

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.

ATTENDANCE		
Previous Sunday (incl. children's ministry)		
8:30 Service		90
9:45 Sunday School		134
11:15 Service		86

FINANCIAL SNAP-SHOT	September	YTD thru September
Total Income	\$60,835.33	\$491,054.41
Total Expense	\$53,328.76	\$462,462.74

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Week of October 20th

Sunday

8:30 am

Traditional Worship Service

10 am

Sunday School for All Ages

11:15 am

Unleashed Worship Service

Wednesday

6:30 pm

Catalyst Youth Ministry

6:30 pm

Mission Friends

7 - 8 pm

King’s Ringers Handbells

7 - 8 pm

Wednesday Night Bible Study

7 - 8:30 pm

FBC Worship Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

11am - 1pm

Chapel Prayer Fellowship (all are welcome)

Student Ministry	
Mustang Show Concession Stand	October 26th 3pm—7pm
Hershey Park in the Dark	November 2nd 10am—10 pm (cost: \$42)
Feed My Starving Children	Pending November 16th (Mechanicsburg, PA)
Operation Christmas Child	Pending early December
Friday Night Fun	January 10th 7pm—midnight
Snow Tubing	February 9th, details TBA
Breakaway	March 6-8th (cost: prior to 12/1 - \$130; after 12/1 - \$150)



If you’re a teenager who is ...

Seeking adventure, wanting to explore, willing to take insane risks and a little hungry have we got a class for you! Come join as we explore the Roman Empire through the book of Acts. Watch as Peter, Paul and their friends boldly go where no Christian has gone before. We will gasp as they face danger, we will marvel at their boldness and we will say Mmmmm... as we eat the same food they ate on their journeys. That’s right, in addition to learning about the greatest missionaries of all time, we will be exploring what they ate on their trips. You will discover things about God you never knew and you may find a new favorite food as well.

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

Janna Cansler

Office Manager

Jim Schrock

Custodial Engineer

Marilyn Buchen

Organist

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The Worship of God

October 20, 2019

8:30 AM

Prelude

Jim Dent

* Hymn # 2

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation

* Hymn # 410

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

Congregation

Opening Prayer

Dr. Larry Eubanks

Welcome and Greeting of Guests

Greet One Another in the Love of Christ

* Hymn # 149

BLESSED REDEEMER

Congregation

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Richard Krauss

Offertory

Piano

Jim Dent

* Doxology

Congregation

Anthem of Praise

THEN SINGS MY SOUL

FBC Worship Choir

Sermon

“NIGHT SIGHT”
Psalm 22

Dr. Larry Eubanks

Invitation to Christian Commitment

Response of Faith # 310

OUT OF MY BONDAGE

Congregation

Response of Fellowship

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

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; Roger Boothe, Sr; Connie (Laurie's step-sister); Mary; Beth Carey and family; Mr. & Mrs. May (Sandy's parents); Makayka (Rose Mary's granddaughter); George Seweryniak; M.S.; Marcell Howell; Cheryl (Linda and Will Bryant's friend); Darryl Horner; Karen Reyes; Ed Stanfield's family; Mrs. Eubanks; Janelle Roylo; Mrs. Roth; Norman Carroll; John Carmack; Mrs. Park; Frances Starkey; Connie Steinhaus; Sue Searcy's Mom; Tommy Carlin (Sandy and Jim's brother-in-law); Ed Sawyer; Clayton Dutton; Shirley Banks; Marc Chapman; Kim Centaro; Bryan Lloyd; Nancy (Liz Brady's sister); Jocelyn Wetzel; Charles & Janeen Travis; Brian Wetzel; Erik Noffsinger; Beth Haun; Betty & Bob Winchester; Carrie Wetzel; Mary Alberti; Joyce Hunt; 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.

Operation Christmas Child

Please consider assembling a shoebox for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

"WOW" Items: shoes, recorder, harmonica, deflated soccer ball with pump, doll, stuffed animal. **TOYS:** toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, bouncy ball. **ACCESSORIES:** socks, hats, hair clips, crank flashlight. **HYGIENE:** toothbrushes, soap, comb/brush, band-aids. **SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** pens, pencils, crayons, journal, coloring books, solar calculator. More information is on display in the welcome area.



Volunteers Needed

The Church has been asked by the Asian-American Center of Frederick (AACF) to assist with their annual Health Fair to be held at the Frederick Fair Grounds on October 26 from 8 am-3 pm. This event provides health screens and medical services to over 1,000 residents who might not otherwise receive medical help. The Center would like to have a van drive between the Boscov's parking lot and the fairgrounds to transport people to the event. If you're able to drive the church van (no special license required) and are willing to assist for all or part of the day, please let the church office know. For further information go to www.aacfm.org/community-health-fair or call 301.694.3355.



Bulletin Announcements

Have an announcement for the church bulletin? Please have it to the church office by noon on Thursday. You may call the church office at 301.437.8283 or email your announcement to office@firstfrederick.org.

Christmas Light Trail

The Christmas Light Trail is returning this year! If you enjoy decorating for Christmas, this is the opportunity for you! To volunteer please see the sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Diana Edgar at 240.457.0328 or by email at di-anamichelleedgar@gmail.com. The light trail will be open 12/13 and 12/20 from 6—9 pm and 12/14 and 12/21 from 5—9 pm.



Waverley Clothes Drive

It's time to bring in your lightly-used clothes! Waverley Elementary's "Bag It, Take It" clothes drive will take place on Thursday morning, November 6th at 8:30 am. We need volunteers on Wednesday, November 5th at 6 pm to help us load the church van with our donated clothes and sort them in the school cafeteria. If you can't meet us at the church by 6, meet us at the school to unload the church van and sort clothes. Many hands make for light work!

We collect all sizes of clothing, shoes, and outdoor wear. Please help us by pre-sorting and labeling your clothes (infants, boys, girls, men, women). Donated bags of clothing may be placed in the back corner of the Worship Center.

Thank you for helping us to be light unleashed in our community!

Clothing Drive



Thank You



A big **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers who donated their time and resources to the success of the National Christian Choir program. We couldn't have done it without your willingness to pass out flyers, invite your friends and family, move equipment and chairs, donate supplies, and act as parking attendants, greeters, and ushers. It was a beautiful evening spent glorifying God through their ministry of music.

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR LARRY

Last week's article showed that there are actually two Pentecost stories in Acts, the one we're all familiar with in chapter 2 and the one in chapters 21-23 that's more of an "echo" of the first.

(By "echo" I mean a story that is not exactly like the original but has enough elements to invoke it in the reader's mind. The biblical writers do this *a lot*.)

Besides both occurring at Pentecost, the stories share the elements of people hearing an apostle speak their own language in a surprising way, the hearers misunderstanding what is going on, followed by an address by the apostles.

That's enough to provide the echo; what happens next is the point Luke is trying to make.

In chapter 2, Peter's sermon results in an overwhelming response—over 3,000 new believers in Jesus as the Messiah, the founding of the first church which is characterized by extreme generosity such that no believer withheld anything from the community but everyone shared everything equally.

Significantly, there is no mention of any opposition. No mention that anyone in the Temple leadership noticed anything threatening happening. That would come soon enough, but for the time being, everything was good. The Gospel was preached with great success. It was easy. Too easy.

The response Paul received from *his* Pentecost sermon didn't meet with easy success. It didn't meet with difficult success. It wasn't successful at all.

3,000 converts? There wasn't a single one. They wanted to kill him.

There have been a few sermons after which my wife wanted to kill me, but other than that I've never had such a spectacular failure as Paul did that day.

It only got worse.

Paul gets thrown in prison and he's a prisoner throughout the rest of the book. There's a plot to assassinate him while he's a Roman prisoner. Oh, and he gets shipwrecked and almost dies.

I'm sorry, but that's a really bad sermon.

Okay, not really. It was a good sermon. In fact, part of it was given to him directly through Jesus. Which, ahem, was the part that made the crowd pick up rocks. (If Pam ever wants to kill me again after a sermon—and it *will*—happen, I'm going to use the "but-Jesus-told-me-to" defense. I'm sure it will work.)

But of the two sermons, I'd rather have the response Peter got. I'd probably get a book deal, go on the Christian speakers' circuit, start a podcast that would go viral, and maybe even get interviewed by Colbert on T.V.

I'm more likely to get Paul's response, but that's not very likely. My sermons may not be great, but they're safe. Law-abiding. Perfectly fine.

This is not the first time that things didn't go as well with Paul as they did the first time. The first time he was thrown in prison he and Silas sang hymns all night long and God caused an earthquake that shook the prison doors open.

The next time he was in prison there was no earthquake, no angel, no nothing. He rotted in prison for three years.

Because earthquakes are rare, miracles by definition unlikely, and God will not be reduced to a formula.

Because sometimes sermons are timely and well-received, and sometimes they are not, and neither have anything really to do with the speaker and his preparation or skill. The Wind blows where it will, and will not be contained or controlled.

But here's Luke's point: the Gospel advances anyway. It can't be contained, controlled, or imprisoned. As Paul makes his way under guard from Jerusalem to Rome, he proclaims the Gospel and it advances. Even when shipwrecked he healed people, everyone was astonished, and the Gospel was advanced.

And that seems to be the point of Acts. The Gospel advances, against all opposition, as long as we are not deterred, as long as we stay faithful.

Because in the end, God gets what he wants. He will not be deterred. He will always be faithful. And the Gospel always advances.