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Morning Worship @ 10:15 am

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Church Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Fridays
8:00 am -12:00 pm
Staff Meeting
Monday 1:30 pm



FOR AUGUST
MONDAY
August 25th



Lamar School Starts August 18th
Please pray for the staff & students
FBC's & 123's Christian School
Starts Mon. Aug. 25th
Come & Go Open House 5-7:00 pm Wed. Aug. 20th

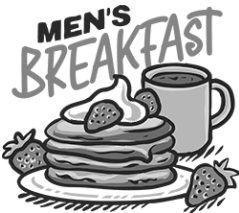
Upcoming Meetings
Tues. Aug. 5th YAH Council Meeting 10:30 am

MONDAY, AUGUST 18th
11:30 am—5:30 pm
First Baptist Church
FLOC Bldg.



Men's Ministry Breakfast

Sat., August 2nd 8:00 am
Biscuits / Gravy FBC F.H.
Speaker: Dwight Sprouls



Men's Ministry Calendar– Aug photos “Fun in the Sun”
Submit photos to 417-214-2900 or phippbert@yahoo.com

Children's & Youth Activities
Resume Wed. Aug. 27th

TEAM KIDS 6:00-7:30 pm K-5th grades
Collision Youth 7:00-8:30 pm 6th-12th grade

Hey, All 6th-12th Graders
Invite a friend and come to FBC's
JESUS YOUTH ENCOUNTER RALLY
Sun. Aug. 3rd, Mon. Aug. 4th, 7-9:00 pm
& Tues. Aug. 5th (6:00 Meal) 7-9:00 pm
3-Awesome nights of worship, prayer,
Messages & Youth group huddle time.
Speakers: Aug. 3rd-Beau Norman/ The Hill Church
Aug. 4th-Jay St. Clair/ God's Resort
Aug. 5th-Clay O'Dell/ Sermons on the
Mound (podcast)

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To Know Christ and to
Make Him Known

Vacation Bible School Update

Oh magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together. Psalm 34:3

Vacation Bible School. Just hearing the words brings a wide range of emotions and images to all of us. We would like to share with you a few things that happened this year in VBS. Things we heard and saw.

One little girl asked her mom...Can we go to VBS 10,000 more days?

A child was crying as he was leaving Thursday—when asked why he was crying—he didn’t want it to end.

Nurse Linda, who volunteers at VBS each year—this year hosted a walk in clinic—treated an adult that saw the Nurse’s sign and needed a burned finger treated—she didn’t hesitate.

Lot’s of kids—lot’s of adjustments! The ladies in the kitchen did not flinch—they took care of everyone! The ladies in crafts adjusted and every child got to do a craft!

Teachers kept smiling as more kids were added to their classes. I even heard one teacher respond in disappointment as forms were handed to the teacher beside them...wishing the kids were coming to her class.

Walking into classes and seeing the Bible open, kids quiet and listening.

Kids running. Some here just for a good time. Kids with lots of needs.

Kids getting hugs. Volunteers getting hugs! Kid’s raising hands to answer questions. Kids blurting out answers. Lot’s of questions!

Children asking Jesus to be their Lord and Savior. It was shared with me about a little boy who was ready. When he got ready to pray, he shook, as he said “this is big”! He understood what Jesus did for him.

Tharran texted pictures of kids to their parents of them in action at VBS! It was so well received and appreciated.

VBS was messy. We are all volunteers. We cannot plan for everything. We adapt as we go. We saw grace extended. People stepping up and filling in gaps. We saw a church body working together. We saw people praying.

Youth paired with children who needed extra attention doing a fantastic job! Youth helping in classrooms and rotations.

Kids singing words right out of scripture while doing actions during music time and at various places around VBS!

Kids looking for “Raven” and “Red”! In case you are wondering, that was Brooklyn and Logan who did an amazing job with skits.

Laughter. Tears.

We saw 5 large trash bags full of toilet paper rolls we didn’t use. We saw lots of toilet paper rolls that were transformed into honeycomb!

We saw and heard a missionary who is trying to get to Japan! We learned so much.

Kids all over the new FLOC building—in classrooms, the worship area and in the gym.

We saw 1st time teachers and assistants, we saw seasoned teachers and assistants. The lessons were powerful and led to the gospel being shared every night.

We saw our pastor comforting a little girl who hurt her big toe and had to have it bandaged...just like pastor Robb’s!

We saw Sunday school classes stepping in making sandwiches, cutting up watermelon, serving up some much appreciated meals!

We saw some very kind volunteers helping David keep the building looking good during a very heavy use week.

Lot’s of new families that we look forward to getting to know better!

We saw 192 faces of children who got to come to VBS because of you. Because you stepped up and said “I will do what I can”. The average attendance for the week was 165.

Children responded to supporting missions. From the first night of collecting \$3 to writing a check to Mustard Seed (Jacob Rice) for \$5,400.

Children responded to the gospel, they are still responding. Four have prayed and asked Jesus to be their Savior.

Seeds have been planted because of you. You are generous with your time. You wear tired well. You are fun! You are serious about sharing the love of Jesus through His Word and through your actions. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Matthew 25:40 says “And the King will answer and say to them, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.”

Thank for you serving. VBS simply does not happen without you!

Debbie & Susan

Looking Ahead		
Aug 2	8:00 am	Men's Ministry Breakfast
Aug 3	7:00-9:00 pm	Jesus Encounter Youth Rally
Aug 4	7:00-9:00 pm	Jesus Encounter Youth Rally
Aug 5	10:30 am	YAH Council Meeting
	6:00 pm	Meal/ 7:00-9:00 pm Jesus Encounter Youth Rally
Aug 10	Special Mission Trip Offering-am worship	
Aug 13	8:30-Noon-FREE Haircuts @ Studio 115	
Aug 17	7:00 pm Community Fair Service @ FBC	
Aug 18	11:30 am-5:30 pm Blood Mobile-FLOC	
Aug 20	5:00-7:00 pm FBC's & 123's Open House	
Aug 20-24	Lamar Free Fair	
Aug 21 & 22	3-9:00 pm Fair Booth	
Aug 23	3:00 pm	Free Movie @ Plaza
	3-9:00 pm	Fair Booth
Aug 24	3:00 & 6:00 pm	Free Movie @ Plaza
	4:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting
Aug 25	FBC's & 123's School Begins	
Aug 26	Meals On Wheels Delivery	
Aug 27	6:00 pm	TEAM KIDS Resumes
	6:30 pm	Choir Resumes
	7:00 pm	Collision Youth Resumes
	7:15 pm	Hand Bells Resume

Welcome New Member

Ralph Gonzalez

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:
August items: Coloring Books and Spiral Notebooks (small & regular)
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

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY
Mae Cooper Althea VanDeMark
Harvey Vice Bill & Jan Bowman Wayne Dingman
EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY
David Sanders, brother in law of Gary Melton
Terry Hartline, husband of Carol Hartline
Claude Howard, cousin of Barb Phipps
Lisa Mitchem, friend of Jolene LeeMasters
Karen Moser, cousin of Stephanie Siebert
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 Christ 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
Josh Blanchard, cousin of Leena Harris
Brett Campbell, friend of Belinda & Dayne Shoff
Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls
MILITARY/1st RESPONDER PERSONNEL
Major Thomas Rossiter, Pentagon, Washington D.C. grandson of Sue Hobson
Amanda Dunford, Navy, Va. Family of Russ & Rita Bennett
Rene Gamache-Army, husband of Jerica (Stahl) Gamache
Taylor Sheat-National Guard, nephew of Chris Sheat
Brian Jenkins-Army, Germany, nephew of Jerald Lehman
Caleb Stevens-USAF Las Vegas, Nv. Son of Gary & Sheila Stevens
Richard Jones - Army, Washington son of Linda Jones
Mark Jones - Navy-Texas, son of Linda Jones
Nathan Davis-National Guard, husband of Sarah Davis
MISSION OUTREACH
Pastoral Staff Lamar's Unchurched Issues in Israel/ Haiti/ Ukraine

Sunday, Aug. 10th we will be receiving a special Love Offering


To benefit future “MISSION TRIPS”

Music/ Family Ministries
John MacArthur said this- “The greatest Gospel verse in the Bible, 2 Corinthians 5:21. He made Him who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. Let me unpack those words. He, (God the Father), made Jesus sin. What do you mean He made Jesus sin? Only in one sense, He treated Him as if He had committed every sin, ever committed, by every person who would ever believe, though in fact, He committed none of them. Hanging on the cross, He was holy, harmless, undefiled. Hanging on the cross was the Spotless Lamb. He was never for a split second a sinner, He is Holy God on the cross, but God is treating Him, as if He lived my life. God punished Jesus for my sin, turns right around and treats me as if I lived His life. That’s the great Doctrine of Substitution, and on that Doctrine turned the whole reformation of the church, that is the heart of the Gospel. And what you get is complete forgiveness, covered by the righteousness of Jesus Christ, when He (God the Father) looks at the cross He sees you, when He looks at you, He sees Christ” I was sad to hear of His passing, but rejoice in the life he lived and the race he has finally completed. Praying God will keep me faithful in the race until He calls me home. Steve

Lamar Free Fair Events
Sunday, Aug. 17th Community Fair Service First Baptist Church, Lamar 7:00 pm
FAIR BOOTH SHIFTS-Watch For Sign Up Sheets Thurs & Fri, Aug. 21st & 22nd 6-9:00 pm Sat. Aug. 23rd-3:00-9:00 pm (1 Hour time slots)
FREE-Faith Based Movie, “THE FORGE” @The Plaza Sponsored by FBC, Lamar
<u>Show Dates & Times</u> Saturday, August 23rd @ 3:00 pm Sunday, August 24th @ 3:00 & 6:00 pm Invite your friend, family & neighbors



FREE~ Back-To-School Hairecuts
Kids K-12th
Thurs. Aug. 13th 8:30-12:00 pm
Studio 115
115 W. 11th St-Lamar
(southside of Lamar Square)
Go to fbelamar.org info center and click on the
Link to schedule your appointment.
Call 417-262-1888 for questions
Sponsored by R.A.K. (Random Acts of Kindness)

July Homebound
Joyce Stone
 Homebound Members of the Month
FBC-101 Adult Classes
FBC 101 is a 4-week study on the theme “What are the Beliefs, Policies, and Procedures of the First Baptist Church of Lamar. Pastor Robb teaches it during the Sunday School/Bible Study time (9:00-10:00) each Sunday morning. Our next four week study is scheduled for Aug. 3rd thru Aug. 24th If you are new to FBC or would like to know more of what we believe and why, you are invited to join us for this study. Please call the church office, 417-682-3538 to register.

Vital Signs for July, 2025
Average Attendance for July Morning Worship - 233 Sunday School - 129
Treasurer’s Report for June 2025 Total Income: \$ 66,791.19 Total Expenditures: \$62,061.34