



From the Pastor's Heart

September is in full swing. Leaves are falling, we need rain desperately, fall church activities have begun, ministries with the Association, hospital visits, and personal events, make for a very busy month. I say all that, but I'm not sure I would change anything if I could. When our strength seems to weaken, God's strength increases, and we see Him at work all around. Joining Him in that work

I thank God for the team He has placed in our church family. The called ministers and the support staff are God's blessing to this church. All the ministries discussed in the previous paragraph are possible because of the unity and love we have one for another. God is doing a great work in our lives, and I thank Him for allowing me the privilege to serve alongside these faithful

## Looking Ahead

October	1	10:30 am YAH Council Meeting 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
October	2	6:30 pm Women's Fall Bible Study
October	3	1:30 pm Women's Fall Bible Study 5:30 pm Team Meal
October	4 &	5 Mo. Disaster Relief Training/Ozark Mo
October	5	8:00 am Men's Ministry Breakfast 10:00 am Car Care Day
October	6	O.C.C. Shoeboxes ready for Pick up 5:30 pm Fall Small Groups begin 5:30 pm Bus leaves for Community Youth Night @ Oakton Church
October	9	6:30 pm Women's Fall Bible Study Prayer Warrior Gifts due in office
October	10	10:30 am YAH Crafters Assembling & delivering gifts to schools 1:30 pm Women's Fall Bible Study 5:30 pm Team Meal
October	13	5:30 pm Fall Small Groups
October	14	11:30 am -5:30 pm Bloodmobile FLOC
October	15	5:00 pm YAH /Fish & Chicken Fry
October	16	6:00 pm Team Kids/ 6:30 pm O.C.C Kids Packing Party 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
October	17	1:30 pm Women's Fall Bible Study 5:30 pm Team Meal
October	19	2:00-5:00 pm KIDS DAY Out @ Ol' Yale Farms @ Pittsburg, Ks
October	20	5:30 pm Fall Small Groups
October	22	Meals On Wheels Deliveries
October 7:		6:00 pm Team Kids 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study m Collision Youth O.C.C .Packing Party
October	24	1:30 pm Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Team Meal
October	27	4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting 5:30 pm Small Groups
October	28 –	29 MCB Annual Meeting @ St. Charles
October	30 &	31 FBC's & 123's Fall Costume Party
October	31	1:30 pm Women's Fall Bible Study 5:00-6:30 pm Trunk Or Treat

#### MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY Mike Koehn Mae Cooper Scott Gordon Lynn Grigery Jan & Bill Bowman Rita & Russ Bennett Ann Stahl Jane Houghton Wayne Dingman EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY Kim Sampson, daughter of LeeRoy & Anna Voorhees Lee Wimer, niece of John Lawrence & Nancy McCall Michael Riccio, nephew of Bill & Jan Bowman Jerry Bunn, friend of Dick & Linda Pope Ron Lovan, friend of Leena & Caleb Harris Grady O'Sullivan, grandson of Jennifer & Mike O'Sullivan Brenda McKay, sister of Chris Sheat Russ Clapper, brother of Tanya Potter Robert Rodell, cousin of Anita VanSickle Terry Logan, sister in Iaw of Dana Sheat Greg Peters, friend, Wanda Hudson, sister of Denzil Voorhees Trevin Brous, Coty Jones, Vicky Sparks, friend of Sheila Stevens

Trevin Brous, Coty Jones, Vicky Sparks, friend of Sheila Stevens Juli Davis & Addalyn Hall daughter & great granddaughter of Jerry & Jane Houghton Janelle Vice, daughter in law of Harvey & Lorraine Vice Sharla Hafer, cousin of Chastity O'Neal Dohnyetta Robinson Josh Blanchard, cousin of Leena Harris Becky Howell, friend of Teresa Roberts Jentri Banwart, granddaughter of David & Peggy Banwart Brett Campbell, friend of Belinda & Dayne Shoff Tina Walker, sister of Cindi Sprouls John Orahood, friend of Leon Bishop Scott Gordon, friend of Bruffett's & Sandbergs

#### MILITARY/1ST RESPONDER PERSONNEL

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– Illinois, son of Linda Jones Nathan Davis—National Guard, husband of Sarah Davis

MISSION OUTREACH Building Committee/ project Pastoral Staff Lamar's Unchurched Issues Israel / Haiti / Ukraine

#### **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

Thank You to our church family for donating items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The youth and children will use these items to pack shoeboxes during their Operation Christmas Child Packing Parties in October.

Shoeboxes will be in the Gathering Area ready to 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 3.

National Collection Week is November 18-25 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

# Music / Family Ministry

In October, we will be concluding our expository study of Romans. These last 5 chapters, beginning with chapter 11, we will learn what it means to be grafted into the nourishing root. We learn what it means to be "living sacrifices" in chapter 12, understanding what the marks of a true Christian are. The beginning of Chapter 13 teaches us that God is sovereign, in and over those who are in authority over us, and that we are to submit to them and respect their position. He will end 13 with a call for us to fulfill the law through love. In Chapter 14, Paul teaches us about the freedoms we have in Christ, and that we are to be responsible with them, understanding that there may be times when we need to restrain ourselves of the sake of a weaker brother or sister. Paul will close Romans with a call for us to live as Christ lived, like a servant. It is here where he will proclaim himself, a minister to the gentiles, people like us. In the final chapter, he will express his longing to be with the church in Rome and that there is some uncertainty about him ever being able to be with them. I personally love his final farewell/benediction to them, "May the God of peace be with you all. Amen." And to you, my family of families, may the God of peace be with you all.

God bless, Steve

Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief Training Oct. 4th & 5th @ FBC in Ozark, Mo.

Register online @ MODR.ORG/DTRAINING

Or call 1-800-736-6227

#### Women's Fall Bible Study "Encountering God"

Cultivating Habits of Faith Through Spiritual Disciplines By: Kelley Minter

There are two opportunities to participate in this study: Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 pm & Thursday afternoons@ 1:30 pm. Book Cost \$10.00



Community Youth Night ~ Oakton Church Sunday, Oct. 6th @ 6:00 pm Bus will leave @ 5:30 pm

### Collision Youth-6th-12th Grades New Youth Bible Study

"What is a Christian" By Francis Chan Join us for this 6-week study, in an exploration of key concepts common to all Christians through the centuries.

Averages for September, 2024					
Average Attendance for September					
Morning Worship - 239					
Sunday School -128					
Treasurer's Report for September 2024 Business Meeting					
	June	July	August		
Total Income:	\$62,170.60	\$43,781.38			
Total Expenditur	res: <u>61,543.95</u>	58,721.61	51,406.94		
Net Income	\$626.65	\$-14,940.23	\$-15,976.82		
September 2024 FLOC Contributions: \$1,912.00					