

TO OUR GUESTS

Welcome to First Baptist Church! We've compiled a list of a few things you might find helpful, especially if this is your first visit:

What We Do // Everything we do here can be summarized by our vision: To be Light Unleashed. We want to be a church so dedicated to good works that the community would be drawn to God as a result. (Check out Matthew 5:14-16.)

Where to Start // Be sure to check out the Welcome Desk. Our friendly volunteers will connect you to information about the various ministries we offer. While you are there, be sure to fill out a communication card so we can keep in touch - we promise not to call during dinner!

Kids // We love kids. Whether you want to keep them with you in the worship service or send them to be with ones of similar age, we're cool either way. We have childcare during our traditional service, and *The Lighthouse*, a worship experience for little ones from preschool to grade 5 beginning at 9:30 am.

Bible Study // The Bible is pretty awesome. We offer a wide-variety of Bible studies throughout the week (including Sunday morning at 9:45 am) for all ages. You can find a list of these opportunities at the Welcome Desk - the volunteers there can even recommend classes that might best meet your needs.

Offering // Please, don't feel obligated to share with us financially today. You are our guest and we are honored to have an opportunity to worship with you this morning.

Questions // If you have any questions, please stop by the Welcome Desk or find the nearest usher. You can also check out our website at firstfrederick.org or find us on Facebook at [fb.com/firstfrederick](https://www.facebook.com/firstfrederick).

Welcome (again) // We sincerely hope that you feel welcome. We are excited about how God is working through our church and we would love to share the journey with you!



ATTENDANCE

Week of 09.16.18

8:30a Service	96
9:45 Sunday School	163
11:15a Service	83

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	MTD	YTD
Total Income	\$ 25,263.75	\$ 389,038.36
Total Expenses	\$ 14,574.31	\$ 450,256.06

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Sept. 23, 2018 - Sept 29, 2018

Sunday 8:30a 10a 11:15a	Traditional Worship Service Sunday School for All Ages Unleashed Worship Service
Tuesday 7a 8a	Men's Breakfast (Bob Evans) Women's Breakfast (Bob Evans) 1st & 3rd Tues
Wednesday 6:30p-8p 7 p 7 p 7p-8:30p	Catalyst Youth Ministry Pastors Bible Study No Mission Friends will resume September 26,2018 Chancel Choir
Thursday 11a - 1p	Chapel Prayer Fellowship (All are welcome)



HAVE ANNOUNCEMENT'S YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE CONGREGATION? HERE'S HOW - We would love to have as many of our events as possible listed in the bulletin. If you would like your announcement featured, please write up the pertinent details and email them to Kitti @ (KittiKingFBC@gmail.com) by 12 noon on Wednesday of each week.



Download the GivePlus app for Android or iOS phones or tablets and support the FBC family wherever you are, even if you miss Sunday worship!



Heard a sermon you'd like to hear again or would like to share it with a friend? Go to firstfrederick.org, about us (at top menu), listen to sermons where you can hear each Sunday's service.

MINISTRY TEAM

Larry Eubanks	Senior Pastor
Burnis Barrett	Pastor Emeritus
Richard Krauss	Student Pastor
Rachel Pyles	Children's Ministries
Jim Dent	8:30 Worship Leader
Rich Cook	11:15 Worship Leader
Kitti King	Finance / Office Manager
Jim Schrock	Custodial Engineer
Marilyn Buchen	Organist



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Online Giving

Visit our homepage (www.firstfrederick.org), scroll to the bottom, and click on the blue button that says, "Online Giving." A credit card is not needed; funds are sent straight from your bank. You will not be charged extra for contributing online and you have the added choice of making recurrent payments.



The Worship of God

September 23, 2018

8:30 AM

Prelude		Ms Marilyn Buchen
* Hymn # 42	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i>	Congregation
* Hymn # 184	<i>Jesus is All the World to me</i>	Congregation
Opening Prayer		Dr. Larry Eubanks
Welcome and Greeting of Guests		
Mission Moment	Operation Christmas Child	Jim Devilbiss
Greet One Another in the Love of Christ		
* Hymn # 597	<i>Here I am, Send me</i>	Congregation
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Richard Krauss
Offertory		Ms. Marilyn Buchen
* Doxology		Congregation
Anthem	<i>I will be Christ to you</i>	Worship Choir
Sermon	The Domination Abomination Mark 10:42-45	Dr. Larry Eubanks
Invitation to Christian Commitment		
* Hymn # 301	<i>I am Resolved</i>	Congregation
The Response of Faith		
The Response of Fellowship	<i>To God Be The Glory</i>	Congregation

Go Forth To Serve

* Those who are able to stand, please stand



The Needs of Our Church; Our Ministers and Their Families; Military Personnel and Families; Little Lights Child Development Center; Church Deacons; Finance Committee; Personnel Committee; Nominating Committee; Church Council; The Lighthouse Children's Ministry; Catalyst Youth Group; Small Group Leaders; Kennady Culican; Kevin King; Faye Bevard; Clayton Dutton; Julie & Mickey Hile; Shirley Banks; Marc Chapman; Kim Centaro; Lee Sharpe; Diddle Bryant; Jocelyn Wetzal; Charles & Janeen Travis; Brian Wetzal; Erik Noffsinger; Beth Haun; Debbie Lomb; Debbie Will; Ken McGolerick; Betty & Bob Winchester; Carrie Wetzal; Truman May; Mary Alberti; Joyce Hunt; John Carmack; Connie & Bill Stalnaker; our community; our country; our world; and we pray that we listen and take action as God directs us to carry out the mission of FBC unleashed.

Please contact the prayer coordinator, Sandy Schrock at 301-271-4372 to add or remove names.



Sermon Series: What Disciples Do

- September 30 Break the Hate Matthew 5:43-45
- October 7 Shock Absorbers Mark 8:31-38
- October 14 Stooping Higher 1 Peter 3:9
- October 21 A Disciple's Defining Characteristic Colossians 3:14
- October 28 Fighting Lessons Revelation 19:11-16

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR LARRY EUBANKS

When writing about God, capital letters matter. In the first century, there were some who were proclaimed to be messiahs, but only one could be *the* Messiah.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said that peacemakers would be called sons of God, which would make any one peacemaker a son of God. But there is only one Son of God.

These things matter, for they keep us from confusing the things of humans with the things of God. We are made in God's image, but only one person can be called it can only be said of one person that "he is the image of the invisible God...in him the fullness of God was pleased to dwell." (Colossians 1:15, 19)

In short, ascribing upper case significance to lower case things is idolatry.

I bring this up because it seems more and more I see it happening among certain Christians who want to assure others of their reverence for and devotion to the Bible by calling it the Word of God.

Sometimes this is just a somewhat harmless mistake made by laypersons. For instance, a Baptist social services organization in Maryland, an organization of good people doing good work, write this about the Bible in its statement of faith: "We believe the Bible is the true Word of God."

I'm going to cut them some slack because they are social workers, not theologians or bible scholars, and they are simply trying to assure their Baptist supporters that they hold the Bible in high regard and believe that it is trustworthy. All fine and good; I'm with them 100%.

But while the Bible communicates truth and is rightfully called the word of God, there is only true Word of God, and he ain't a book. He's a Person, and not just a person but a Person. One of the Trinity.

More concerning to me, however, is when that upper case fallacy is made by those who should know better and, in fact, *do* know better and do it willingly. These are people who have an agenda.

Consider this statement about the Bible made by some pastors and Christian leaders, all of whom are men: "We affirm that the Bible is God's Word, breathed out by him...All truth claims and ethical standards must be tested by God's final Word, which is Scripture alone."

So let's be clear: as Paul says, all scripture is God-breathed, but the Word of God is more than God-breathed, he is *begotten*. Jesus isn't God-breathed, he is God. Nothing God-breathed is divine; *humans* are God-breathed according to Genesis 2:7 but we aren't divine.

Furthermore, "God's final Word" is not "Scripture alone"; it's Jesus. Period. Full stop. Jesus alone is God's final Word, the only Word necessary and the only Word sufficient. Nothing comes close. Nothing, not even the word of God.

If Jesus is Lord of *all*, then he is Lord of the Bible. His interpretation of the purpose and ultimate fulfillment of Bible stands alone and unchallenged.

In a way, that's what the authors of this statement fear. It is not so much the Bible that they are trying to honor and protect but their particular *interpretation* of the Bible. Their whole understanding of the Gospel depends upon their particular interpretation, and they don't want and can't handle anyone who deviates from that interpretation.

Jesus must therefore be a character in the Bible, contained by the Bible and thus contained by their interpretation of that Bible. He may be the main character of the story, but he's still a character. "The only way any of us know about Jesus is through the pages of the Bible," they say, which is patently false and arguably heretical.

That cannot be true if Jesus is the living Word of God, the One who was in the beginning with God and is the Source of all creation, all wisdom, and all Truth.

The Bible is amazing even as the lower case word. We should let it be what it is so that Jesus can be what he is—God's Final Word.

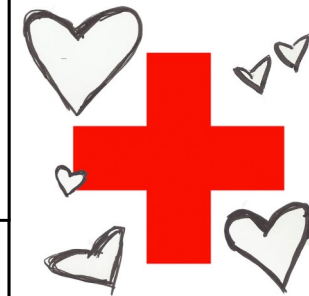


2019 Giving Envelopes

If you wish to receive Giving Envelopes for next year (2019) please stop by the Welcome Center and add your name to the sign up sheet.

Hurricane Florence Relief

Hurricane Florence began its onslaught on North and South Carolina Sept. 13, unleashing high winds, a devastating storm surge, and massive amounts of rainfall for several days on the coast and inland.



Your donations assist the North American Mission Board's disaster SEND Relief teams in providing all kinds of disaster relief including hot meals, clean water, laundry, structure repairs, rebuilding and more.

Financial donations may be made through our website (Disaster Relief) that will link you with the Baptist Convention Maryland/Delaware website. Or go direct to <https://bcmd.org/give/> or call 800 466-5290.



Announcing a new opportunity to make new friends and share God's love with the world! Join **SEASONS OF FELLOWSHIP**, a group of like-minded Christian adults (male or female, couples or singles) who will meet monthly to complete a project that will positively impact others. Hosted by church members Gina MClean and Marcy Gouge. Come to the first

New Class Starting October 14th

Eschatology

Death, the Soul, Immortality, Resurrection, Heaven, the Afterlife. Many people (most?) conceive of 'religion' as something to do with death and the afterlife. "If you die tonight do you know you're going to heaven?" goes one popular

Christian witnessing technique. But what does the Bible say about how things end? This class will focus on what Scripture says about death, the soul and Heaven and contextualize it in the broader context of Jesus' message. Each week we will take a look at several Scriptures and discuss them with some depth. For those of you who want to read more, you can follow using N.T. Wright and Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI). Prof. Ratzinger will provide us a fairly up to date theological and Catholic view while Prof. Wright will provide a view based on current New Testament scholarship. Questions? Contact Shannon McWilliams. Beginning October 14th from 10-11 AM in Room 101.



Waverly Clothes Drive

Our FALL 2018 Clothes Drive for Waverly Elementary School be on Thursday, October 25th from 8:30 - 10:30 AM.

If you have items you would like to donate (gently used clothing, shoes, purses, coats, etc.), please bring them to church before Wednesday, October 24th. In an effort to make the process go faster, we ask that donations be presorted according to age and gender. We will need volunteers on the 24th to transport and set up the items out in the cafeteria.

We are immensely grateful for your continued support.

THANK YOU!!!

Mission Friends



Mission Friends is for children age 3 years old to 5th grade. This is a fun time of learning about missionaries locally and abroad. Your child will get a chance to participate in mission projects, cooking projects, and fun games. Mission Friends will resume September 26, 2018 and run from 7pm-8pm every Wednesday.