

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

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**STAFF**  
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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-Thurs  
 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
 Fridays 8-noon

**Staff Meeting**  
 Monday 1:30 pm



**FOR APRIL  
 MONDAY  
 April 22nd**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Tuesday, April 1st**  
 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting  
 7:00 pm Church Council  
**Sunday, April 27th**  
 Deacon's Meeting @ 4:00 pm

**Annie Armstrong  
 Easter Offering**  
 Goal-\$13,500



We will be receiving this through the month of April



**April 7th**  
 11:30 am -5:30 pm  
 FBC FLOC Building Gym

*Welcome New Members*

**Ray & Starla Cannon**

**COMMUNITY YOUTH NIGHT**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23RD**  
**6:30 PM @ FBC**

**SPEAKER: BRIAN TABAKIAN-C.H.I.P.S. CHURCH**



**April Homebound**

**Rosmarie McMullen**

**VBS**  
**Sun. July 6th**  
**Thru**  
**Thurs. July 10th**

**Mark your  
 Calendars!**

PSALM 34:3  
**MAGNIFIED!**  
 DISCOVERING THE BIGNESS OF GOD  
 IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS

To Know Christ and to  
 Make Him Known



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**Prayer Warrior Banquet**

**Monday, April 7th @ 5:30 pm**  
 Please let us know if you are attending so seating with your  
 school personnel can be arranged  
 We are asking you to bring something to help  
 with the meal.  
**A-N Bring a salad O-Z Bring a dessert**

Bring your  
 April gift to  
 The Banquet

**Young Christians Day @  
 SILVER DOLLAR CITY-Branson**  
**Saturday, April 5th**

**Only a Few Tickets Left**  
**COST: \$30.00**  
 includes a meal ticket in the park for lunch  
 You will need money for supper  
 on the way home.



Departing time: 7:00 am  
 Return time: 11:00 pm

**FLOC DEDICATION**

*Sunday, March 30th*  
 Join us as we celebrate the completion of  
 Our Family Life Outreach Center.  
 Many, Many hours of planning, labor, time  
 and your generous giving has went in to the  
 Completion of this huge project.

Church wide Lunch will be following morning  
 Worship service. Tours, Youth Praise band  
 and Prayer of Dedication @ 2:00 pm  
 Meatloaf, Ham and Salmon provided  
 A-G bring side dish  
 H-L bring veg/ salad M-Z bring dessert

**From the Pastor's Heart**

Dear First Family and Friends,

I am writing this letter on the first day of Spring, March 20. Spring and "springtime" refer to the idea of rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection, and regrowth. All those terms would work well in a sermon. We have had uncommon warm weather for the month of March, which has led to flowers blooming, trees budding, and wheat crops greening up. Spring is my favorite season of the year.

Approaching the month of April, we are reminded of the most important event in the life of Christianity, Resurrection Sunday. Years ago, on the first day of the week (Sunday) women went to a tomb to finish the job of preparing the dead. They found the stone covering the entrance to the tomb had been rolled away from its entrance and the dead individual was not there. Jesus had risen, just like He said. These many years we still celebrate the fact that we serve a risen Savior, and He is alive for evermore.

Truly, a season of rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection, and regrowth. Celebrate with me each Sunday as we worship our risen Savior, Jesus, the Promised Messiah.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,

Pastor Robb

## Looking Ahead

- April 1 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting  
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- April 2 6:30 pm Women's Spring Bible Study
- April 3 1:30 pm Women's Spring Bible Study
- April 5 7:00 am YCW @ Silver \$ City  
Youth leave church  
8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast F.H.
- April 6 5:30 pm Spring Small Group
- April 7 11:30 am -5:30 pm Bloodmobile FLOC  
5:30 pm Prayer Warrior Banquet F.H.
- April 8 Election-Fellowship Hall
- April 9 6:30 pm Women's Spring Bible Study
- April 10 1:30 pm Women's Spring Bible Study
- April 13 Palm Sunday  
5:30 pm Spring Small Group
- April 16 6:30 pm Women's Spring Bible Study Ends
- April 17 FBC'S & 123's Easter Egg Hunt  
1:30 pm Women's Spring Bible Study Ends
- April 18 Good Friday-Office Closed  
7:00 pm Community Good Friday Service  
@ Lamar Methodist Church
- April 20 10:15 am Easter Worship Service
- April 22 Meals On Wheels Delivery
- April 23 6:00 pm TEAM KIDS @ Lamar Park  
6:30 pm—Community Youth Night @ FBC
- April 27 4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting  
5:30 pm Spring Small Groups-F.H.

**Community Good Friday Service**  
**Friday, April 18th @ 7:00 pm**  
**Lamar Methodist Church**



**Join us for**  
**Easter morning Worship Service**  
**Sunday, April 20th @ 10:15 am @ FBC**

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Joani Howard Wayne Dingman Bill & Jan Bowman  
Mark Jones Becky Powell Curt Roland Barbara Driver

### EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Christopher Lambert, nephew of Donna Oglesby  
Chris Gardner, son of Linda Coon  
Jeri Vansickle-Chittim, friend of Ron Bennett  
David Sanders, brother in law of Gary Melton  
Olivia Sheat, granddaughter of Chris & Dana Sheat  
Bonnie Hallas Bill Burkhardt, brother in law of David Thrasher  
Robbie Williams, friend of Dwight Sprouls  
Karen Goai, mother of Jill Willoughby Jerry Bunn, friend of Dick & Linda Pope  
Brenda McKay, sister of Chris Sheat Russ Clapper, brother of Tanya Potter  
Robert Rodell, cousin of Anita VanSickle Wanda Hudson, sister of Denzil Voorhees  
Coty Jones & Vicky Sparks, friend of Sheila Stevens  
Juli Davis, daughter of Jane & Jerry Houghton  
Janelle Vice, daughter in law of Harvey Vice Sharla Hafer, cousin of Chastity O'Neal  
Josh Blanchard, cousin of Leena Harris  
Jentri Banwart, granddaughter of David & Peggy Banwart  
Brett Campbell, friend of Belinda & Dayne Shoff  
Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Spouls

### MILITARY/1st RESPONDER PERSONNEL

Amanda Dunford, Navy, Va, family of Russ & Rita Bennett  
Brian Jenkins, Army, Germany, nephew of Jerald Lehman  
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  
Mark Jones -Navy- Japan, son of Linda Jones  
Nathan Davis-National Guard, husband of Sarah Davis

### MISSION OUTREACH

Bldg. Committee/Project Pastoral Staff Lamar's Unchurched  
VBS Issues in Haiti /Ukraine/ Israel

## TEAM KIDS

YEAR End PARTY @ THE PARK

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23RD 6:00-7:30 PM

Pizza~ Pop~ POPSICLES~ GAMES & FUN

Wed. APRIL 30th will be the last TEAM KIDS  
till AFTER Labor Day

## Youth & Outreach

### Sacrificial Love

Dear First Family,

This past weekend I had the opportunity to experience the wedding of my youngest daughter. As I sit and reflect on this weekend I am reminded of the importance of our relationships with our spouses and the sacrificial love that should be the center of our relationships with Christ and our spouses. Ephesians 5:25 Reminds us...

*"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."*

Marriage is a sacred union designed by God, a reflection of his love and commitment to his people. It is a covenant relationship that calls us to sacrificial love, selflessness, and mutual support.

In a world that often prioritizes self-gratification, marriage is meant to show the beauty of sacrificial love. As husbands and wives, we are called to follow the example of Christ's love for the church by giving ourselves fully for the well-being and flourishing of our spouse.

Marriage is a journey of growth, forgiveness, and shared experiences. It is a partnership in which two individuals strive to understand, honor, and cherish one another. It requires open communication, vulnerability, and a commitment to work through challenges together.

In the highs and lows of married life, we find opportunities for growth, grace, and deepening intimacy. In the context of marriage we learn to offer encouragement, extend forgiveness, and support one another's dreams and aspirations.

Today let's honor the sacredness of marriage. May we embrace the call to love and serve our spouse, imitating Christ's selfless love. Let's cultivate a spirit of humility, understanding, and compassion in our relationships. May our marriages reflect God's love and faithfulness, bringing glory to Him and serving as a beacon of hope in a broken world.

To God be the Glory,

Chris Roth

### 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 April 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.

#### April items: tissues, bandages and washcloths

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

Men's Ministry Breakfast  
Saturday, April 5th @ 8:00 am



Speaker: David Roberts

Join us on Wed nights @ 6:30 pm

"Making Healthy Disciples" Bible Study

### Vital Signs for March, 2025

Average Attendance for March  
Morning Worship -254  
Sunday School - 133  
Small Groups - 48

Treasurer's Report for March 2024 Business Meeting  
Total Income: \$53,218.11  
Total Expenditures: \$52,834.77