

The Vision
First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
Small Groups @ 5:30 pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF

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Dr. Robert Hodson, Pastor..... 681-0393
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Chris Roth, Youth & Outreach Director..... 214-0233
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Gina Reed, Secretary
Staci King, Financial Secretary/Treasurer
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Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Friday
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Staff Meeting
Monday 1:30 pm



**FOR OCTOBER
MONDAY
October 26**

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday Oct. 7th

10:30 am YAH Council Meeting
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Sunday, October 26th

Deacons Meeting @ 4:00 pm

Monday & Tuesday, Oct. 27th & 28th

MCB Annual Meeting @ Branson

PRAYER WARRIORS

Gifts for October need to be in the Church Office by
Wednesday, October 8th for delivery on October 9th.

YAH Crafters

Thursday, Oct. 9th @ 10:45 am
Assembling & Delivering gifts to the schools



Monday, October 13th

11:30-5:30 pm
FLOC Bldg.



Goal: \$9,500 Total Received to Date: \$3,297.00

There is still time to give.

October Homebound

Nancy Bowman



Trunk OR Treat

Thurs. October 30th

5:30-7:30 pm FBC-FLOC Bldg.
FREE- Hotdogs, Chips & Water

Candy Donations appreciated-place in tub in Gathering area.

Sign up if you plan to

participate in decorating a table or booth!



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To Know Christ and to
Make Him Known



The Vision

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



FALL SMALL GROUPS

Sundays @ 5:30 pm October 5th– November 2nd

3 Studies & locations to Choose from

Facilitator: Steve Livingston @ FBC Fellowship Hall

Doctrinal study on perseverance of the Saint.

Facilitator: Bryan Robertson @ Alan & Susan Ray home-1008 Grand St.

Bible Study of books-Jude, Titus, Philemon, 2 John, 3 John

Facilitator: (needed for) Right Now Media Study @ Damon & Jill Hall home
2000 Haggy St.

YAHFish / Chicken Fry

Tues. Oct. 21st@5:00 pm

Fish & Chicken provided

A-G, bring Vegetables H-Q, bring Dessert
R-Z bring Salads

Men's Ministry

Breakfast

Sat, Oct. 4th

@ 8:00 am

Speaker: TBA



From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

I want to begin this article by thanking you for your prayers, support, cards and get-well wishes, food, and assistance. Denise and I are grateful and thankful that you are our family, and we love you dearly. Several individuals who have had this surgery have told me that the hardest part is physical therapy after surgery. So, our journey still has a ways to go, but at this point things are going better than expected. I am back preaching and partial back to the office.

What a blessing it was to join with you in worship yesterday! I felt the love and support you have for Denise and me. Sharing in the Lord's Supper with you was a special way to return to the pulpit. I trust you felt the working of the Spirit as I did, throughout the whole service.

Denise and I are in Branson this week, seeking God's direction and plan for our new Church year. Join us in praying for God's vision for First Baptist Church Lamar, Missouri.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead			
October	1	6:30 pm	Women's Fall Bible Study
October	2	1:30 pm	Women's Fall Bible Study
		5:30 pm	Team Meal
October	4	8:00 am	Men's Ministry Breakfast
		9:30 am	Women's Crafting Morning
October	5	O.C.C. Shoeboxes ready for Pick up	
		5:30 pm	Fall Small Groups begin
October	7	10:30 am	YAH Council Meeting
		7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
October	8	Prayer Warrior Gifts due in Office	
		5:30 pm	Children's New Member Class
		6:30 pm	LHS Homecoming Bonfire @ FBC
		6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
October	9	10:45 am	YAH Crafters
		1:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30 pm	Team Meal
October	12	5:30 pm	Fall Small Groups
October	13	11:30 am –5:30 pm	Bloodmobile FLOC
October	15	5:30 pm	Children's New Member Class
		6:00 pm	Bus leaves for Community YN
		6:00 pm	Team Kids
		6:30 pm	O.C.C Kids Packing Party
		6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
October	16	1:30 pm	Women's Fall Bible Study
		5:30 pm	Team Meal
October	19	5:30 pm	Fall Small Groups
October	21	5:00 pm	YAH Meeting
October	22	5:30 pm	Children's New Member Class
		6:00 pm	Team Kids
		6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
		7: 00 pm	Collision Youth O.C.C .Packing Party
October	23	1:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30 pm	Team Meal
October	26	4:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting
		5:30 pm	Small Groups
October	27-28	MCB Annual Meeting @ Branson	
October	28	Meals On Wheels Delivery	
October	29	5:30 pm	Children's New Member Class
		6:30 pm	Women's Fall Bible Study
October	30	5:30 pm	Trunk Or Treat FBC FLOC

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY	
Martha Ramey	Gary Melton Karen Lawrence Jan & Bill Bowman
Staci King	Althea VanDeMark Del Thatch Russ Bennett
Harvey Vice	Gerald Swearingen Wayne Dingman
EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY	
Becky Saddler,	sister of Barb Gaines
Tyler Sportsman,	son of Sheila & Gary Stevens
Suzanne Hill,	wife of Drew Hill Irene Vancil, Mother of Pam Manitz
Doug Haile,	uncle of Bob Haile Susan Ball, sister of Oscar Bronson & Anna Voorhees
Christina Perkins,	daughter of Oscar Bronson
Becky Purkey,	daughter of LeeRoy & Anna Voorhees
Lisa Mitchem,	friend of Jolene LeeMasters
Karen Mosher,	cousin of Stephanie Siebert
Jerry Bunn,	friend of Dick & Linda Pope
Robbie Williams,	friend of Dwight Sprouls Jerry Bunn, friend of Dick & Linda Pope
Brenda McKay,	sister of Chris Sheat Bill Burkhardt, brother in law of David Thrasher
Robert Rodell,	cousin of Anita VanSickle
Wanda Hudson,	sister of Denzil Voorhees
Janelle Vice,	daughter in law of Harvey & Lorraine 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
Taylor Sheat,	National Guard, nephew of Chris Sheat
Rene Gamache,	Army, Husband of Jerica (Stahl) Gamache
Brian Jenkins,	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 Israel / Haiti / Ukraine

Women & girls of all ages are welcome to join us for

a MORNING OF CRAFTING

Sat. Oct. 4th @ 9:30 am FLOC Bldg.

Please bring a “Brunch Snack “ to share.

Design and paint a doormat or placemat for Fall or Christmas and enjoy a Time of Coffee & Fellowship.

We need to see how many women would be interested in attending The FRESH GROUND FAITH conference in Springfield, Fri & Sat. Nov. 7th & 8th? There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering area or call the church office.



Music / Family Ministry	
Why Small Groups? 1. (Discipleship) Small groups provide opportunities for believers to learn from each other as they apply the gospel in their daily lives and relationships. (Titus 2:1–8) 2. (Study) When we discuss and apply Scripture together, we learn to understand not only the Bible, but also each other. The combination of a capable Bible teacher and eager learners, all exchanging ideas together, can be powerful. 3. (Curiosity) Small groups cultivate an environment of openness and trust, where group members are encouraged to ask questions they might not ask elsewhere. 4. (Accountability) Small groups encourage church accountability, in teaching and communal living (Titus 1:5–9). Every member should encourage and gently urge their brothers and sisters to better follow the Lord. (Matt. 18:15–20; Gal. 6:1–2) 5. (Hospitality) Hospitality, in the small group environment, is a natural way to practice the Biblical imperative of loving those to whom they have no natural bond. (Heb. 13:2, Rom. 12:13) In small groups, believers gather in homes for food and spiritual conversation, those present can witness hospitality blossoming from theory to practice. 6. (Prayer) In the New Testament believers prayed together “with one accord” (Acts 4:24). In small groups, children and parents, neighbors and friends, elders and new believers help each other approach to the throne of grace, articulating their praise and petitions in a more intimate way. 7. (Socializing) Small groups help us develop a greater sense of Christian community in a disconnected age. Small groups encourage deeper Christian friendships, encourage greater spiritual accountability among church members, and create opportunities for inviting the unbelieving, the unchurched, and under-churched, to interact with believers. 8. (Unique Environment) Small groups can never and should never replace Sunday morning worship, but they do create an environment that promotes intimacy. Small groups are informal by nature and allow for open discussion free from time restraints and social decorum. They are a place to laugh and cry together, share a meal and life together; a place to be honest and real with each other about our shared struggles and victories, and a place grow in our faith and understanding of our Lord and Savior. Thanks, Steve	

Thank you to all those that gave so generously to the

Benevolence Offering

\$700.00 was given

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Thank You, church family for generously donating items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes so our youth and children can pack shoeboxes at their Operation Christmas Child Packing Parties in October.

Shoeboxes will be available in the Gathering Area, Sun. Oct. 5th and can be picked up and filled with wonderful gifts of love. Don't miss out on this opportunity to bless a child and share the love of God with children all around the world. **Please return your filled shoeboxes by Sunday, November 2.**

National Collection Week is November 17-24, and we will again be a Drop-Off location. Volunteers are needed to help pack the shoeboxes that will be dropped off; watch for a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.

Serving God together,
Operation Christmas Child at First Baptist Church Lamar

Community Youth Night ~ Sheldon FBC
Wednesday, Oct. 15th @ 6:30-8:00 pm
Speaker: Shane Patrick/Sheldon Baptist
Collision Youth-6th-12th Grades
Church Bus will leave @ 6:00 pm

Our Deepest Sympathy to:

Carol Hartline in the passing of her husband, Terry Hartline

Don & Thelma Selvey, in the passing of their son, Tony Selvey



Averages for September, 2025

Average Attendance for September
Morning Worship –235
Sunday School - 125

Treasurer's Report for September 2025 Business Meeting			
	June	July	August
Total Income:	\$66,791.19	\$56,512.03	
Total Expenditures:	62,061.34	57,483.68	
Net Income	\$4,729.85	\$-971.65	No Report