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**Come join us Sundays!**

8:45a Sunday School  
10:00a Worship



# The Messenger

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## ***WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH***

### ***Sunday***

- ♦ 8:45a Sunday School for all ages
- ♦ 10:00a Sunday Worship
- ♦ 6:00p Youth Group

### ***Wednesday***

- ♦ 11:30a Wednesday Ladies Bible Study
- ♦ 6:30p Wednesday Adult Bible Study

*You can watch our Sunday services live.*

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*and click the link **Watch Live.***

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Lamar First  
Baptist Church

KLMR 920 AM  
Sunday Mornings  
@ 9:30



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## **June Mission Emphasis**

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

The mission emphasis for June is One Great Hour of Sharing, which is one of four annual offerings received by American Baptist Churches. One Great Hour of Sharing offers the love of Christ to individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, poverty or severe economic hardship, and for those who find themselves refugees or displaced within their home country. By giving to this valuable mission, we too can share our gifts and resources with our brothers and sisters in need around the world.

Thank you for your loving donation to this important mission emphasis!



Joy. Biblical joy. Its that warm and wonderful feeling to be in the presence and under the protection of God-No matter what the circumstances. Nehemiah declared that the joy of the Lord was his strength. That statement has always fascinated me, especially in context.

Nehemiah was commissioned by God to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem. So he left a very high up position to rough it in the ruins of the once great city of David. When the building project got under way, the grumblers and complainers came out of the woodwork. And not just from his work team. There was growing opposition from others in the area who weren't impressed with the Jews' plans to move back into the area. They smeared his name, threatened his workers, and were just all around difficult. In those circumstances, Nehemiah declared, "The joy of the Lord is our strength."

Again, what an interesting statement. I can think of a lot of other statements I would have used.

"God's promises will carry us through."

"God's might will ultimately smite."

"God will take these troubles and turn them into triumphs."

All of these statements are just as biblical as what Nehemiah said. So why did he say that? I'm pretty sure what my soul is hearing as an answer here isn't the full answer. It's still profound-at least to me.

Here is what I have come to see so far. Joy-our joy- is extremely important to God. So much so that it is a real source of strength even in circumstances that we normally wouldn't associate with joy. Its a source of strength deeper than duty. It can cause us to reach further than the promise of reward. Joy of the Lord IS our strength, according to Nehemiah.

As I have meditated on this truth, I've begun to ask a question... a lot.

"Where is the Joy of the Lord in this?" I'm not just asking this with

"spiritual" or "pastoral" things. What I watch on TV or one of my devices.

Where's the joy of the Lord in this? Diet and/or exercise routines? Where is the joy of the Lord in this? In paying the bills. In car repairs. In medical issues. In family matters. In conflict. In celebrations. In times of struggle. In times of plenty. In times of misunderstanding. In times of hurt feelings. In times of revelation or reconciliation. In times of challenge. Where is the joy of the Lord for it is the strength I need in that moment?

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Now the joy of the Lord isn't the same as happiness. Happiness is dependent upon what is happening. It's circumstantial and about as strong as a good pie crust.

Joy says, "God's got me and He knows what is best. I cannot wait to see what He's going to do here."

Joy says, "God loves me so much."

Joy says, "I can feel God's smile."

Joy says, "I am blessed even if I can't see it right now."

Joy says, "If all things work out for the good for those who love God and called according to His purpose, then I can't lose!"

It's that warm and wonderful feeling that comes from knowing that the all-knowing, ever-present, all-powerful God has you in the palm of His hand and He delights in you there.

So where's the joy of the Lord in your life? And just as important, where is it not?

God bless,

*Pastor Dave*



Promotion Sunday will be June 6, 2021.

***Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)***

***Start Children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.***

Asher Gersick will move into Lisa Mendenhall's Primary Class.

All of the other Sunday School kids will remain in their current class.

Bibles will be presented to our graduating seniors:

Hunter Callison, Ashton Flint, Cailey Reid, Macy Rowen, Daniel Stroh, and Alex Truitt.

We want to give a big THANK YOU to all of our teachers. You are making a huge impact on our children. Thank you for your dedication to this ministry.



### May 2

Sunday School.....51

In Person Worship.....84

Radio.....8

Online.....44

**Total 136**

### May 9

Sunday School.....38

In Person Worship.....94

Radio.....13

Online.....35

**Total 145**

### May 16

Sunday School.....34

In Person Worship.....62

Radio .....14

Online.....48

**Total 124**

### May 23

Sunday School.....36

In Person Worship.....74

Radio.....17

Online.....45

**Total 136**

### May 30

not recorded at time of publication



June 9-11

Anita Larrick is looking for a Wednesday driver. Please give her a call if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

719-940-1226



Quinten Epperson

Dear First Baptist Friends,

Just a note to thank all of you for all the nice cards sent my way, so thoughtful of you. I'm through with physical therapy now and seem to be doing much better. Thanks again,

Virginia Truitt

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Praise the Lord. Thank you so much for your continued prayer support and donation of \$98 on Sunday. This is all greatly appreciated and so are you. May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you wonderfully each and everyone.

In Christs love,

Ron Burdick

## **Tent Revival**

Prowers County Fairgrounds

Rolling Hills Cowboy Camp Meeting

June 3rd thru June 6th

Prayer meetings, music and message services,  
and good old Dutch Oven cooking

Children & Youth Activities

Friday & Saturday 9am to noon.



**"The two places we know we're  
always welcome are church  
and Grandma's house."**



# Vacation Bible School

for kids pre-school thru 6th grade

**June 14 - 18**

**4:30p - 7:30p**

**Volunteers are still needed for registration, crafts and group leaders. Help in the kitchen is always appreciated too. There is also a list of items that we need. You can help by providing some of them or supporting financially to cover the cost of meals and supplies.**

**Board of Christian Education would like to thank everyone that participated in the parade. It was fun to show off the newly remodeled tram. Three hundred flyers were handed out for VBS.**



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### Deuteronomy 28:1-6

“And if you **faithfully** obey the **voice** of the Lord your God, being **careful** to do all his commandments that I **command** you today, the **Lord** your God will set you high above all the **nations** of the **earth**. And all these blessings shall come upon you and **overtake** you,. If you **obey** the voice of the Lord your God. **Blessed** shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the **field**. Blessed shall be the **fruit** of your **womb** and the fruit of your **ground** and the fruit of your **cattle**, the **increase** of your **herds** and the **young** of your **flock**. Blessed shall be your **basket** and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when **you** come in, and blessed shall you be when you go **out**.