

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.

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	
Previous Sunday	
8:30a Service	84
9:45 Sunday School	84
11:15a Service	93

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT	03.01.19–3.10.19	YTD
Total Income	\$ 21,505.53	\$ 101,814.10
Total Expenses	\$ 1,887.41	\$ 106,549.72

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
February 24, 2019 – March 02, 2019

Sunday
8:30a Traditional Worship Service
10a Sunday School for All Ages
11:15a Unleashed Worship Service

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)

February 24
The Broken
Matthew 9:35-38

March 3
The Contaminated
Luke 19:1-10

March 10
Something Has to Die
John 12:23-24

March 17
Coming to the End of Yourself
(Finding God at Rock Bottom)

March 24
Every Yes is a No
Matthew 4:1-11

March 31
The Ultimate Challenge
Mark 8:27-38

April 7
Always Remember
Genesis 9:12-16

April 14
My Redeemer Lives
Job 19

April 21
Easter Sunday
Hope is a Who
John 11:17-26

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.

YOUR CHURCH GIVING APP

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

March 17, 2019

8:30 AM

Prelude

Ms Marilyn Buchen

*** Hymn # 345**

Now I Belong to Jesus

Congregation

*** Hymn # 139**

At the Cross

Congregation

Opening Prayer

Dr. Larry Eubanks

Welcome and Greeting of Guests

Greet One Another in the Love of Christ

*** Hymn # 143**

What Wondrous Love is This

Congregation

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Richard Krauss

Offertory

Ms. Marilyn Buchen

*** Doxology**

Congregation

Anthem

O Lord Most Holy

FBC Worship Choir

Sermon

**Coming to the End of Yourself
(Finding God at Rock Bottom)**

Dr. Larry Eubanks

Invitation to Christian Commitment

*** Hymn # 320**

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Congregation

The Response of Faith

To God be the Glory

The Response of Fellowship

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; Peter; Ed Sawyer; Ron Banta; Mike (Richard Krauss' cousin and family); Heather (Pat & Johnny Ray's daughter); Truman May (Sandy's Dad); Tommy Carlin (Sandy and Jim's brother-in-law); Tammy Thompson's father; Cindy Culpepper's Mom & Sister; Clayton Dutton; Shirley Banks; Marc Chapman; Kim Centaro; Janet Noffsinger; Phyllis Thomas; Jocelyn Wetzel; Charles & Janeen Travis; Brian Wetzel; Erik Noffsinger; Beth Haun; Ken McGolerick; Betty & Bob Winchester; Carrie Wetzel; 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 or email jls7007@comcast.net to add or remove names.

Volunteer opportunities:



Mowing Team: First Baptist uses volunteers to maintain the grounds of the church. We are looking for individuals who are willing to help mow the church lawn. The church provides the mowers. The more volunteers, the fewer times each person needs to mow. Please contact Phil Pierce 301-712-6059 or Jim Schrock 301-471-2428 if you would be willing to help with this important activity of time and talent.



Time to clean out your closets and sort through those clothes for the Waverly Bag it, Take it event!

Deliver your donations to the back corner of the Worship Center.

Please help us by having your donation sorted.
Label Donation bags: Gender & Size.

Wednesday May 21st - 5:30 - 9:00 PM. Meet here at FBC @ 5:30 to load the van with clothing & head over to Waverley Elementary School to unload, sort, and lay out the items in the cafeteria. If you can't make it to FBC to load the van please meet us at Waverly Elementary.

Thursday May 22nd - 8:15 - 10:30 AM. Meet us at Waverly Elementary to help with the 2018 Bag It, Take it event !



We are celebrating C.Jane Shoemakers 100th birthday on April 7th in the Senior Adult Sunday school area between services. Miss Jane will be coming to the 8:30am service then we will head upstairs for Cake and Coffee! Miss Jane is excited to share her birthday with her church family. If you are unable to attend, please consider sending a birthday card to Jane Shoemaker 1920 Rosemont Ave Room 205 (Citizens Care and Rehab) Frederick, MD 21702 or stop by and visit, she loves to have visitors. For more information please text or call Jolene at 301-788-2260 or email Mdhusker2002@aol.com. Thank you!

Catalyst Corner



Why Mission Trips?

This past Sunday I had an interesting conversation with one of our students, he was asking about a student conference that we had considered attending. I explained that this conference was very similar to several we had attended in Ocean City in the past but I was having trouble raising any interest in it this year. I went on to attribute this to the fact that it had been two years since we had attended the old Ocean City conferences and was no longer a tradition. "Whatever happened to Impact and Alive?" He asked me, referring to the old conferences. "They were no longer financially viable" I replied. "What about that one you did last year, Planet Wisdom?". "They stopped doing it because of lack of interest". I told him I found this interesting because organizations offering Summer mission trips have seemingly grown exponentially in the past five years. "Oh, that makes perfect sense, you see kids my age don't like doing things we can't get involved in. Why just worship and hear sermons in a conference when you can go out and do what they're preaching"! He had hit the nail on the head! Our students spend all year learning how to be a Christian and they view mission trips as a perfect opportunity to put that knowledge to work.

Of course we emphasize our daily walk with Christ and organize service projects here in Frederick but our kids crave more, they want to make a difference! That is the beauty of Summer mission trips, for one week our kids know that they are making a difference. This act of "doing" accentuates everything else they do that week, Bible study takes on new meaning and worship becomes a celebration. This year's trip is July 8-13 and we are going to Jefferson City Tn. If any student interested in joining us just call Richard at 301-693-2761 I would love for you to a part of this experience.



Easter Egg Hunt

This year we are having our Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 14, from 10am to 12:30pm. We will spend the morning in the children's ministry coloring Easter eggs, playing games, face painting, going on an Easter egg hunt, and learning about the story of Easter and Jesus' love for everyone. We will share this story using the resurrection eggs. We will also put together small Easter baskets for the teachers at Waverley Elementary School.

We NEED your help!

- *If you would like to volunteer please let Rachel Pyles know at Rachelann.rp@gmail.com
 - *We need you to fill Easter eggs for the hunt. We ask that you fill the eggs with individually wrapped candies and pick up the bags of eggs from the children's department upstairs at the sign in table.
 - *Need gift cards (\$5 each for Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts) for Waverley teacher Easter baskets
 - *Egg Dying kits and Vinegar
 - *Monetary donations are always helpful and if we get enough we will get a moon bounce for the event.
- Thank You!
Children's Ministry Team

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR LARRY EUBANKS

The Bible can be used for a lot of things. It can be used for devotional reading. That's an important usage, and perhaps the most popular. The psalms, obviously, lend themselves to devotional reading. Psalm 23, for instance, has brought comfort and encouragement to generations and draws the reader closer to the God who is our shepherd who satisfies all our needs.

Granted, other psalms tend to get skipped over in our devotional literature. Psalm 137 ends with this little tidbit: "O daughter Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us! Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!" Not exactly devotional literature, that. So parts of the Bible can be read devotionally, but not all of it.

Another way that the Bible is used is as worship literature. In many churches each Sunday there is a public reading from the Old Testament, from the Psalms, from one of the four gospels, and from the other parts of the New Testament. And the sermon is based on one of these four readings.

I can guarantee you, however, that at no time is one of the Old Testament readings from the early chapters of 1 Chronicles, with it's exhaustive—and exhausting—listing of the names of the descendents of each of the twelve patriarch. *Nine whole chapters of name after name after name.* So parts of the Bible are useful in public worship, but not all of it.

These are legitimate ways of using the Bible. It would be a mistake, however, to think that the Bible was written to be devotional literature, or even that it was written to be worship literature. It wasn't.

Put aside for a moment that it's really not accurate to speak of the Bible as some unified whole with a single purpose for it's writing. Each individual writer of each part of the collection of writings we call the Bible had his own purpose or purposes for writing.

It is, however, possible to trace a common thread or threads through the collection that come together in the Christian writings as a unified whole. Here's my best stab at it:

The Old Testament represents the various attempts by competing groups of Israelites to explain how Israel as the nation of God's Chosen People came to be so thoroughly defeated and destroyed by the enemies of God. The diagnosis of the cause of that disaster would point toward the remedy that would reverse the defeat and restore Israel to its rightful place.

Some groups said that Israel hadn't been strict enough in obeying the Torah. Others said that worship outside of the Jerusalem Temple, God's seat on earth, led to idolatry and their ultimate defeat. Still others said that too many of them were chicken and didn't trust God enough give tiny Israel victory over the Goliath-like empires that beset them. "Pick up your slings and fight," they said.

Others said they exploited the weak, the powerless, the homeless, and the unprotected. Still others said they sullied the pure race of Israel that God set apart from the nations by actually taking wives from the unclean nations and having children with them.

Still others said it was never about Israel in the first place—neither the people nor the land—but about God's larger purpose of restoring *all* of creation and all humanity as one race of image-bearing people.

It was this latter group that Jesus embraced and embodied, and the New Testament reflects this single viewpoint.

All the writings reflect this struggle among the ancient Israelites. Psalm 137 above reflects the viewpoint of those who think Israel should and will rise up and destroy every last person of their enemies, including their little ones.

Jesus disagreed, and gave a larger vision.

That's what the Bible is showing if we'll see it. Maybe you wish the Bible was something else, a nice little devotional book, for instance. But we don't get to make the Bible what we want it to be.

The Bible is what we need it to be if we'll let it be what it is.