

# 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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David Thrasher, Custodian

#### Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Fridays  
9:00 am-Noon  
Staff Meeting  
Monday 1:30 pm



FOR FEBRUARY  
MONDAY  
February 23rd

### Upcoming Meetings:

**Tuesday, February 3rd**  
10:30 am YAH Council Meeting  
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

**Sunday, February 22nd**  
Deacons Meeting @ 4:00 pm

### Prayer Warriors

Teacher gifts are due in church  
office by Wed. Feb.11th



### YAH Crafters 10:45 am

Thurs. Feb.12th assembling gifts for delivery

### Thank You!

Thank you notes on the  
bulletin board from the jail  
and Health Department,  
Missouri Baptist  
Children's Home, and  
Ritchey Family

### Opportunities for Service

- Nursery Workers
- VBS Workers
- Random Acts of Kindness

Contact the church office  
if you're able to serve.



WELCOME  
LITTLE ONE

Congratulations to  
Jared and Courtney Beshore  
On the arrival of  
Jude Jarius Beshore  
On January 8th weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz.  
He joins brothers Jett & Jasper  
Grandparents are Jeff and Kerri Beshore

### Community Youth Night

Wednesday, February 18th 6:30-8:00 pm

at CHIPS

Meal & Speaker: Bryan Tabakien  
CHIPS Church

If you need a Contribution Record  
for 2025, please contact the church office.

To Know Christ and to  
Make Him Known



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## LOVE NEVER FAILS YOUTH FUNDRAISING DINNER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:30 PM



The youth will be serving a nice dinner with the main course of beef tips to raise money for the many different activities they take part in throughout the year. These are vital for them as they learn more about Christ and grow closer to Him. Couples and singles are invited to celebrate the love of Christ. The night will include entertainment from some of Lamar High School's talented singers. Come be blessed by an elegant meal and support our youth through a free will donation.



### Young At Heart 55 & over Tuesday, February 17th @ 5:00 pm

Join us for dinner and fellowship.

Please bring the following based on your last  
name:

A to G: Main Dish

H-Q : Dessert

R-Z: Vegetable or salad.

### Men's Ministry

#### Breakfast

Sat. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 am

Devotion by

Ronnie Brownsworth



### From The Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

Update versus Upgrade. I recently checked my phone and was informed that I needed to update several apps, 53 to be exact. It had been awhile since I last checked my phone. This usually does not take a long time, especially if I have sufficient wi-fi connections. As I was waiting for the updates to finish I had a message on the phone that said an upgrade was available.

This upgrade would include a new phone, more power, longer battery life, and easier to use. I have yet to receive an upgrade that delivers on that last promise. This upgrade would come with some sacrifices. First, I would have to have a new phone. Now, that may not seem like a major sacrifice for you, but I like my familiar phone. Another sacrifice, not everything I have on my old phone would transfer to this new phone.

Contemplating this decision, I am reminded that the call of Christ is a call for a complete upgrade rather than an update. So much of the time we think of an update, fixing an existing problem, improving this or that will help. But in reality what we really need is a total upgrade. Christ calls us to allow Him to give us this upgrade. Yes, we may think we have to sacrifice some things, but in the long run it is not really a sacrifice. We become new creation, the old is gone, the new has come.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,  
Pastor Robb

## Looking Ahead

- February 3 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting  
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
- February 4\* 6:00 pm Random Acts of Kindness
- February 7 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
- February 9 11:30 am—5:30 pm Bloodmobile
- February 11\* 10:00 am FBC's & 123's Valentine Party  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study  
Prayer Warrior Gifts due in office
- February 12 10:00 am FBC's & 123's Valentine Party  
10:45 am YAH Crafters delivering  
1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- February 15 9:00 am FBC 101  
5:30 pm Youth Valentine Fundraiser
- February 17 5:00 pm YAH Dinner & Fellowship
- February 18\* 6:30 pm Community Youth Night @ CHIPS (Youth will be there)  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- February 19 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- February 22 9:00 am FBC 101  
4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
- February 24 Meals on Wheels  
6:30 pm Associational VBS Training
- February 25\* 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- February 27 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study

### \* Regular Wednesday Activities

- 5:30 pm Team Kids  
5:30 pm Praise Team  
6:30 pm Prayer & Bible Study  
Men's Bible Study  
Sanctuary Choir  
7:00 pm Collision Youth Bible Study  
7:15 pm Adoration and Praise

## Random Acts of Kindness

Church Family— Do you love serving others? We'd love to have new faces and fresh ideas at our RAK meeting on Wed, March 4 at 6:30 pm!



## MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Jordan Potter Chastity O'Neal Karen Lawrence  
Oscar Bronson Bill & Jan Bowman Maksim Bary Judy Ferris  
Gerald Swearingen Wayne Dingman Rita Bennett Charlotte Danley

### EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Jude Beshore, son of Jared & Courtney Beshore and grandson of Jeff and Kerri Beshore  
Eileen Leininger, Friend of Kelli Sheet  
Amber Coleman and Janel Andrews, Daughters of Joe & Audi Allen  
Jerica Gamache & baby Bodee, Daughter of Donovan & Jessica Stahl  
Geyne Shoff, mother of Dayne Shoff  
Gina Little, cousin of John Lawrence & Nancy McCall  
Barbara Burns, friend of Laurann Robertson  
Russ Clapper, brother of Tanya Potter  
Bill Brake, nephew of Kenny & Nancy McCall  
Sally Burkholder, sister of Linda Jones Ron Stewart, brother of Brenda Stewart  
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  
Josh Blanchard, cousin of Leena Harris  
Karen Mosher, cousin of Stephanie Siebert  
Robbie Williams, friend of Dwight Sprouls  
Jerry Bunn, friend of Dick & Linda Pope  
Brenda McKay, sister of Chris Sheat  
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)

### Coming in March-

### Observance of the Lord's Supper

March 1<sup>st</sup> during morning  
worship.

### Ladies' Night Out: "How Sweet He Is"

Tuesday, March 10th  
at 6 pm

### Blood Mobile

Monday, Feb. 9th  
11:30 am-5:30 pm  
FBC FLOC-gym



### February Homebound

Justine  
McManis



## Worship and Family Ministries

Is church attendance important? Well, I am the first to acknowledge that we don't have to go to church to be saved. Salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ alone, not through attendance or religious affiliations (**Ephesians 2:8-9**). However, choosing to stay away from the body of believers is spiritually dangerous and unbiblical. When we isolate ourselves, we lose the accountability, encouragement, and correction that God designed to help us stay strong in our faith. Without that support, the world's values and voices can begin to shape our thinking more than God's word (**Romans 12:2, 1 John 4:4-6**). God never intended for us to walk the journey of faith alone; He calls us to live in community where we can share burdens, strengthen one another, and spur each other on toward

love and good works (**Hebrews 10:24-25**). In the gathering of believers, we are reminded of who God is, what He has done, and how deeply He loves us (**Romans 15:5-6**). Surrounded by fellow followers of Christ, we are encouraged to keep our eyes on Him and to grow in love and unity, living on a mission for Him (**1 John 4:12**). The gathering of believers is God's way of showing the world that we actually LIKE being with each other, sharing our lives together in a fellowship that seeks to build each other up and find encouragement to survive life's struggles. I need you and you need me. So, if you can't make it in, YES watch on Facebook or YouTube; but if you can, please come to church.

God bless you, Steve

## Welcome New Members

Aviana Regier Mackenzie Divine  
Silas & William Griffitt  
Sophia Mendez  
Tom & Linda Welch

## "The Way of Wisdom"

### A Study of the Book of Proverbs

By: Jen Wilkin, Ruth Chou Simons, Kelly Minter,  
Adrienna Camp, Elizabeth Woodson and Courtney Doctor

The book of Proverbs describes wisdom as the greatest treasure of life, more valuable than anything else we should desire. But do we seek the wisdom of the Lord as fervently as we pursue other goals? Do we see Scripture as relevant for our lives and applicable to the situations we face at home, at work, and in our communities?

During this 8-session study, we will discover the wisdom Proverbs has. It is an invitation to steadily walk God's way in God's world.

There are two opportunities to participate in this study, **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning February 11** or **Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm beginning February 12**.

Books cost \$15. Sign-up through the church office by **Monday, February 9**.



With Sympathy

Our deepest condolences to  
the family and friends of  
Charles Ritchey.

## FBC 101

FBC 101 is a 4-week study on the theme of "What are the Beliefs, Policies, and Procedures of First Baptist Church of Lamar." Pastor Robb teaches it during the Sunday School/Bible Study time (9:00—10:00 am) Our next 4-week study is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, and March 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 January, 2026

Average Attendance for January  
Morning Worship - 232  
Sunday School - 128

Treasurer's Report for December 2025  
Total Income: 67,586.30  
Total Expenditures: 56,949.72