

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 11.11.18

8:30a Service	93
9:45 Sunday School	124
11:15a Service	121

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	MTD	YTD
Total Income	\$ 18,492.26	\$ 470,734.00
Total Expenses	\$ 2,975.51	\$ 533,837.98

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
November 11, 2018 - November 17, 2018

Sunday	
8:30a	Traditional Worship Service
10a	Sunday School for All Ages
11:15a	Unleashed Worship Service
Tuesday	
7a	Men's Breakfast (Bob Evans)
8a	Women's Breakfast (Bob Evans) 1st & 3rd Tues
Wednesday	
6:30p-8p	Catalyst Youth Ministry
7 p	Pastors Bible Study
7 p	Mission Friends
7p-8:30p	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.



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.



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!

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

November 18, 2018

10:00 AM

Prelude		Ms Marilyn Buchen
* Hymn # 19	We Praise You, O God	Congregation
* Praise & Worship Songs	Mr. Rich Cook	Congregation
Opening Prayer		Dr. Larry Eubanks
Welcome and Greeting of Guests		
Mission Moment	Rescue Mission	Eliza McCoy
Greet One Another in the Love of Christ		
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Richard Krauss
Offertory		Ms. Marilyn Buchen
* Doxology		Congregation
Sermon	"Life Together" Acts 4:32-37	Dr. Larry Eubanks
Invitation to Christian Commitment		
* Hymn # 639	As Men of Old Their First Fruits Brought	Congregation
The Response of Faith		
The Response of Fellowship	TO GOD BE THE GLORY	Congregation

Business Meeting Commences

* 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; Phyllis Thomas; Warren Lloyd (Phyllis Thomas' brother); Tammy Thompson's father; Kennady Culican; Cindy Culpepper's Mom & Sister; Clayton Dutton; Julie & Mickey Hile; Shirley Banks; Marc Chapman; Kim Centaro; Lee Sharpe; Jocelyn Wetzel; Charles & Janeen Travis; Brian Wetzel; Erik Noffsinger; Beth Haun; Ken McGolerick; Betty & Bob Winchester; Carrie Wetzel; Truman May; Mary Alberti; Joyce Hunt; John Carmack; 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.



The family of Wayne Stalnaker would like to thank our First Baptist family for their kindness shown us after the death of our husband, father and grandfather. We want to thank all of those who attended the memorial service and brought food to share, Your support was comforting. Thank you, Connie Stalnaker and family



The annual adult Christmas luncheon will be held at Gladchuk Brothers Restaurant on Monday, December 3 at 11:45 with lunch served at noon. Entree choices are chicken cordon bleu, pork tenderloin, or salmon. Tickets will be on sale in the gathering room before and after church on Nov. 18 and in the adult wing before Bible study on Nov. 25. Look for Viola Carroll or Peggy VanBibber to purchase tickets. Cost is \$25 per person and covers meal, dessert, drink and gratuity. Tickets must be purchased by Wed. Nov. 28. If you have questions, contact Peggy VanBibber at 301 667 4377

2018 Christmas Light Trail

The church will have our very first Christmas light trail for the upcoming holiday's on December 14th 6 pm to 8:30 pm and December 15th 5 pm to 8:30 pm

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Diana Edgar or Amanda Aliperti @ 240.457.0328.

Decoration Schedule .. Please come out and help. Come and go as you please.

November 12th Veterans Day	9a to 12p & 1p to 3:30p
November 24th	9a to 12 p & 1p to 3:30p
December 1st	11a to 1p
December 2nd	12:30p to 3p
December 8th	9a—All Day

Covenant Challenge

In covenant with the First Family, I challenge myself to
Grow, Share, Give and Serve.

(Select the sentence below which best represents the step you are taking)

Grow in my relationship with Jesus:

- I will grow in my relationship with Jesus by reading his word and communicating with him in prayer each day
- I will learn and be able to recite the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22
- I will get feedback from a trusted person on my relationship with them in terms of the Fruit of the spirit

Share my life in relationship with other members of the First Family

- I will commit to weekly attendance in worship
- I will begin attending an FBC Bible Study at 10 a.m. Sundays
- I will meet with 1-3 other members for Bible study during the week

Give financially to support the work of Christ through the FBC Family

- I will begin giving to the FBC Family
- I will give weekly or monthly
- I will increase my current giving level
- I will begin giving a percentage of my income to the FBC Family
- I will give a tithe (10%) or more to the FBC Family

Serve our church and community

- I will take a class to help me discover my giftedness
- I will commit to a first-serve ministry
- I will recommit to serve in my current ministry
- I will invite another to join me in a ministry in which I am currently engaged
- I have an idea for a new ministry that I would like to discuss with the pastor

For resources and connections see Pastor Larry

Frederick Rescue Mission



The Frederick Rescue Mission is a Christ-centered ministry providing residential recovery programs to the homeless or chemically addicted, food to the hungry, clothing and furniture to the needy, and connection within our community through relationships. First Baptist has four (4) teams to assist with this ministry by serving breakfast on a rotating schedule the second Sunday of each month.



Christmas Musical: 'Christmas Presence' will be presented on Sunday evening, December 9th at 6:00 (six) pm. Bring the whole family and your neighbors.

Final call for any singers wishing to learn the Christmas Musical music! Come to Wednesday evening Choir Rehearsals, 7:00 - 7:45 pm, every Wednesday. We need you to sing with us!

Please Join the CATALYST



Catalyst Youth will be heading to pack Christmas Boxes for Operation Christmas Child on November 29th from 5:00 to 11:00. Must be age 13 or over to join. Adults who are interested are welcome to join us. We will be leaving from the Church at 5:00 and heading out to dinner before we pack.

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR LARRY EUBANKS

How would you describe God's love? Unconditional is one way. Amazing, unbelievable, irrepensible, inconceivable, indescribable, uncontainable, untameable, unlimited—these have all been used to describe God's love.

Which are ways to describe his nature, since we say that God is love.

Okay, that was relatively easy. Now, describe the love that is displayed in most churches. Love within the church, among the members. Love that is expressed outward from the toward the world.

That's actually easy too. Just go back to the first paragraph and remove all the un- and in-prefixes.

Believable. Repressible. Conceivable. Describable. Contained. Tame. Limited.

And that's on our good days.

On a lot of days, love within some churches is hard to find. What is found instead is bitterness, fear, grudge-holding, and barely-contained hostility.

Even if that is only true in the most dysfunctional of churches, it's often been true throughout the history of the church. Christianity has not always reflected the true nature of our God.

And that's what we are—image-reflectors. If it's true—and it is—that we bear the image of God generally and the image of Christ specifically, it is also true that we also reflect on their image.

In other words, what people see in us and experience from us reflects on their understanding of who God is and what his nature is like.

In a day in which most church-going Christians don't read the Bible, we can't expect people outside the church to learn of the nature of God by reading the Bible. They are going to form their ideas about God from what they see and experience from those who confess to follow him.

That's why the early church leaders who wrote letters to the churches rarely focused on matters of doctrinal correctness. In one instance when differences in belief were brought up, Paul told believers to relax a little and not let their differences divide them. It wasn't a trivial matter either, it was about idol worship and the existence of other gods. For some believers, these gods were real and eating meat that had been sacrificed to them was idolatry. For others—whom Paul calls mature—idols were just wooden objects and meat sacrificed to them was just meat. Paul didn't tell the young believers to grow up, he told the mature believers to chill out.

To let love rule the day.

James told his church that when confronted with someone who lacked adequate clothing or food not to tell them that your "thoughts and prayers" are with them, but to give them clothes and food. He says this not because prayer is ineffective, but because it's not loving enough. Love them enough to give them clothes and food.

John is just as explicit: "How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." (1 Jn 3:17-18)

Put another way, they will know we are Christians by our love, to which is the clear addendum—they will know God is love by our love.

To the extent that our love is limited, tame, repesible, conceivable, describable, etc., then that is what they will conclude our God is like.

There's an old axiom that says that atheism is a parasite off of bad theism. If we present an image of God that should be rejected, it's actually smart for people to reject it. And if we present no other alternative image of God, the only thing to do is to reject the very existence of God.

We may never love as purely or as deeply as God, but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't try. The quality of our love for one another helps determine whether a person will be a God-believer or a God-rejector.

So let's shoot for love that is amazing.