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

Church office will be CLOSED Monday, May 26th

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF

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Gina Reed, Secretary
Staci King, Financial Secretary/Treasurer
David Thrasher, Custodian

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
Monday
May 19th



MAY HOMEBOUND

Dorothy Todd

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, May 6

10:30 am YAH Council Meeting

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Goal: \$13,500

Total Received to Date: \$6,012.00



Thursday, May 1st

Time & Place TBA

**Join us in praying for our nation
as a community.**

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.

**May items: flashlights, sunglasses, small hairbrushes, bows
and hair accessories for girls
and combs and 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 11th

*Baby
Dedication*

Baby Dedication Sunday

Sunday, May 11th ~ Morning Worship Service

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

Sunday May 18th- 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

T.J. Ansley Dalton Davis Kayden Siebert Roxy Sprouls

College Graduates

Sydney (Moore) Pittsenbarger-MSSU-Elementary Education

Ethan Pittsenbarger—MSSU-Kinesiology/Exercise Science

Case Tucker-MSU-Masters in Accounting

Kinley Jonas– University of Missouri-Doctorate Degree

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

We are quickly approaching the month of May and with it comes a variety of extraordinary events. I want to highlight a few of those events.

May 1 is the National Day of Prayer. The Ministerial Alliance is planning this event, and details will be posted on our website and announced in our Worship Guide.

Sunday, May 4, is our Senior Adult Banquet. Vickie is planning a great meal. For our afternoon entertainment ,Gary Swearengin will be sharing "Old Favorite" songs. You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear him sing.


Sunday, May 11 is our annual Baby Dedication and Mother's Day. This is a special day in the life of First Baptist.

Sunday, May 18 is Lamar High School graduation ceremony. That day we will dismiss Sunday School. We will begin the celebration with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. We will honor our graduates during our 10:15 worship hour and Chris will share a challenge for all of us.

As you can see there are several events for us to share life together. Looking forward to seeing you next month.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead		
May 1	12:00 pm	National Day Of Prayer Time & Place TBA
May 3	8:00 am	Men's Ministry Breakfast-FLOC
May 4	12:00 pm	Senior Adult Banquet F.H.
	5:30 pm	Spring Small Group Ends
May 6	10:30 am	YAH Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
May 7		Prayer Warrior Gifts Due
May 8	10:45 am	YAH Crafters –Assembly/ delivery Of Prayer Warrior Gifts to Schools
May 11	10:15 am	Mother's Day & Baby Dedication
May 15	5:30 pm	FBC's & 123's Program & End of Year Celebration
May 18	9:00 am	NO Sunday School Sr. Breakfast/ Card Shower
	10:15 am	Sr. Recognition-Youth Led Service
	3:30	Baccalaureate 5:00 pm Graduation VBS National Day of Prayer
May 21	3:00 –8:00 pm	Youth Lake Day @ Reed's
	2:45 pm	Bus Departs FBC
May 25	4:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting
May 26		Memorial Day—Office closed
May 27		Meals On Wheels Delivery



Men's Ministry Breakfast
Saturday, May 3rd ~FLOC
8:00 am Guest Speaker: Colton Bailey

VBS Sun July 6th– Thurs. July 10th

Discovering the Greatness of God
In the Smallest of things.



Senior Adult Banquet
Sunday, May 4th @ 12:00
Lunch served in the Fellowship Hall

Gary Swearengin
will be sharing a mini-concert
55 & over are welcome
There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area
or call the church office.

**MINISTRY OF PRAYER
CHURCH FAMILY**

Lynn Grigery Jimetta Thomas Joani Howard Mark Jones
Kay McKee Curt Roland Wayne Dingman Rita Bennett

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Ken Rice, friend of Tom Main Karen Mosher, cousin of Stephanie Siebert
Christopher Lambert, nephew of Donna Oglesby
Deidra Marti , friend of Melanie Bruffett Chris Garnder, son of Linda Coon
Jeri Vansickle-Chittim, friend of Ron Bennett
Juli Davis daughter of Jane & Jerry Houghton
Olivia Sheat, granddaughter of Dana & Chris Sheat
Bonnie Hallas Bill Burkhardt, brother in law of David Thrasher
Robbie Williams, friend of Dwight Sprouls
Jerry Bunn, friend of Dick & Linda Pope
Brenda McKay, sister of Chris Sheat Vicky Sparks, friend of Sheila Stevens
Robert Rodell, cousin of Anita VanSickle Wanda Hudson, sister of Denzil Voorhees
Janelle Vice, daughter/in/law of Harvey Vice
Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls
Josh Blanchard, cousin of Leena Harris
Jentri Banwart granddaughter of David & Peggy Banwart
Brett Campbell, friend of Belinda & Dayne Shoff

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Major Thomas Rossiter, Pentagon, Washington D.C. grandson of Sue Hobson
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
Brian Jenkins, Army, Germany, nephew of Jerald Lehman
Mark Jones - Navy, Japan son of Linda Jones
Nathan Davis-National Guard, husband of Sarah Davis

MISSION OUTREACH

Pastoral Staff Lamar's Unchurched Vacation Bible School Israel

*Prayer Warriors- Gifts are due in the church
office Wed. May 7th*

*YAH Crafters –Thurs. May 8th @ 10:45 am
Assembling & Delivering Gifts to School*

Collision Youth-May Schedule

Wednesday May 7th finishing our study of
“ Good Friday and Easter” by Francis Chan

Wed. May 14th -NO Collision Youth

Wed. May 21st 3:00-8:00 pm

End of Year Celebration-Lake Day @ Reeds

Swimming, Food, Games, Fire & Fun
Church Bus departs FBC @ 2:45 pm

Youth @ The Park 6:30-8:00 pm Every Wed. in June

Music / Family Ministries

"But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine." **(Titus 2:1)**. Doctrine is the term we use to describe the core beliefs we share as followers of Christ, as revealed in Scripture. SO! IS sound doctrine important? DOSE it really make a difference what we believe? -Sound doctrine is important because the *purpose our faith is based on a particular message*. "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures...He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures" **(1Corinthians 15:3-4)**. If we stray from that particular message, we lose the purpose of our Faith.

Sound doctrine is important because *what we believe affects what we do*. True teaching, influenced by sound doctrine promotes righteousness; sin flourishes where sound doctrine is absent. What we believe SHOULD influence the way we live our lives and how we serve others. Show me a believer with sound doctrine and I will show you a believer with a servant heart. Please understand, we love not in word and talk but in deed and in truth **(1John 3:18)**. What I am saying is, if you lack the "deed and truth" and your doctrine is "word and talk" alone, you probably have false doctrine or no doctrine at all!

Sound doctrine *reveals false teaching*. "Many false prophets have gone out into the world" **(1John 4:1)**. The best way to distinguish truth from falsehood is to know what the truth is, and we find that truth in God's Word.

Sound doctrine is important because *it encourages believers to love God for who He is*. When we know Who God is, His grace, mercy, power and love for us, we in turn, love Him more. When we search the Bible for the truth about Him, Sound doctrine will become our lighthouse in any storm we face **(Psalm 119:105)**. When we love God for Who He is we serve Him not because we have to, but because we love and want to. So yes, doctrine is important!

God Bless!

Steve

"Summer Camp Dates @ Baptist Hill

ATTENTION PARENTS:
Day Camp: 3yrs-Starting K in the fall
Sat. May 31st-Cost: \$25.00
Adults \$3.00

Intro to Camping:
K-2nd completed in Spring
June 13-14 Cost: \$35.00
Adults \$18.00

Children's Camp -
completed 3rd-8th grades
Fri. July 11th– Mon. July 14th
Cost: \$100.00 church pays half
Theme: **Jesus Loves Me**
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 15th 6:00 pm
Volunteers needed to help in booths. Call church office .

Baby Bottle Campaign
Fill Baby Bottles with your spare change.
Bottles will be in the Gathering area on
Mother's Day and return Father's Day.
All Donations will go to
**Katie's House Pregnancy &
Family Resource Center**
115 W. 12th St. Lamar

Vital Signs for April, 2025

Average Attendance for April
Sunday School - 133
Morning Worship Service-287
Sunday Evening Small Groups-46

Treasurer's Report for March 2025 Business Meeting
Total Income: \$70,090.66
Total Expenditures: \$57,608.45