

First Baptist Church

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Come join us Sundays!

8:45 am Sunday School classes for all ages
10:00 am Worship

Pastor — David L. Davis

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The Messenger

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★ LCC Community Expo

On Friday, August 19 at 11am, Lamar Community college is hosting an Expo of community organizations and businesses for incoming students and their parents. We will have a booth there. Please pray that we may be able to make some contacts that will help people know the Lord. At this point Pastor Dave and Chad Surprise have volunteered to staff our booth. A lady or two to help would also be welcome.



This may not be the time to be thinking about a fire in the fireplace at home, but if the Lord doesn't return soon winter will be here in a few months. So if you would like some firewood for the winter it is available behind the concrete block shed.

★ David & Teesha Laflin Illusionists

"David and Teesha Laflin are Christian illusionists with a passion for ministry." The youth will be sponsoring a presentation by the Laflin's at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 6 to be held here at the church. This will be an event opened to community youth, children and families. Please keep this date open on your calendar and keep it in your prayers as David and Teesha prepare to share the gospel through their ministry. More information will be forthcoming.

★ The Singles Bible Study/Fellowship

is moving to Monday evenings. Same time—7pm—same place—our church library.

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Be sure to check out our church website. It has been updated but is still under construction. Let us know how we are doing!



As the month of August begins, I think of the return to school. Whether that may be public school or college. For some it may even mean returning to the inspiring Sunday school class after being gone on vacation or camping trips. In addition to school the word return brings to mind taking an item back to the store because it doesn't work, or it doesn't fit, or it is not liked to the degree it was at the store. To return also draws up getting back to work after vacation. An item that has been borrowed also needs to be returned.

In the Old Testament, often is the time when God calls His people the Israelites to return to Him. There are times when Israel has been disobedient and taken into captivity but God calls them to return to Him. They may have blamed others or even God Himself for their situation but God assures them of His Love and desire to rebuild the relationship.

There are occasions when we find ourselves similar to Israel. Let us be sure in the fact that God wants to restore and rebuild the relationship with us. This is exactly why Jesus came and died and was raised. He lived and died so we can return to God. Sometimes our return is temporary or half-hearted. But to us like to the Israelites the word is in Joel 2:12; "Even now" declares the Lord, "return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." So God gives the invitation to return based on His Terms not ours. He is waiting with open arms for our return because He loves us. This is like the story Jesus told in Luke 15:11-32 about the prodigal son.

We may not have dug a hole for ourselves as deep as the prodigal did, but nevertheless any sin has caused a brokenness that needs repairing. So we must return wholeheartedly to the Lord so we may be cleansed, refreshed, and able to walk His Path.

Blessings,
Pastor Dave

For other situations of returning read 2 Chronicles 30:9, Nehemiah 1:9, Isaiah 55:11 and Hosea 6:1.

Thank You

Dear Friends of Bethel Neighborhood Center,

Thank you very much for your recent White Cross donation. Your donation enables us to provide needful programs and services to our Bethel community. Thank you for your partnership in offering a renewed sense of HOPE to our community all these years.

Summer is here once again and we are very excited! More than 100 inner city children and youth will benefit from our summer youth enrichment program. One of the Burmese boys said, "Summer is good, it is not boring because Bethel is there for us." It is very rewarding to see our neighborhood children/youth happy and engaging themselves in positive activities at Bethel instead of using their time doing things that are not helpful to them and their family.

In addition to learning the importance of respecting self, their community, and the world (others), our students will have many opportunities to play and learn, to read, to have fun, to make new friends, to do community service projects, and to go on fun and educational field trips under the supervision of our caring Bethel staff and volunteers. We are very much encouraged to have 7 former Bethel youth volunteering at our summer program this year.

We will celebrate our 100th Anniversary on Saturday, September 17 at the Jack Reardon Convention Center in Kansas City, Kansas. The longevity and the success of the Bethel ministry convey the importance of our inner city ministry here in Kansas City, Kansas. Bethel continues to be a Lighthouse and a safe and fun place for young and old alike.

Thank you once again for keeping Bethel Neighborhood Center close to your heart. May the good Lord bless you and keep you always!

Rev. Mang Sonna

Dear friends,

The Overland White Cross material you sent have been received and are most gratefully appreciated.

Thank you for sharing with our ministry of enhancing the quality of life for displaced teens.

Baptist Children's Services

Fiction

Coming Home
by David Lewis

Novella

Romance on the Rails
by Wanda Brunstetter, Birdie L. Etchison,
Jane LaMunyon, Terri Reed



David Watson was baptized by Pastor Dave during our worship service on July 10, 2011.

Rejoice with David in this step of faith and pray for him as he continues his journey of faith with Jesus.

Responded to the invitation ...

Jeff and Sharon Hendricks responded to the invitation Sunday, July 17 indicating their desire to become members of our church. Jeff and Sharon moved to Lamar from Wolf Point, Montana. Sharon is a nurse practitioner/midwife at Prowers Medical Center, Jeff drives truck for a local firm.

Cross added to our wall ...

In Memory of Ronald "R.W." Haggard by Larreen Haggard

"Thank You!" I'm not sure how often you hear those words. But I give them to you for your faithful giving to The Lord, your attendance in Sunday School, worship, and Bible Study. Most churches experience a summer slump but I don't think we do. That shows your commitment to The Lord. So once again - "Thank You!!"



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| <p>13 Sandy Campbell
 14 Esther Burdick
 17 Sarah Carrillo
 18 Martha Peery
 19 Andy Flint</p> | <p>20 Dorothy Herbaugh
 21 Heather Hernandez
 26 Nick Peterson
 Ken Callison
 28 Jason Gass</p> | <p>4 Mike and Kim Trout (21)
 24 Randy and Kammie Hager (32)
 27 Cory and Monica Daniels (7)
 28 Gary and Sandy Campbell (50)</p> |
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★If we have missed your birthday and/or anniversary, please call the church office so we may include them on our calendar.

WORD SEARCH — Hebrews 11:1-7 NIV

Find the bolded words

By Faith

Now **faith** is being **sure** of what we **hope** for and **certain** of what we do not see. This is what the **ancients** were **commended** for.

By faith we **understand** that the **universe** was **formed** at God's **command**, so that what is **seen** was not made out of what was **visible**.

By faith **Abel** offered **God** a **better sacrifice** than **Cain** did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God **spoke** well of his **offerings**. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is **dead**.

By faith **Enoch** was taken from this life, so that he did not **experience death**; he could not be **found**, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who **pleased** God. And without faith it is **impossible** to please God, because anyone who comes to him must **believe** that he **exists** and that he **rewards** those who **earnestly** seek him.

By faith Noah, when **warned** about things not yet seen, in **holy fear** built an **ark** to save his **family**. By his faith he **condemned** the **world** and became **heir** of the **righteousness** that comes by faith.

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