

# The Vision

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**Sunday Worship Times**  
Morning Worship @ 10:15 am

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

### STAFF

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### Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Friday  
9:00 am - Noon  
**Staff Meeting**  
Monday 1:30 pm



For February  
**MONDAY**  
January 26th



*The Church Staff  
Would like to wish everyone a  
Happy & Blessed New Year!  
Thank you for the cards, gifts  
and warm wishes at Christmas!*

*The Church Office will be closed  
Thursday, Jan. 1st for New Year's*

### Upcoming Meetings:

**Tuesday, January 6th**  
YAH Council Meeting @ 10:30 am  
Recreation Committee @ 6:00 pm  
Church Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm

**Sunday, January 25th**  
Deacon's Meeting @ 4:00 pm

Thank You Note from  
family of Althea VanDeMark  
on the bulletin board



### January Homebound

Howard Smith-Maple Senior Living

### Prayer Warriors

Gifts for Jan. Due in  
Office by Wed. Jan. 14th

### YAH Crafters

Thurs. Jan. 15th @ 10:45 am  
Assembling gifts for delivery.



To Know Christ and to  
Make Him Known

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**Team Kids has a  
NEW TIME!!**

**5:30 pm—7:00 pm  
Wednesdays!**

**Bring your kids for  
supper, fun and  
learning!**



**FBC's Soup and Chili Supper  
and Cornhole Tournament**

**Sunday, January 25th**

Dinner: 5:30 pm

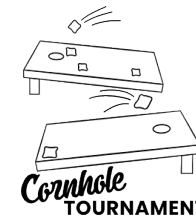
**Bring your Homemade Chilis and Soups**

**A-M Bring sides for chilis and soups**

**N-Z Bring side dishes, cakes, pies, and cookies**

**Join the Cornhole Tournament!**

**Bring your favorite board and card games  
to join in the fun!**



### From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

First, Denise and I would like to thank you all for the cards of encouragement and gifts of love this past month. Your generosity amazes us and we are eternally grateful. Thank you.

The year 2025 is recent history and 2026 is upon us. I am excited for the prospects that are ahead of us. We are seeing the use of the FLOC building increase every month. That usage is opportunities for ministry. Our preschool continues to grow and reach out to the community with the gospel. Thank you, Valerie, for your tireless leadership. The Wednesday night children and youth programs are such a blessing and are reaching families who would otherwise not enter our facilities.

I have not mentioned our Faith, Family, and Fireworks, Vacation Bible School, Fair Ministry, Small Groups, Bible Studies, and a variety of other opportunities to share the gospel with our community. To say it again, I am excited about the prospects we have ahead of us this year.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,  
Pastor Robb

# MISSIONS

## OBPA Missions Festival

Sunday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm—8:00 pm  
At Mount Nebo Baptist Church

**Looking Ahead in January**

- Jan. 1 New Year's Day—Office Closed
- Jan. 6 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting
- 6:00 pm Recreation Committee
- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- Jan. 7 5:30 pm Team Kids Resumes
- 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Collision Youth Bible Study
- Jan 10 8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast
- Jan. 11 5:00 pm OPBA Missions Festival at Mount Nebo
- Jan. 14 Prayer warrior gifts due in the office
- Jan. 15 10:45 am YAH Crafters Assembling/ Delivering gifts to schools
- Jan. 20 5:30 pm YAH Birthday Bash!
- Jan. 25 4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
- Jan. 25 5:30 pm Chili Supper and Cornhole Tournament
- Jan. 27 Meals on Wheels
- Jan. 28 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Resumes
- 7:30 pm Adoration & Praise Resumes

**Lottie Moon  
Christmas Offering**  
Goal: \$13,500  
Received: \$14,444

**Congratulations  
Taylor and Ross Means**  
on the birth of  
**Rusher Lawson Means**  
December 10, 2025  
He joins brothers Ridley and Rayner  
Grandparents are Julie and Rocky Means

**MINISTRY OF PRAYER  
CHURCH FAMILY**

Charles Ritchey Jordan Potter Chastity O'Neal  
Karen Lawrence Oscar Bronson Bill & Jan Bowman  
Jolene LeeMasters Gerald Swearingen Wayne Dingman  
Rita Bennett Maksim Bary

**EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY**

Jerica Gamache & baby Bodee, Daughter of Donovan & Jessica Stahl  
Chase Treadway, Grandson of Sterling and Rebecca Moore  
Barbara Burns, friend of Laurann Robertson  
Judy Reeves, friend of Anna Vorhees Josh Blanchard, cousin of Leena Harris  
Kenny Howard, Father of Susan Roland & David Howard  
Sally Burkholder, sister of Linda Jones  
Olivia Sheat, granddaughter of Chris & Dana Sheat  
Tamee Kreek, daughter of Jeff and Barbara Schwinn  
Russ Clapper, brother of Tanya Potter Bruce Belline, friend of Tom Main  
Gary Gordon, friend of Lynn Ann & Ron Sandberg  
Jeannie Koehn, mother of Mike Koehn  
Jim Kinney, brother & Tyler Sportsman, son of Sheila & Gary Stevens  
Susan Ball, sister of Oscar Bronson & Anna Voorhees  
Christina Perkins, daughter of Oscar Bronson  
Ryan Danley, brother of Jimetta Thomas  
Karen Mosher, cousin of Stephanie Siebe  
Robbie Williams, friend of Dwight Sprouls Jerry Bunn, friend of Dick & Linda Pope  
Brenda McKay, sister of Chris Sheat Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls  
Wanda Hudson, sister of Denzil Voorhees  
Janelle Vice, daughter/in/law of Harvey Vice  
Brett Campbell, friend of Belinda & Dayne Shoff

**MILITARY/1st RESPONDER PERSONNEL**

Bryce Greer, Air Force, San Antonio, TX nephew of Chris & Dana Sheat  
Major Thomas Rossiter, Pentagon, Washington D.C. grandson of Sue Hobson  
Amanda Dunford, Navy, VA, family of Russ & Rita Bennett  
Brian Jenkins, Army, Germany, nephew of Jerald Lehman  
Rene Gamache-Army, husband of Jerica (Stahl) Gamache  
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

(Prayer requests will be left in Bulletin for 3 weeks unless updated)



**YAH (Young At Heart)**  
**Tues. Jan. 20th @ 5:00 pm**  
**Soup & Chili Supper**  
(provided by YAH Council)

**A-M Bring : Soup Condiments: cheese, Fritos, crackers, sour cream, onions, etc.**

**N-Z Bring: Dessert**

**Birthday Bash!**

**White Elephant Gift Exchange (\$5-\$10 Limit)**



**YOUTH/OUTREACH**

**New Year's Resolutions**

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" — 2 Corinthians 5:17*

As the calendar turns, we often think about fresh starts — eating better, exercising more, saving money. Those are good goals, but the most life-changing resolutions are the ones that shape our hearts and draw us closer to God. A new year is a reminder that God specializes in new beginnings. In Christ, we are not defined by last year's failures, regrets, or missed opportunities. He offers us a clean slate every day. Instead of striving for perfection, we can resolve to walk in His grace, listen for His voice, and love others as He loves us.

**Practical Resolutions to strengthen our walk with God:**

- **Seek God daily** — Start each morning with prayer and Scripture, even if it's just 5 minutes.
- **Choose gratitude** — Write down one thing you're thankful for each day.
- **Love intentionally** — Look for ways to encourage, forgive, and serve.

**Prayer:**

*Lord, thank You for the gift of a new year and the promise of new life in You. Help me to let go of the past, embrace Your grace, and live each day with purpose. May my resolutions honor You and draw me closer to Your heart. Amen.*

To God be the Glory!  
Chris Roth

**Come find out what the Bible says for your Christian dating questions  
Outdated**

*When should I date?*

*Who should I date?*

**By Jonathan Pokluda  
Collision Youth Bible Study**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 pm Starting Jan. 7th**

**Our Deepest Sympathy To:**

David Thrasher for the passing of his brother-in-law  
Bill Burkhardt.  
And  
Pam Manitz and family for the passing of Irene Vancil

**Reminder Of Inclement  
Weather Policy**

If the schools dismiss early because of inclement weather, Preschool, all evening meetings & after school activities, will be cancelled. Sunday services & activities will be dismissed after the pastor has conferred with Ministerial staff & Deacon officers. If services are cancelled, we will call the local television stations with this information.

Men's Ministry Events

**Men's Breakfast Sat. Jan. 10th 8:00 am**  
Speakers: Jared Beshore and Heath Heckadon

**Men's Bible Study**  
Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm  
"Last Supper on the Moon"  
by Levi Lesko  
Led by Jerry Houghton



Men's Breakfast

**Vital Signs for December, 2025**

Average Attendance for December  
Morning Worship - 213  
Sunday School - 148

Treasurer's Report for November 2025 Business Meeting  
Total Income: \$119,806.65  
Total Expenditures: \$58,484.78