The Vision

First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times
Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
Small Groups– Sunday Feb. 18-Mar.24 @ 5:30pm
No Small Groups Sun. Mar. 10th

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Chris Roth, Youth & Outreach Director. 214-0233
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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 MARCH
MONDAY
March 25th

Sunday, March 3rd
Lord's Supper, Baptisms
&
Benevolence Offering
10:15 am
Morning Worship Service

Welcome New Members

Nelson Voris, Chelsea & Lane Doyle,
Will King & Connie Shead

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, March 5th
YAH Council Meeting @ 10:30 am
Church Council @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 10th
Meal served in Fellowship Hall @ 5:30 pm
Business Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 17th
OPBA Semi-Annual Meeting @3:00 pm
@ FBC Golden City

Sunday, March 24th
Deacon's Meeting @ 4:00 pm

Men's Ministry Breakfast
Saturday, March 2nd
8:00 am Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Dennis Ervin

Save The Date
VBS
July 7th-11th
2024

March is Volunteer Recruitment Month

March Homebound

Carol Standley

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

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Daylight Savings Time Begins March 10th

Good Friday Community Service

Friday, March 29th @ 7:00 pm
Assembly of God Church
Speaker: Pastor Robb Hobson

Palm Sunday, Mar. 24th Adoration & Praise
Handbells will be playing.
Worship with us on Easter Sunday, Mar.31st
Sanctuary Choir will be singing

Prayer Warrior Banquet

Monday, March 25th @ 5:30 pm
Make plans to attend and meet your Prayer Warrior Partner
Meal & Speaker: Dr. Ben O'Connor/ Lamar Superintendent

Please see sign up sheet in the Gathering area or call the church office.
There will be NO DELIVERY to the schools , bring your gift to the banquet.

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

What an outpouring of God's grace and provision this past Sunday! Our offering totals were $45,027.32 with $32,439.00 designated to FLOC. This is evidence of God's guidance and direction for our church. Let us continue to be faithful in ministry as God opens doors of opportunities.

This next Sunday, March 3, we will celebrate the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper. These two ordinances, specifically commanded by our Lord, continue to give evidence of God's power to change lives. We rejoice because remembering Christ's sacrifice and seeing God change lives is the heartbeat of the church.

I am looking forward to sharing with you in the most important day in the life of the church, Resurrection Sunday, Easter. This year we celebrate on March 31st. The title of the message is "Worship the Risen Lord."

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

March 2 8:00 am Men's Breakfast F.H.

March 3 10:15 am Baptisms, Benevolence Offering, Lord's Supper
5:30 pm Small Groups

March 5 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

March 6 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

March 7 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study

March 10 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
Fellowship Supper
5:00 pm Carry Out available
5:30 pm Supper Served in FH
6:00 pm Business Meeting
No Small Groups

March 11-15 Spring Break

March 13 NO TEAM KIDS Or Collision Youth
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

March 14 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study

March 15 9:00 am VBS Decoration Workday

March 17 3:00 pm OPBA Semi Annual Meeting @ Golden City FBC
5:30 pm Small Groups

March 20 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

March 21 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study

March 24 4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
5:30 pm Small Groups

March 25 5:30 pm Prayer Warrior Banquet

March 26 Meals On Wheels Delivery

March 27 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

March 28 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study

March 29 Good Friday- Office Closed
7:00 pm Good Friday Service
@ Assembly Of God Church

March 31 10:15 am Easter Service

MINISTRY OF PRAYER
CHURCH FAMILY

Harvey Vice Sue Hobson Melanie Bruffett Wayne Dingman
Chastity O'Neal Scott Gordon Judd Chesnut John Lawrence
Cheryl Grundy

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Wilmetta Jeffries, mother of Gale Main Glenda Thomas, mother of Mike Thomas
Rachel Hopkins, niece of Donna Oglesby Josh Blanchard, cousin of Leena Harris
Nancy Adams, sister of Susan Roland & David Howard
Jerry Bunn, friend of Dick & Linda Pope
Shana Ball, family of Rebecca & Sterling Moore
Jentri Banwart, granddaughter of David & Peggy Banwart
Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls Brenda McKay, friend of Sheila Stevens
Rick VanGilder, son of Patsy VanGilder Dohnyetta Robinson
Brett Campbell, friend of Belinda & Dayne Shoff
Jeanie & Bill Burkhardt, sister & Bro. in Law of David Thrasher
Donna Fraglie, friend of Jane Houghton Joel Miller, friend of Mae Cooper
Billy Schnaufer, brother 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
Tim Gifford, friend of David Banwart Jeannie Koehn, mother of Mike Koehn
Tyler Worthington, grandson of Shirley Hildebrand
Jessica Querry, sister-in-law of Kerri Beshore John Orahood, friend of Leon Bishop

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Amanda Dunford, Navy, Va, family of Russ & Rita Bennett
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
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

A Big THANK YOU to ALL that participated
In the Youth Dessert Auction.
$ 5,343.00 was raised for
The YOUTH FUND

Young Christians Weekend @ Silver Dollar City

Saturday, April 6th

50 Tickets available-$30.00 plus cost of food.

Sign up and pay to reserve your ticket.

Youth/Outreach

Speak the Truth in Love

Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.
— *Ephesians 4:15*

The Holy Spirit calls us to speak the truth in love. But, not everything that is true needs to be said. When love is not the motive for what we are prepared to say, we would do well simply to remain silent. There is a right way and a wrong way to say things, and there is a time to speak and a time to be silent.

It is easy for us to make excuses for our poorly chosen words. We often think and say things like "I'm just a blunt person," or, "That's my nature," or, "I just say it the way I see it."

However, there is hope for all of God's children. In Ephesians 4, Paul gives helpful advice about putting off falsehood and speaking truthfully, avoiding unwholesome talk, and building others up. When we walk with the Holy Spirit, we are changed. With the Spirit's help we can change the way we speak in our homes and workplaces, in our churches, and in the world. Simply relying on the Holy Spirit is the best way to communicate the truth to someone that needs to hear it.

A great prayer to voice before speaking to someone would be: Father, help me to choose my words well, building others up in faith rather than hurting and tearing down. May my words be attractive to all who don't yet know you as well. In Jesus name, Amen.

To God be the Glory,

Chris Roth

Baptist Hill Camp– Summer Staff Help Needed:
If you are 18 yrs or older and would like an adventure of working in a Mission Field close to home,
Please apply at http://baptisthillassembly.com There are 6 & 12 week time slots available.
Please text or call 417-489-0855 to let us know you applied or for any questions.

Donations for Operation Christmas Child Packing Parties

It is time to begin preparing for the Youth and Children Operation Christmas Child Packing Parties 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.

March items: bars of soap, small flashlights and gloves

We need 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

MAYBE IF WE IGNORE IT, IT WON'T BECOME THE NEXT NEW TREND IN MINISTRY.

Vital Signs for February, 2024

Average Attendance for February
Morning Worship - 259
Sunday School - 136
Small Groups– 69
Treasurer's Report for January
Total Income: $ 81,215.05
Total Expenditures: $ 60,576.92