Dictionary defines impact as "to have a direct effect or impact on; impinge; to fix firmly by or as if by packing or wedging." The word impinge means to invade or impose. The church is to be forceful in sharing the Good News with our community.

The second key is the word Gospel. In our world where there are wars and rumor of wars, we have the good news everyone needs. We believe there is coming a time when God will make everything right, and that coming may be sooner than later. When He comes, only those who have a personal relationship with Christ will survive.

Has the Gospel impacted your life?

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,

Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

- February 3 8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast
- February 4 5:00 pm Sweetheart Dessert Auction/
Meal
- February 6 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- February 12 11:30 am—5:30 pm Bloodmobile
- February 13 10:00 am FBC's Party
- February 14 10:00 am FBC's Party
Prayer Warrior Gifts Due in Office
- February 15 10:00 am YAH Crafters
Delivering gifts to Schools
- February 18 5:30 pm Spring Small Groups Begin
- February 20 5:00 pm YAH Meeting-Baked Potato
Bar & Movie Night
- February 21 6:30 pm Spring Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Community Youth Night
@ FBC
- February 22 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- February 24 6:30-8:30 pm Kid's Day Out-
Ocean's Adventure-Webb City
- February 25 4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
5:30 pm Spring Small Groups
- February 27 Meals on Wheels Delivery
- February 28 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- February 29 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Assoc. VBS Training

February Homebound

Lynn Grigery



**Blood
DRIVE**

Blood Mobile
Monday, Feb. 12th
11:30 am-5:30 pm
FBC Fellowship Hall

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Scott Gordon Judd Chesnut John Lawrence Melanie Bruffett
Beth Aborn Wayne Dingman

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Brenda McKay, friend of Sheila Stevens
Nancy Adams, sister of Susan Roland & David Howard
Shana Ball, family of Rebecca & Sterling Moore
Dalton Eason, grandson of Oscar & Linda Bronson
Jerry Bunn, friend of Dick & Linda Pope Dohnyetta Robinson
Jentri Banwart, granddaughter of David & Peggy Banwart
Rick VanGilder, son of Patsy VanGilder
Brett Campbell, friend of Belinda & Dayne Shoff
Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls Travis Stroud, son of Carol Stroud
Tim Gifford, friend of David Banwart Jeannie Koehn, mother of Mike Koehn
Donna Fraglie, friend of Jane Houghton Joel Miller, friend of Mae Cooper
Jeanie & Bill Burkhardt, family of David Thrasher
Nancy Kirby, sister in law of Kay McKee Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts
Tyler Worthington, grandson of Shirley Hildebrand
Billy Schnauffer, brother in law of Gary & Nina White
Jessica Querry, sister in law of Kerri Beshore
Scott Gordon, friend of Bruffets and Sandbergs Rod Jurgens, friend of Sheila Stevens

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Taylor Sheat, National Guard, nephew of Chris Sheat
Rene Gamache-Army, husband of Jerica (Stahl) Gamache
Brian Jenkins-Helicopter Germany, nephew of Jerald Lehman
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 Vacation Bible School
Building Committee/Project Issues in Israel/ Ukraine/ Haiti

Spring Small Groups

**Sunday Feb.18th—Mar. 24th
5:30 pm**

**We will be continuing our study in
The Book of Romans, chapters 7-11.**

**There will be 3 locations to choose from.
Sign up sheets will be in the Gathering area.**

**If you have any questions contact Steve Livingston
@ 417-225-2821**

**Facilitators: Steve Livingston, @ FBC Fellowship Hall
Bryan Robertson @ Pam & David Caruthers' home
Tom Main @ Bert & Shawna Phipps' home**

Music/Family Ministries

Romans 11:33-36

*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how **inscrutable** His ways!*

³⁴ *"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?"*

³⁵ *"Or who has given a gift to Him that he might be repaid?"* ³⁶ *For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.*

Inscrutable means, impossible to understand or interpret, and to be honest, there are many things in the Bible that I do not fully understand. My finite mind is not capable of fully understanding the infinite mind of the Holy God of creation. Yet I still want to know the "hard to understand" things, God has chosen to reveal in His scriptures.

Therefore, like an itch that I cannot quite reach, I will do my best to scratch at the wisdom and knowledge of God.

We will be studying Romans 7-11 in our small groups the next 2 months. We will be wrestling with the Biblical truth of God's sovereignty, and what that means for His people who are the remnant of Israel and those of us who have been grafted into the olive tree. Please join us for these studies, starting on the Sunday evenings of: February 18th, 25th and March 3rd, 17 and the 24th, from 5:30 to 7:00pm. (Locations to be announced)

God Bless,
Steve



Men's Ministry Breakfast

Sat, Feb. 3rd 8:00 am

Speaker: Joe Compton

Welcome New Member

Lane Doyle

Spring Women's Bible Study "When You Pray"

A Study of Six Prayers in the Bible

By: Lauren Chandler, Jackie Hill Perry, Jen Wilkin, Jennifer Rothschild, Jada Edwards, Kristi McLellan

Prayer is a gift, but it can also be challenging. Do you sometimes struggle with what to say or how to express yourself? Thankfully, in God's Word there are many voices that teach us how to pray.

Join us for this 7-session study where we will study prayers in the Bible that can inspire our own prayers, strengthen our faith and help us unite our heart to Jesus.

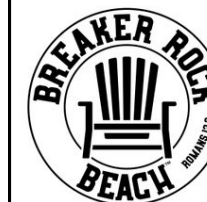
There are two opportunities to participate in this study,
**Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning
February 21 or
Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm beginning
February 22.**

Books cost \$12. Sign-up through the church office by
Monday, February 19.

**FBC'S & 123'S
Christian School**

Enrollment for Fall 2024 Classes is almost full.

For more information call or go to our website @
Fbclamar.org



**In a world of shifting
sands, come explore
God's rock-solid truth!
Breaker Rock Beach**

**Vacation Bible School
Save the Date!**

**Sun. July 7th—
Thurs. July 11th**

Please be praying about how you can help.

Vital Signs for January, 2024

Average Attendance for January
Morning Worship - 220
Sunday School - 119

Treasurer's Report for December 2023
Total Income: \$50,990.58
Total Expenditures: \$56,396.43