

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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 Chris Roth, Youth & Outreach Director..... 214-0233
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Church Office Hours
 Monday-Thursday
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 Friday-:00 am-Noon
Staff Meeting
 Monday 1:30 pm



**FOR MARCH
 MONDAY
 March 30th**

Sunday, March 1st



10:15 am Morning Worship Service

**Fellowship Dinner
 March 8th at 5:30**

Quarterly Business
 Meeting To Follow
 at 6:00 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, March 3rd

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

Sunday, March 8th

Fellowship Supper @ 5:30 pm
 Business Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 15th

OPBA Semi-Annual Meeting @ 3:00 pm

Sunday, March 22nd

Deacon's Meeting @ 4:00 pm

**Men's Ministry Breakfast
 March 7th 8am**



**OPBA Evangelism Training Rally
 Menu: Biscuits & Gravy with eggs**



Baptism Service for

Ronin Mize
 Amara Mize
 Taryn Mize
 Sunday, March 1st!



Homebound Members
 of the Month

March Homebound

Rosmarie McMullen

*To Know Christ and to
 Make Him Known*



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**Daylight Savings Time
 Begins March 8th**



**Prayer Warrior Banquet
 March 30th at 5:30 pm**

Speaker: Will Darter, Superintendent of Everton School District

Please let us know if you are attending by March 13th so seating with your school personnel can be arranged.

We are asking you to bring something to help with the meal.

A-N Bring a salad O-Z Bring a dessert
 March gifts can be brought to the banquet.

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief Training

New Site Church
 Monett, MO



Register online at: modr.org/training

Dinner, breakfast and lunch included and lodging is available.

First time: \$45
 Re-certifying /Cross Training
 \$25

Train in: Mass care/feeding, flood recovery, childcare, chainsaw, communications and/or shower/laundry

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

We use them every day. Before our first birthday until our last breath, they are on our mind and much of the time they are out of our mouths. Yes, I am talking about the English alphabet. From the first "da da or mama," to the coffee shop discussion, we use the alphabet to create words, to communicate thoughts, to declare our opinions on a multitude of issues. Ron Sandberg has created a beautiful message on our sign out front using all 26 letters of our alphabet. I encourage you to drive by, stop and read the message. It took time, thought, and process to create.

Thinking about the alphabet and words they create, I wonder how often to we take the time to create a message of kindness and goodness, especially about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do we give much thought of sharing with our neighbor and friend to communicate the good news? These are the words they desperately need to hear. Proverbs share with us that we are to use our words wisely. Take some time, give some thought, create a message to communicate to that one who need to hear the message.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
 Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

March 1	10:15 am	Lord's Supper Observed
March 3	10:30 am 7:00 pm	YAH Council Meeting Church Council Meeting
March 4*	6:30 pm	No Pastor's Bible Study Women's Bible Study
March 5	1:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
March 7	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
March 8	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Daylight Savings Time Begins Supper Served in FH Business Meeting
March 10	6:00 pm	Women's Night Out F.H.
March 11*	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
March 12	1:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
March 15	3:00 pm	OPBA Semi annual meeting @ FBC Lockwood
March 16-20		Lamar Spring Break No Team Kids or Youth
March 18	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study No Pastor's Bible Study
March 19	1:30 pm	VBS Decoration Work Day Women's Bible Study
March 20		VBS Decoration Work Day
March 22	4:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting
March 24		Meals On Wheels Delivery
March 25*	6:30 pm	Women's Spring Bible Study
March 26	1:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
March 28		YCW at Silver Dollar City
March 30	5:30 pm	Prayer Warrior Banquet

* 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

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Faith McMullen Jordan Potter Chastity O'Neal Karen Lawrence Jim
McKee Barbara Driver Bill & Jan Bowman Maksim Bary Charlotte
Danley Gerald Swearingen Wayne Dingman Donald Noll
Rita Bennett Judy Ferris

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Jordan Sheat, son of Chris & Dana Sheat
Olivia Sheat, granddaughter of Chris & Dana Sheat
Jude Beshore, son of Jared & Courney Beshore and grandson of Jeff and Kerri Beshore
Amber Coleman and Janel Andrews, Daughters of Joe & Audi Allen
Jerica Gamache & baby Bodee, Daughter of Donovan & Jessica Stahl
Dorothy McCaslin, Sister-in-Law of Denzil Voorhees
Geyne Shoff, mother of Dayne Shoff Jeff Reed, brother of Larry Reed
Gina Little, cousin of John Lawrence & Nancy McCall
Barbara Burns, friend of Laurann Robertson Russ Clapper, brother of Tanya Potter
Sally Burkholder, sister of Linda Jones Ron Stewart, brother of Brenda Stewart
Gary Gordon, friend of Sandbergs & Bruffets 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
Robbie Williams, friend of Dwight Sprouls Jerry Bunn, friend of Dick & Linda Pope
Brenda McKay, sister of Chris Sheat Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sproul
Wanda Hudson, sister of Denzil Voorhees Josh Blanchard, cousin of Leena Harris
Janelle Vice, daughter/in/law of Harvey Vice Bill Brake, nephew of Kenny & Nancy
McCallBrett Campbell, friend of Shoffs
Karen Mosher, cousin of Stephanie Siebert

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

Young Christians Weekend @ Silver Dollar City

Saturday, March 28th
Featuring Lloyd Nicks and Micah Tyler!

40 Tickets available-\$30.00 plus cost of food.
Sign up and pay to reserve your ticket.



Youth/Outreach Ministry

Are you carrying an idol in your pocket?

Dear First Family,
In a spiritual sense, cell phones can become idols of devotion when they take precedence over God, family, and other important relationships, and when our attention, time, and emotions are disproportionately focused on them.
Idolatry can mean both the worship of a physical object as a god and immoderate attachment or devotion to something.
Smartphones are always within reach, and we often check them in moments of pause — in line, waiting, or even during prayer. This constant access and the addictive design of apps make them “the greatest attention grabber in human history”. When we treat them like deities who demand our constant devotion, we risk replacing God as the focal point of our attention.
Where our attention goes, our hearts follow. If we spend more time on our phone than in prayer, family, or service, we are not only neglecting God but also weakening our relationships. On the days when we allow our cell phones to control us, our productivity plummets, our minds become scattered and we seem overwhelmed by adversity. The problem is not that we have 24 hour access to our phones, but that our phones have 24 hour access to us. When problems arise in life we should be saying “Hey God” instead of saying “Hey siri”.
Exodus 20:3 warns, “You shall have no other gods before Me.” This applies not only to literal idols but also to anything that competes for our loyalty. If our phone is the first thing we reach for in the morning, the last thing we do before bed, or the reason we are late for events, it is likely becoming an idol.

Signs You May Have a Phone Idol

- You feel guilty or anxious when you can't use your phone.
 - You spend more time on your phone than in prayer or meaningful conversations.
 - You check your phone before or after important events, even when it's not necessary.
You use your phone as a substitute for emotional connection or spiritual nourishment .
- ### How we can Resist Phone Idolatry
- **Set boundaries:** Designate phone-free times or places (e.g., meals, prayer, family time).
 - **Reorder priorities:** Make time for God, family, and meaningful activities before checking your phone.
 - **Use your phone intentionally:** Limit scrolling; use it for tasks that serve God.
 - **Pray for discernment:** Ask God to help you keep Him first in your life.

In short, while phones are tools that can be used for good, they can become idols if they dominate our hearts and minds. By intentionally managing our use, we can keep our devotion to God central and our relationships strong.

To God be the Glory,
Chris Roth

Church Goal: \$12,000



Save The Date

VBS

June 28th — July 2
2026

VBS Decoration Work Day

Thursday, March 19 — Friday, March 20



HOW SWEET
He is

Join us for our 2026
WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT
TUESDAY | MARCH 10TH | 6PM

Who: Youth & Adult Women
Where: Lamar FBC
Cost: Free
Dinner will be served

Speaker: Pam Brumley
Sign up by calling the church office or scan the QR code!



A Big THANK YOU to ALL that participated
In the Love Never Fails Youth Fundraising
Banquet. You donated **\$4,421** to the Youth Fund.

Vital Signs for February, 2026

Average Attendance for February
Morning Worship - 284
Sunday School - 154

Treasurer's Report for January
Total Income: \$48,504.46
Total Expenditures: \$46,878.82