

The Vision
 First Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship Times

Morning Worship @ 10:15 am
 Sunday Evening Study @ 5:30 pm
 Starting Feb. 16th

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF

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 Gina Reed, Secretary
 Staci King, Financial Secretary/Treasurer
 David Thrasher, Custodian

Church Office Hours

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



**FOR FEBRUARY
 MONDAY
 February 24th**

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, February 4th
 10:30 am YAH Council Meeting
 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
Monday, Feb. 10th
 6:00 pm VBS Associational Training @ FBC
Sunday, February 25th
 Deacons Meeting @ 4:00 pm

Prayer Warriors

Teacher gifts are due in church
 office by Wed. Feb.12th



YAH Crafters 10:45 am

Thurs. Feb.13th assembling gifts for delivery

Men's Ministry Breakfast

Sat. Feb. 1st @ 8:00 am

Devotion; Bert Phipps

"For the Love of the Game"

Join us on Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm **Men's Bible Study**
 New 12-week study "Making Healthy Disciples"

Men's Ministry 2026 Calendar

Submit photo's each month that reflect our
 Church family. Photo chosen wins prize.

February's theme: "Animals"

Text 417-214-2900 or

email Phippsbert@yahoo

Community Youth Night


Wednesday, February 19th 6:30-8:00 pm

@ Lamar United Methodist Church

*Meal & Speaker: Alan Ardrey
 Youth Pastor @ Church of Nazarene*

If you need a Contribution Record
 for 2024, please contact the church office.

To Know Christ and to
 Make Him Known



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YOUTH DESSERT/ FOOD AUCTION

This Sunday, Feb 2nd @ 5:00 pm

"Masquerade Ball"

Bring your baked goodies/ Food or Craft items to be Auctioned

All proceeds benefit the Youth Fund with upcoming activities
 Donations gladly accepted



**Italian Meal-Pasta, Garlic
 Bread, Salad & Drinks Provided**

Meal Sign up sheet is in the
 Gathering Area

"Wear your Masquerade Ball attire"

Youth
 Fund
 Raiser

Young At Heart ♡ 55 & over

Tuesday, February 20th @ 5:00 pm

**Meal: Breakfast-Biscuits & Gravy
 & Breakfast Casseroles (all provided)**

**Program: Soap Making
 with Melissa Jeffries**

Ladies Luncheon

Thurs. Feb. 22nd

12:00-1:00 pm

Soup, Salad,
 & Dessert

provided
 FBC F.H.



From The Pastor's Heart

Dear First Family and Friends,

Denise and I would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts for Christmas. It is a blessed privilege to serve you as pastor and wife. We appreciate your friendship and willingness to serve Christ together.

As I consider the upcoming messages from the Joshua Series, there is so much more than what one could expound upon in a Sunday morning message. I am just hitting the high spots of the book and I will trust that you reading and rereading the book will receive much more from the influence of the Holy Spirit.

February is quickly approaching and with it comes several opportunities for service. One of which is Dessert Auction. This is a fun evening for everyone and is a fantastic way to support our Youth Ministry. Look elsewhere in the Vision for detailed information.

Keeping the Main Thing, the main thing,
 Pastor Robb

Looking Ahead

February 1	8:00 am	Men's Ministry Breakfast
February 2	5:00 pm	Youth Dessert Auction
February 4	10:30 am	YAH Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
February 5	6:30 pm	Choir Resumes
	7:15 pm	Handbells Resume
February 10	11:30 am—5:30 pm	Bloodmobile
	6:00 pm	VBS Assoc. Training @ FBC
February 12	10:00 am	FBC's & 123's Valentine Party
		Prayer Warrior Gifts due in office
	6:30 pm	Women's Spring Bible Study
February 13	10:00 am	FBC's & 123's Valentine Party
	10:45 am	YAH Crafters delivering
	1:30 pm	Women's Spring Bible Study
February 16	5:30 pm	Sunday Night Bible Study
February 18	5:00 pm	YAH Meeting –Meal & Soap Making Demo
February 19	6:30 pm	Spring Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Community Youth Night @ Lamar Methodist Church
February 20	12:00	Ladies Luncheon F.H.
	1:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
February 23	4:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting
	5:30 pm	Sunday Night Bible Study
February 25		Meals On Wheels Delivery
February 26	6:30 pm	Women's Spring Bible Study
February 27	1:30 pm	Women's Spring Bible Study

Winners of the Winter Games Soup/Chili/ Dessert Cook-Off

Dawn Davis & Denise Hodson

Ewe Mah's Tomato Soup/Grilled Cheese

Alan & Susan Ray-Sweet Corn Surprise

Nichole Brownsworth– Mocha Punch

Thank you to all that brought food & participated.



Blood Mobile
Monday, Feb. 10th
11:30 am-5:30 pm
FBC FLOC-gym

MINISTRY OF PRAYER CHURCH FAMILY

Ann Stahl Jan Bowman Wayne Dingman

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Michelle Stewart, niece of Brenda Stewart Lillian & Devoe Davis son's family
Claude Howard, cousin of Barb Phipps
Olivia Sheat, granddaughter of Chris & Dana Sheat
John Moore, brother inlaw of Tom Main Marty Bunton, friend of Tom Main
Nova, great, great, granddaughter of Anna & LeeRoy Voorhees
Robbie Williams, friend of Dwight Sprouls
Karen Goai, mother of Jill Willoughby
Jerry Bunn, friend of Dick & Linda Pope
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
Greg Peters, friend Wanda Hudson, sister of Denzil Voorhees
Coty Jones & Vicky Sparks, friends of Sheila Stevens
Juli Davis, daughter of Jane & Jerry Houghton
Sharla Hafer, cousin of Chastity O'Neal Janelle Vice, daughter in law of Harvey Vice
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

MILITARY PERSONNEL

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-Army, Germany, nephew of Jerald Lehman
Caleb Stevens USAF Las Vegas, NV, son of Gary & Shelia 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

Pastoral Staff Lamar's Unchurched Vacation Bible School
Issues in Israel/ Ukraine/ Haiti



February Homebound

Lynn Grigery

Sunday Evening Study

Led by Pastor Steve
Starting Sunday Feb.16th
5:30 pm (in the Sanctuary)
Week 1-What is Biblical Praise & Worship
What is the goal of worship
Week 2-What We Do, Why and Why Not
Week 3-continuation of Why and Why Not

Youth / Outreach

We are called to make Jesus Known

Acts 1:8 *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Something to think about...

Are we as a church doing what God has called us to do? Now this is what we are called to do: make Jesus known to our neighbors. What would it look like if we started to live this way? When the people of God took Him at His Word, the Gospel spread, and lives were restored.

Has God given you a command to share Jesus Christ? Yes! What is the alternative to obeying Him? It is disobedience. What is the result of disobedience? No spiritual power and no joy. God has given you a command to go and tell others about Jesus ([Matthew 28:19-20](#)).

Now if you do what He has called you to, God will bless your obedience, and the Holy Spirit will equip you and bless what you're doing. In the next chapter, we see that *"in those days . . . the number of the disciples was multiplying"* ([Acts](#)

[6:1](#)). Why? When you obey Him, the Spirit is received, joy is achieved, and the Gospel is believed.

There are enough people right now in this church to turn this community inside out, upside down, and right side up for Jesus Christ. Imagine the restoration and beauty we could see God do in the lives of those around us, impacting our community and all around the world, if we walked with God and listened to Him.

- Have you shared your faith with someone today? What has held you back from sharing your faith?

Practice This...

Pray and ask God to put someone on your heart who you can share your faith with. Begin praying for that person and consider how you can show the love of Christ. Imagine a church on mission for God.

To God be the Glory!

Chris Roth

Welcome New Members

Charity, Annalee & Chasetin Gardner
Stanley Hurt

Spring Women's Bible Study "Heaven"

When Faith Becomes Sight

By: Jennifer Rothschild

Heaven. Who goes there? Where is it? What will we do there?

How can we know the truth about what comes next? Join us for this 7-session study as Jennifer explores the subject of Heaven from a biblical perspective. She will help us see what is true about Heaven compared to what is based on legend, media depictions, and hopeful guesses. During this study we will gain a deeper understanding of what God has prepared for His children and how to live with confidence as we look

forward to the glorious ending that waits.

There are two opportunities to participate in this study,

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

beginning February 12 or

Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm

beginning February 13.

Books cost \$10. Sign-up through the church office by **Monday, February 9.**



Limited spaces for 2025 Fall Enrollment

For questions call 417-214-4406 or go to our website @ Fbclamar.org

Women's Night Out

Ladies, mark your calendar and join us for a night of food, fellowship and inspiration!

**Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall**

**Guest Speaker: Larissa Darter
Cost: FREE**

Watch Vision & Worship Guide for more info.

Vital Signs for January, 2025

Average Attendance for January
Morning Worship - 220
Sunday School -122

Treasurer's Report for December 2024
Total Income: \$59,221.37
Total Expenditures: \$54,659.67