

The Vision
 First Baptist Church
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The Church Office will be closed Monday,
 September 2nd in observation of Labor Day.

Sunday Worship Times
 Morning Worship @ 10:15 am

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF
 Church Phone..... 682-3538
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 Church Web Site..... www.fbclamar.org
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 Dr. Robert Hodson, Pastor..... 681-0393
 Steve Livingston..... 225-2821
 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
 Friday
 8:00 am - Noon
Staff Meeting
 Monday 1:30 pm



**FOR SEPTEMBER
 MONDAY
 September 23rd**

SEPT. HOMEBOUND

Justine McManis



OPBA Annual Meeting

Sunday, September 15th
 3:00 pm Grace Place
 Meat, Drink & table service provided,
 please bring a salad, dessert, vegetable or bread.

Prayer Warriors

If you would like to be a Prayer Warrior
 please call the Church Office at 682-3538.



Please be in prayer for the children,
 teachers and parents, as we begin a new
 year of learning and growing in the
 Lord. Scholarships are welcome.



MISSOURI MISSIONS OFFERING

We will be receiving an offering each
 Sunday in the month of September

Our Goal: \$9,500

Fellowship Supper

Sunday, September 8th
 5:30 pm

Meal will be provided by the church

Business Meeting -6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall



See You @ the Pole

Wednesday, September 25th
 7:30 am

*To Know Christ and to
 Make Him Known*



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FALL FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, September 29th

5:00 pm

Corn Hole Tournament

2-Person Teams ~ Double Elimination ~ Prizes

Spectators-please Cheer on your favorite teams

Meal: Nacho Bar & Homemade Ice cream & Desserts

Bring a dessert or homemade ice cream and your lawn chairs

Prize awarded for people's choice of Homemade Ice cream

Enjoy being in our FLOC building



Men's Ministry Events

Breakfast Sat. Sept. 7th @ 8:00 am Speaker: Don Tuck

Men's Bible Study-Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm Room E-104

Children & Youth Activities

TEAM KID's Begins Wednesday, September 4th

K-5th Grades 6:00-7:30 pm

Nerf & Nachos-Sat. Sept. 14th 6-7:30 pm (5th grade & under)

(Bring your own Nerf gun)

COLLISION YOUTH Resumes Sept. 11th- - 7:00-8:30 pm 6th-12th



From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

September starts a new church calendar year. Our newly nominated committee members will start their time of service. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your willingness to serve Christ in this manner. Whether it is in one of many organizational ministries or serving on one of the many committees, your faithfulness and service is vital to the building of God's Kingdom. I look forward to serving alongside you this year.

I trust you are familiar with our church's motto: To Know Christ and to Make Him Known. Webster's dictionary defines motto as a phrase to describe one's character, a guiding principle. My goal this year is to lead us to become all we can, to have the character that knows Christ in a personal and dynamic way, while making Him known, to the community around us. Working together, encouraging one another we can accomplish these goals.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,

Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

September	2	Labor Day-Office Closed
September	3	10:30 am YAH Council Meeting 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
September	4	5:30 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm TEAM KIDS Resumes 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm Pastor Robb's Prayer/ Bible Study 7:15 pm Adoration & Praise Bells
September	5	5:30 pm Team Meal F.H.
September	7	8:00 am Men's Breakfast F.H.
September	8	5:30 pm Fellowship Supper 6:00 pm Business Meeting
September	11	5:30 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm Team Kids 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm Pastors Prayer/ Bible Study 7:00 pm Collisition Youth Resumes 7:15 pm Adoration & Praise Bells
September	12	4:30 pm Team Meal F.H.
September	14	6-7:30 pm KID'S DAY OUT Nerf & Nachos @ FBC
September	15	10:15 am Lord's Supper 3:00 pm OPBA Annual Mtg.@ Grace Place
September	16	6:00 pm Women's Fellowship
September	17	5:30 pm YAH Meeting Taco Bar F.H.
September	18	6:30 pm Women's Fall Bible Study begins
September	19	1:30 pm Women's Fall Bible Study begins 5:30 pm Team Meal F.H.
September	22	4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
September	23-26	6:30 pm Katies House Fund Raiser F.H. Adult Retreat @ Baptist Hill
September	24	Meals On Wheels Delivery 9:00-4:00 pm Free Day @ Adult Retreat
September	25	7:30 am See You @ the Pole All usual evening activities
September	26	1:30 pm Women's Fall Bible Study 5:30 pm Team Meal F.H.
September	29	5:00 pm Fall Family Picnic

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Beth Aborn Jane Houghton Jimetta Thomas Ann Stahl
Lynn Grigery Russ Bennett Chris Sheat Wayne Dingman

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Kim Sampson, daughter of LeeRoy & Anna Voorhees
Terry Logan, sister of Dana Sheat Lee Wimer, niece of John Lawrence & Nancy McCall
Michael Riccio, nephew of Bill & Jan Bowman
Lil Davis, friend of Brenda Stewart Ron Lovan, friend of Leena & Caleb Harris
Grady O'Sullivan, grandson of Jennifer & Mike O'Sullivan
Brenda McKay, sister of Chris Sheat Russ Clapper, brother of Tanya Potter
Robert Rodell, cousin of Anita VanSickle
Dale Grubaugh, friend of Pastor Robb
Wanda Hutson, sister of Denzil Voorhees
Trevin Brous, Coty Jones, Vicky Sparks, friends of Sheila Stevens
Juli Davis & Addalyn Hall, daughter & great-granddaughter of Jerry & Jane Houghton
Janelle Vice, daughter in law of Harvey & Lorraine Vice
Sharla Hafer, cousin of Chastity O'Neal Dohnyetta Robinson
Josh Blanchard, cousin of Leena Harris Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts
Jentri Banwart, granddaughter of Peggy & David Banwart
Brett Campbell, friend of Belinda & Dayne Shoff Jerry Bunn, friend of Dick & Linda Pope
Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls John Orahood, friend of Leon Bishop
Scott Gordon, friend of Bruffett's & Sandberg's

MILITARY /1st RESPONDER 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-Army, German, nephew of Jerald Lehman
Caleb Stevens-USAF Las Vegas, Nv, son of Gary & Shelia Stevens
Richard Jones - Army,-Washington son of Linda Jones
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 Israel/ Haiti / Ukraine

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.

September items: bars of soap, flashlights, erasers, boxes of bandages and washcloths

Please bring the items to the church and put them in the tubs provided. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, we will do the shopping for you.

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.
Sunday, October 6 shoeboxes for individuals and families will be available so you can 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

Youth & Outreach

Healing Past Wounds and Forgiving others.

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24 ESV

Dear First Family,

All of us have experienced trial and pain. All of us are living life wounded and scarred. We learn to deal with our wounds and press forward, but whether we acknowledge it or not, wounds and scars change us. There are no perfect parents or perfect friends. There are no perfect siblings or spouses. We live in an imperfect world with imperfect humans. We lash out and hurt others because we are broken and in need of healing.

One of the most critical spiritual exercises we can undergo is allowing God to heal our past wounds and guide us to a lifestyle of forgiving our scars. Without healing and forgiveness, other people's mistakes will affect our future. Without the inner working of the Holy Spirit, we will live in continual suffering from the sins of others and our own sin.

Our God is a God of healing and restoration. Your heavenly Father longs to speak to the wounded places in your life and heal them with his love.

What experience, trial, hurtful word, or person is still harmfully affecting your life today? Where do you need the Holy Spirit to come and speak healing over you? Where do you need to cry out to God in anger or frustration over a wound? Opening the wounded places of our hearts is an emotional and difficult process, but until we allow God into the harmful events of our pasts we will never experience true freedom and restoration from them. Until we allow ourselves space to deal with what for some have been harmful and defining moments, we will never experience the entirety of the abundant life available to us.

As the Lord begins to heal our wounds, we must allow him to guide us to a lifestyle of forgiveness for our present scars. We must forgive those people who hurt us so the scars in our lives become symbols of God's redeeming love rather than reminders of painful events. James 2:13 says, *"Mercy triumphs over judgment."* Show mercy to those who are undeserving of it just as your heavenly Father has shown you mercy. Love your enemies as Jesus did so that you can experience triumph instead of pain, freedom instead of enslavement to negativity, and joy instead of anger. May your heavenly Father be allowed to love you, hold you, and care for the places in your heart that need his healing touch the most.

Here are 3 things to focus on when dealing with past hurt:

1. Focus on God's desire to heal your wounds. Allow Scripture to fill you with courage to open your heart to the Holy Spirit, and let Him provide healing today.

2. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what He wants to heal today. What wound is affecting your life? Where do you need God to speak His truth and love over you?

3. Open your heart to the Lord and ask him to speak truth and love to your wound. Ask the Holy Spirit to heal your wounds in whatever way he desires. Trust and follow His leadership.

"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by his love; He will exult over you with loud singing." Zephaniah 3:17

To God be the Glory,

Chris Roth

Women's Fellowship~ Monday, Sept.16th 6:00 pm

Watch bulletin for more details

Women's Fall Bible Study
"Encountering God"

Cultivating Habits of Faith Through the Spiritual Disciplines By: Kelly Minter

Spiritual disciplines are essential to a more vibrant spiritual life and knowing God more intimately.

Join us for this 7-session study as Kelly unpacks the biblical foundation for these sacred habits and shares approachable ways to practice disciplines like prayer, study, worship, rest, simplicity, generosity, celebration and more. During this study we will find that these habits of faith can create more margin in our lives --- providing peace and rest to walk closer to Jesus.

There are two opportunities to participate in this study,
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning September 18
or
Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm beginning September 19.
Books cost \$10. Sign-up through the church office by
Monday, September 16.

YAH (55& Over)

Tues. Sept. 17th @ 5:30 pm

Meal: TACO BAR

A-G Bring: Taco condiments (lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, onions, salsa, sour cream, black olives.

H-Q Bring Taco Shells, Tortilla Chips

Program: Bring Baby Shower items to bless Katie's House Pregnancy & Resource Center

Thermometers, Baby Wipes, Grooming sets, Booties, Crib sheets, Diaper Bags, Diapers sizes 3,4,5
Baby Clothes, Nursing covers, etc.

Averages for August 2024

Average Attendance for August

Morning Worship - 228

Sunday School - 122

Treasurer's Report for July

Total Income: \$43,781.38

Total Expenditures: \$58,721.61

August FLOC contributions: \$2,830.00