

# The Vision

First Baptist Church  
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### Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am

Church office will be CLOSED Monday, May 29th

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

### STAFF

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On-line Giving available  
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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

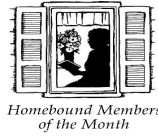
Monday-Thurs.  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
Fri. 8:00 am - Noon

### Staff Meeting

Monday 1:30 pm



FOR MAY  
Friday  
May 24th



MAY HOMEBOUND

Thelma Lehman

### Upcoming Meetings:

**Tuesday, May 7**

10:30 am YAH Council Meeting

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting



**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

Goal: \$13,000

Total Received: \$15,587.00



**Thursday, May 2nd @ Noon**

**S. E. Corner of Lamar Square**

Join us in praying for our nation

*Breaker Rock Beach VBS 2024*

*Sunday, July 7th—Thursday, July 11th*

### Donations for Operation Christmas Child Packing Parties

We continue to prepare for Operation Christmas Child Packing Parties for our youth and children 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 plan, prepare and purchase the needed items through the year.

#### Sunglasses

**May items: Hairbrushes & Hairbows for girls**

**Combs & Bandanas for boys**

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

To Know Christ and to  
Make Him Known



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## Happy Mother's Day – Sunday, May 12th

# Baby Dedication

## Baby Dedication Sunday

Sunday, May 12th ~ Morning Worship Service

If you received a letter, please let the church office know if You plan to attend.

**Sunday May 19th- Sr. Breakfast/Card Shower**  
**9:00 am-Fellowship Hall-No Sunday School**

Everyone is invited to join the graduates and their Families for Breakfast



**10:15 am Youth Led Service-Graduate Recognition**

**Lamar High School Graduates**

*Riddick Gordon Kaleb Hogan Cade Moore Alex O'Neal Alyssa Powell*

### From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

Bringing the worship of Eternal God to the marketplace was a great experience for First Baptist Church. We welcomed a wide variety of individuals, some new and most of our regulars. Hearing the positive remarks by most, this is something we will do again.

God provided a great atmosphere with a cool breeze, warm temperatures, and Worshipful attitudes. Watching people drive by, checking the event out was wonderful to witness. Only eternity will reveal what God accomplished with our obedience to follow him.

Beginning in May, we move closer to our Summer events and activities. May 5th is our Senior Adult Banquet. Vickie Morris is preparing a great meal for us and Brother Bill Jetton will be our guest speaker. I encourage you to call the church office and reserve a place at the table.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,  
Pastor Robb

## Looking Ahead

- May 2 12:00 pm National Day Of Prayer  
S.E. Corner of Lamar square
- May 5 9:00 am New Believers Class  
12:00 pm Senior Adult Banquet
- May 7 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting  
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- May 8 6:00 pm Team Kids-Ends for summer  
Prayer Warrior Gifts due in office
- May 9 10:00 am YAH Crafters-delivering gifts
- May 12 9:00 am New Believers Class  
10:15 Mother's Day & Baby Dedication
- May 16 6:00 pm FBC's & 123's  
End of Year Celebration
- May 19 9:00 am **NO Sunday School**  
Sr. Breakfast/ Card Shower  
10:15 am Sr. Recognition-Youth Led Service  
Graduation  
VBS National Day of Prayer
- May 26 9:00 am New Believers Class  
Sunday School Promotions
- May 27 Memorial Day-Office Closed
- May 28 Meals On Wheels Delivery



### Men's Ministry Breakfast

Due to scheduling conflicts there

Will be **NO Breakfast in May**

See you all Sat. June 1st @ 8:00 am

### Senior Adult Banquet

Sunday, May 5th @ 12:00

Morning Worship-Speaker: O.P.B.A DM-

Bill Jetton

Lunch served in Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by our Young At Heart

55 & over are welcome

Sign up sheet in Gathering area or call the  
Church office

### MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Chastity O'Neal David Roberts  
John Lawrence Scott Gordon Leon Bishop Wayne Dingman

### EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Angie Lathrop, Coty Jones, Vicky Sparks, Brenda McKay, friends of Sheila Stevens  
Stacie Cox, niece of Kenny McCall  
Juli Davis & Addalyn Hall, daughter & granddaughter of Jane & Jerry Houghton  
Teresa Lake, friend of Anna Voorhees  
Cathy Bell, mother of Jennifer Beem Latosha Schipull, sister of Chastity O'Neal  
Hailey Fowler & Tim Fowler, granddaughter & son/in/law of Yvonne & Bob Haile  
Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls Travis Stroud, son of Carol Stroud  
Dohnyetta Robinson Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts  
Judy Reeves, friend of Anna & LeeRoy Voorhees  
Josh Blanchard, cousin of Leena Harris  
Shana Ball, family of Rebecca & Sterling Moore  
Jerry Bunn, friend of Dick & Linda Pope  
Jentri Banwart graddaughter of David & Peggy Banwart  
Brett Campbell, friend of Belinda & Dayne Shoff  
Scott Gordon, friend of Bruffett's & Sandberg's  
Tim Gifford, friend of David Banwart Jeannie Koehn, mother of Mike Koehn  
John Orahod, Randy Morey, Kay Timmons, friends 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  
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  
Brian Jenkins, Germany, Grandson of Maxine Francis  
Mark Jones - Navy, Illinois son of Linda Jones  
Nathan Davis-National Guard, husband of Sarah Davis

### MISSION OUTREACH

Pastoral Staff Lamar's Unchurched Building Project / Committee  
Vacation Bible School Issues in Haiti / Ukraine / Israel

*Prayer Warriors- Gifts are due in the church  
office Wed. May 8th*

*YAH Crafters -Thurs. May 9th @ 10:00 am  
Assembling & Delivering Gifts to School*

### Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Anita Gallman in the loss of Joseph (Guy) Gallman



### Welcome New Members

Julia Livingston  
Stella & Dwayne (Bubba) Taylor  
Isaac Reed Mary Roth  
Marti Regier Tristan McManis

## Youth & Outreach

### We Are Made For Connection with Christ and His Body

*Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. - Ecclesiastes 4:9-10a*

*Several weeks ago I shared a message from the pulpit about the importance and meaning of baptism. The question now is, what do we do after we are baptized? Baptism is not an ending, it is the beginning of a relationship with God and His people.*

God intended us to do life together. This includes providing encouragement and support to each other and helping to pick each other up when the hard times knock us down. Undoubtedly, life has its fair share of difficulties, which can be downright heartbreaking at times. And, when we choose to do life on our own- which is usually done out of a lack of faith -we'll be much more vulnerable to the negative consequences of experiencing difficulties.

However, when we decide to trust in God by staying connected and open to God and our siblings in Christ, we're more able to endure life's struggles and reap the rewards that are promised to us. Some of these rewards include developing a stronger faith and knowing we are part of a family.

Life is a journey filled with both good times and bad times. These experiences are meant to test us and form us to be more like Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit. And, it is out of our love for God that we voluntarily offer the gifts that he has endowed us with to help out the church (God's family) and the world at large.

We must never forget that as children of God, we were not only made to be connected with each other but that we must actively seek to stay connected with one another in both the good and the bad times. Remembering and living by this truth will ensure that we reap the rewards that come with spending time with one another and the rewards that come with helping each other endure difficult times.

**Throughout This Day:** Look back on all the times God has blessed you with the people in your life and how you have been used to be a blessing to others. Doing this will stir up joy and thankfulness in your heart for all the relationships God has blessed you with.

To God be the Glory,  
Chris Roth

### "Summer Camp Dates @ Baptist Hill

#### ATTENTION PARENTS:

**Day Camp:** 3yrs-Starting K in the fall

Sat. June 1st-Cost: \$22.00

Adults \$3.00

#### Intro to Camping:

K-2nd completed in Spring

June 14-15 Cost: \$35.00

Adults \$18.00

#### Children's Camp -

completed 3rd-8th grades

Fri. July 12th- Mon. July 15th

Cost: \$100.00 church pays half

Theme: GOAT (God Over All Things)

Story of Gideon

Deadline to register is Mon. June 30th

Registration Forms available soon. Staff cost: \$85.00

Scholarships available



FBC's & 123's Christian School  
End of Year Celebration & Fund Raiser  
Thursday, May 16th 6:00 pm  
Watch bulletin & Facebook Page for more info.

### Baby Bottle Campaign

Fill Baby Bottles with your spare change.

Grab yours from the Gathering area on

Mother's Day and return Father's Day.

Help Support a Local Ministry  
All Donations will go to

**Katie's House Pregnancy &  
Family Resource Center**  
115 W. 12th St. Lamar

### Vital Signs for April, 2024

Average Attendance for April  
Sunday School - 131  
Morning Worship Service-245

Treasurer's Report for March 2024 Business Meeting  
Total Income: \$75,687.56  
Total Expenditures: \$66,988.61