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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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Let's get cook'in at VBS

June 13 - 17 — 9:00 - 11:30 am



"Shake It Up Café!" is this year's theme for Vacation Bible School. Children finishing Kindergarten through those who just finished sixth grade are invited to attend. We will have a preschool class for children whose parents are helping at FBC.

Kids be sure to invite your friends for the week of June 13-17 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. We'll have a great time learning how to "carry out God's recipes for living" through "Wok and Roll Hits" (music), "Tangy and Tart Arts" (crafts), "Kitchen ala King" (Bible Lessons), "Foodology Factory" (Science activities that illustrate our Bible Lesson), "Takeout Tretery" (snack), and "Spork Sports (games). We're anticipating an exciting week to "cook up" some delicious and nutritious recipes of fun and learning!

This year we're asking you to pre-register online or at the welcome center! For online registration—go to <http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/shake-it-up-cafe/> FBCLamarCO and click on "Participant Registration".

We're looking forward to seeing YOU at "Shake It Up Café!" If you have any questions contact Becky Davis at 336-5714.



What in the world is going on? Maybe you've asked this question. Possibly you have heard it from family and friends — believers in Jesus and non-believers. We have heard the prediction of May 21 as judgement day. But because there was no physical signs the author of this theory has now proclaimed that it was a silent judgement by God and the real physical judgement day will occur October 21st of this year.

How do we deal with these kinds of theories and with the natural calamities that have been taking place? The first thing to do is to stop being afraid and take stock in your relationship with God through Jesus Christ. He promised and delivered peace to every believer. The second step is to go back into the word of God. In Matthew chapter 24 the Lord is very clear that there will be wars, famines, earthquakes, before His Return. In the same chapter we see that there will be many deceptions. I see this as Jesus' outline of worldly problems that just occur before we all go home. All of these things have been occurring for centuries, but we hear about them more rapidly than in Jesus' day. I also believe that they are occurring more frequently and with more devastation. But once again since Jesus told us to watch out that we are not deceived and that these natural disasters will happen, we should not be afraid.

Later in Mathew 24 Jesus says to keep watch for His Return while at the same time keep busy in His Service. Since we don't know when He will return we must be ready. This is like the fireman who always has the equipment, his boots, coat and helmet ready to get into when the fire alarm goes off. Being ready is to know/believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord and continue to study His Word. Which reminds me that even though public school and home school are over for the summer, Sunday school, Wednesday evening Bible study and Saturday morning men's study are not over but going strong. Will you be involved?

So what in the world is going on? Nothing but what Jesus said would happen. Let's not allow these things to upset us but use them as God gives opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus.

Shalom (peace in Hebrew),
Pastor Dave

Thank You

Members of First Baptist Church,

Thank you for donating a gift basket to the silent auction for Relay for Life. The basket is wonderful! We now have 30 gift baskets to auction off.

Please encourage everyone to come check out Relay and the auction on June 4

Just a note ... I contacted all the churches in Lamar and you were the only one to respond. Thank you for joining the fight against cancer.

I really appreciate your willingness to participate in this important community event.

Sincerely,
 Tammy Duffy
 Relay for Life
 Silent Auction Chair



A special thanks to all for your prayers, all who called, came by the house or sent cards.

A very special thanks to Keith Hall, Anthony Aguilera, and Bryon Marples for mowing our lawn. It was very much appreciated.

God Bless,
 Elmer and Freida Roberts



IT'S A BOY!

Gehrig David Randolph

May 10, 2011

9:05 am

9 pounds 7 ounces — 22 inches long

Parents: Katie and Jim

Grandparents: Dave & Becky Davis



2011 Graduates

Lamar High School:

Ashley Lawrence

School of Mines—Golden
 Biochemistry Engineering

Noah Compton

Fort Lewis College—Durango
 Anthropology

Brady Baxter

(Mozelle Mickey's great-grandson)

Sean Verhoeff

College:

Blake Mundell

Belmont University
 Degree in Music Business
 with emphasis in song writing
 Graduated Summa cum Laude
 December 17, 2010

Jenny Rose Weimer

Pueblo Community College
 Early Childhood Education
 With honors
 May 7

Kirstin Knobbe

University of Colorado
 @ Colorado Springs
 Bachelor of Science in Chemistry
 Graduates Summa cum Laude
 May 20

Abbie Smith

Eastern New Mexico University
 Masters Degree
 in Educational Technology
 May 14



Area-Wide Youth Worship and Concert

June 5 - 6:00—9:00 pm

Willow Creek Park

Lamar and surrounding area youth groups are holding a worship and concert event at Willow Creek Park featuring worship and original music by Nashville touring acts Yours Truly and Blake Mundell.

The event encourages all groups to come in hopes to transcend denominational boundaries for one night and worship together as the larger body of Christ.

This is open to the community as well.



Lamar Community College (LCC) is offering four (4) six-month Certificate Programs related to Health Information Technology (HIT). The Programs are funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant which is part of the HITECH Act; HIT has a great deal to do with Electronic Health Records (EHRs) and the digitizing of all paper health records in a uniform and nationwide system.

1-day Symposiums, both at LCC and surrounding area healthcare facilities, are currently being scheduled. Symposiums are designed to introduce current health care workers and other community members to HIT and/ 'Health Informatics' which is basically how health care and technology are becoming integrated. The 1-day Symposium fee is \$99 however, scholarships are available to all who apply, attend, and complete.

Please pass the word around to anyone interested in learning more about this Federally mandated technology, either as job seekers or those already employed in the health care field. Watch the Messenger for dates on upcoming Symposiums. Kenneth Maestas is LCC's HIT Director, with Joyce Surprise assisting with Recruiting. More information is available at the FBC Welcome Center.

Like Father, Like Child

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.

Amy Grant's song "Father's Eyes" tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father—and her heavenly father—in her. When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, "She's got her father's eyes."

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

May others see our heavenly Father in us.

Monthly Business Meeting

Our next business meeting is June 19 immediately following our worship service. We will have a picnic before the meeting. Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and condiments will be provided. Bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

No business meeting in July or August.

Praise Dance Practice

Leigh Ann Neilsen has praise dance practice every Friday afternoon at **3:45 pm** for anyone who would like to be involved. Contact Leigh Ann for more information – 829-4220.

Slow down

Walk a little slower, Daddy, said a little child so small. I'm following in your foot-steps and I don't want to fall.

Sometimes our steps are very fast; some-times they're hard to see. So walk a little slower, Daddy, for you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up, you're what I want to be. Then I will have a little child who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right, and know that I was true; So walk a little slower, Daddy for I must follow you.

— Author unknown

Fishing advice

The topic for the children's message was Matthew 4:19, when Jesus told his disciples to become fishers of men. The woman giving the message asked the children if they'd ever been fishing — and what they used for bait. "Worms!" the children answered.

Then the woman explained that Jesus want his friends to follow him and tell others about him. "How would you catch men?" she asked.

One little girl piped up, "With cologne!"

— Faith Lutheran Church, Spencer, Iowa

Beloved, rest

Busy. We're all so very busy, and we consider that a virtue. We measure our days by how much we accomplish.

Long ago, the psalmist was aware of mankind's workaholic tendencies. "It is in vain," he wrote, "that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved" (Psalm 127:2, NRSV)

Balance, beloved. God isn't a slave driver. Work and rest in good measure, for God is pleased to give you both.



During June we collect the over and above offering called One Great Hour of Sharing. For over 60 years believers have been sharing with the hurting overseas and here in the U.S. For instance when the earthquake hit Haiti in 2010, \$3 million was given through this offering.

Also in 2010 when floods hit Iowa, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Rhode Island and Wisconsin, money was sent to help relief efforts and rebuilding. Earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones, droughts, and famines continue throughout the world.

Sometimes we don't think we can help but our giving through One Great Hour of sharing is like giving a cup of cool water to one who is thirsty. Each Sunday in June there will be an insert in the bulletin with details on the uses of the offering. What will the Lord have you do?

**"GOD IS ABLE TO PROVIDE
YOU WITH EVERY BLESSING IN
ABUNDANCE, SO THAT BY ALWAYS
HAVING ENOUGH OF EVERYTHING,
YOU MAY SHARE ABUNDANTLY IN
EVERY GOOD WORK."
(2 CORINTHAINS 9:8)**

Envelopes are in the pew holders in the Sanctuary for your convenience. Please make your checks out to First Baptist Church and note that it is for OGHS.

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God.



1 John 4:7

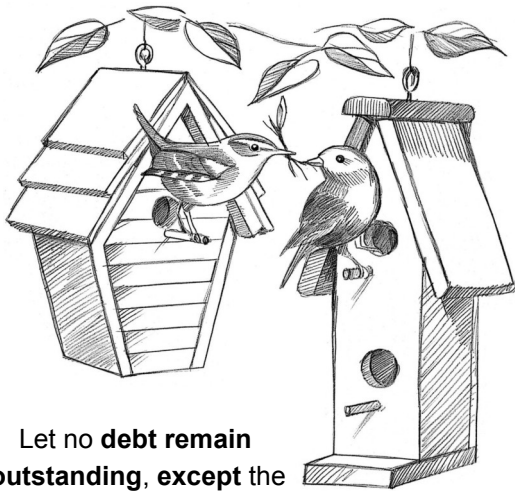


Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 6 Anthony Aguilera | 22 Twila Grice | 2 Richard and Debbie Widener (32) |
| Pastor Dave | 29 Denyce Block | 5 Elmer and Freida Roberts (62) |
| 8 Marge Davis | 24 Brad Neilsen | |
| 10 Larreen Haggard | 26 Bill Marples | |
| 14 Linda Hawkins | 27 Matt Block | |

★If we have missed your birthday and/or anniversary, please call the church office so we may include them on our calendar.

WORD SEARCH — Romans 13:8-10 Find the bolded words



Let no **debt** remain **outstanding**, except the **continuing** debt to **love one another**, for **whoever loves others** has **fulfilled** the **law**. The **commandments**, “You **shall** not **commit adultery**,” “You shall not **murder**,” “You shall not **steal**,” “You shall not **covet**,” and **whatever** other command there may be, are **summed** up in this one **command**: “Love your **neighbor** as **yourself**.” Love does no **harm** to a neighbor. **Therefore** love is the **fulfillment** of the law.

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