

**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](http://firstfrederick.org) or find us on Facebook at [fb.com/firstfrederick](https://www.facebook.com/firstfrederick).



**ATTENDANCE**

**Previous Sunday**

8:30 Service	42
Sunday School	47
11:15 Service and Lighthouse	60

**FINANCIALS**

	September	YTD thru September
Total Income	\$36,501.04	\$382,455.74
Total Expense	\$47,405.45	\$417,198.67
Total Building Income	\$7320	\$37,858.36
Total Building Expense	\$7695	\$38,208.36

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
Week of October 10th

<b>Sunday</b>	
8:30 am	Traditional Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School for All Ages
11:15 am	Unleashed Worship Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:00 am	Circle Church - FBC parking lot
<b>Wednesday</b>	
6:30 pm	Catalyst Youth Ministry
7:00 pm	FBC Worship Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	
11am - 1pm	Chapel Prayer Fellowship (all are welcome)

**Church Finance Note**



The Finance Committee will meet Monday, October 11 at 7 p.m. to work on the 2022 budget.

*Let those who wept as they planted their crops, gather the harvest with joy! Those who wept as they went out carrying the seed will come back singing for joy, as they bring in the harvest. Psalm 126 5-6*



**Our Church's New Mobile App is Here!**

Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile. This new mobile app will be replacing GivePlus Mobile. With Vanco Mobile, you can send one-time donations or set recurring gifts.

Download Vanco Mobile for free on the App Store or Google Play. **Be sure to download this app soon, as GivePlus Mobile will be retired as of January 30, 2022.**

To give using Vanco Mobile, follow these five easy steps:

1. Search for our church by name.
2. Select your gift amount, fund and frequency.
3. Enter your payment method.
4. Choose whether you want to cover processing fees.
5. Click "submit" to complete your donation.

If you have set up recurring contributions, you won't need to update anything for the new app.

**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
Amanda Aliperti & Diana Edgar	Custodial Engineer
Marilyn Buchen	Organist



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**ONLINE GIVING**

Visit our homepage ([www.firstfrederick.org](http://www.firstfrederick.org)) then click on the tab 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*

**October 10, 2021**

**8:30 AM**

Prelude	Organ	Marilyn Buchen
* Hymn #29	HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR	Congregation
* Hymn #2	HOLY, HOLY, HOLY	Congregation
Opening Prayer		Dr. Larry Eubanks
Welcome and Greeting of Guests		
* Hymn #547	I STAND AMAZED IN THE	Congregation
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	Piano/Vocal	Jim Dent
* Doxology		Congregation
Anthem of comfort	"IN HIS PRESENCE"	Worship Choir
Sermon	The Life God Lives	Dr. Larry Eubanks
Invitation to Christian Commitment		Dr. Larry Eubanks
*Hymn #320	TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS	Congregation
Prayer & Blessing		Dr. Larry Eubanks
The Response of Fellow-	TO GOD BE THE GLORY	Congregation

*Go Forth to Serve*

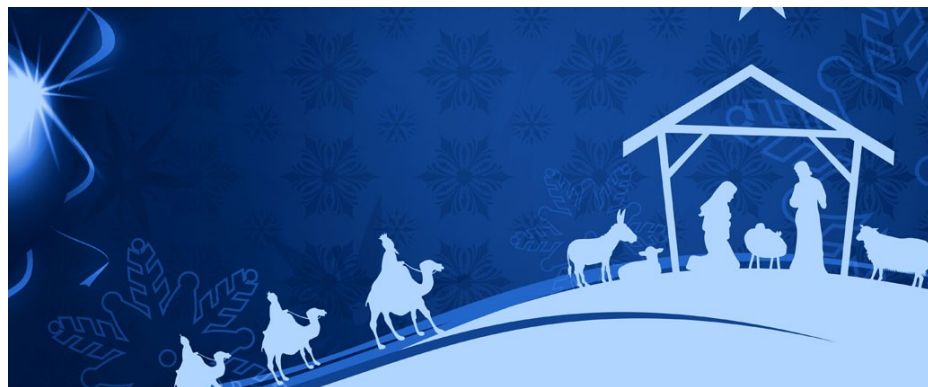
\* Those who are able to stand, please stand



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; Kristen - Pat Hartman's daughter; Jane Shoemaker; Carl Van Bibber; Sam Wilson; Ruth Howell; Sharon Rectanus; Kelly Lynott; Steve Davis; Autumn Zundel; Kathleen Crockett Milander; Patrick Bryant; Coy Horner; W.R. Bryant; Darryl Horner; Janelle Roylo; Bryan Lloyd; Jocelyn Wetzal and family; Carrie Wetzal; Mary Alberti; Joyce Hunt; Laurie Van Bibber; Eleanor Holly; Phyllis Thomas; Simone Cobb; Kim Cassidy; Kathleen Milander; Jim and Sandy Schrock's niece; Connie Stalnaker; Bonnie Devilbiss; Janet Noffsinger; Sharon; Pat and Dan Johns; Marilyn Buchen's neighbor; Linda's sister; Liz Brady's sister; Burnis Barrett; Chris Morales and children; Vicky's mother; Charlie and Rita Sharpe; 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](mailto:jls7007@comcast.net) to add or remove names.

## Christmas Program Rehearsal



Rehearsals for the Christmas Program have begun! *We Sing Noel*, this year's program will be offered the weekend of December 11th with exact date and time to be determined.

If you would like to join the Worship Choir for the Christmas Program, rehearsals are every Wednesday from 7:00-7:40 PM in Room 213/215. Kindly wear a mask.

## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR LARRY

In last week's article I talked about how the selective use of scripture to support a position—something known as “picking and choosing”—is something that everyone does. Sometimes it's unavoidable, as in when we are more familiar with certain parts of scripture than others, or even unfamiliar with some parts. By definition you can only pick and choose the scriptures that you are familiar with.

Others times the picking and choosing is intentional. The biblical writers themselves did this, as when someone writing earlier advocated a position a current writer disagreed with. Chronicles is the most obvious example, its pro-monarchy message having been written to counteract the message of both Samuel and Kings and their message of “we need no king but Yahweh.”

I also said that Jesus used scripture selectively but ran out of space to back up that assertion, so here we are.

Most obvious is Jesus' selective observance of the Law. For the most part, Jesus was a good Torah-observing Jew, going to synagogue on the Sabbath (Luke 4:15), observing the religious festivals like Passover (Matthew 26:18 and parallels) and Booths (John 17), and probably ate only kosher food. However, he healed on the Sabbath and allowed his disciples to harvest grain on the Sabbath (Matthew 12 and parallels). It could be argued that these involve interpretations of what's permitted on the Sabbath versus outright violation, but that just shows how fluid the line between observing scripture and not observing scripture can be. It is clear, however, that many of the Jewish leaders considered these actions a violation of scripture.

Then there are the “You have heard it said, but I say to you...” passages in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5). While it is true, as most interpreters have said, that Jesus' sayings regarding murder (5:21-26), adultery (5:27-30), divorce (5:31-32) taking oaths (5:33-37) and avenging violence (5:38-42) represent an intensification of the Torah not a nullification, that too is a matter of interpretation. For some not observing a the letter of the law is a violation; for Jesus, sometimes violating the letter of the law is necessary in order to fulfill the spirit of the law.

It can be argued that all of the above is not Jesus picking and choosing scripture to support what his position, and I understand and respect that line of thinking. As I've said, the line between interpreting a scripture versus ignoring it is sometimes fluid if not fuzzy, and people of integrity can differ.

But let's look again at that back-and-forth between Samuel/Kings and Chronicles. I include Samuel and Kings together because they were seemingly written by the same hand and form one continuous narrative; the same is actually true of Chronicles and Ezra and Nehemiah. Jesus quoted from none of these, but that doesn't mean he didn't enter into the argument. He did. He just drew from a different book altogether in order to do so.

The first is Isaiah, particularly the chapters in the middle of the book (40-55). Other than the Psalms, these chapters appear to be Jesus' favorites. These chapters rarely mention a king over Israel (score 1 for Samuel/Kings) but when they do, the king is Yahweh. Thus 43:15—“I am the LORD (Yahweh), your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.” And 44:6 “Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.” Score: Samuel/Kings 2, Chronicles/Ezra/Nehemiah 0.

But these are also the chapters that envision all creation—including all humans—as recipients of God's blessings. All humans. Non-Jews as well as Jews. Chronicles/Ezra/Nehemiah, particularly Ezra, regarded non-Jews as unclean and unfit for close ties with Jews.

Which Jesus rejected. Game, set, match.

Jesus picked among scripture and chose ones that showed the God picks and chooses each and every person, without exception, for we are all created in his image and likeness.

He picks you. You are one of his chosen.



Today is Staff Appreciation Day. We had planned to have food and refreshments between our two worship services to recognize the day. However, we are deferring the celebration until COVID becomes less of a factor in our lives and in the life of our church. But please don't hesitate to say “thank you” to our pastors and to all of our staff!

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."  
- Philippians 4:6; NIV*



You may have noticed that lights are shining a bit brighter in our church! Recently, the Trustees had the parking lot and interior lights switched to LED lights. Through a program with Potomac Edison, the replacement was done at a minimal cost to the church. Thank you Trustees!

## Sunday School Offerings

Sunday Schools have returned to in person study.

### ADULT:

There are several Bible studies offered for adults. A complete list can be found at the Welcome Desk. All are welcome to join a class not previously attended. Lifeway and Smyth and Helwys Bible study books are available in the Adult Sunday School hallway.



### MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Youth Sunday School meets in the Middle School rooms between services. All middle and high school youth are welcome for Bible study, fellowship, and prayer.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Children's Ministry will offer in person Sunday School at 10 am and Lighthouse at 11:15 am.

Children's Ministry staff will continue to take temperatures of children participating in activities and children over the age of 2 that can successfully wear a mask are strongly recommended to do so for activities in the building.

You can also visit <http://Lifeway.com> for a Bible story and activity page.