

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).



ATTENDANCE

Previous Sunday

8:30 am Service	56
Sunday School	59
11:15 Service & Lighthouse	71

FINANCIALS

	May	YTD thru May
Total Income	\$98,845.03	\$280,325.83
Total Expense	\$45,290.21	\$260,790.01
Total Building Income	\$8840	\$18,155.00
Total Building Expense	\$7250	\$17,535.00

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Week of June 26th

Sunday	
8:30 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
11:15 am	Unleashed Worship Service
11:15 am	The Lighthouse (preschool - 5th grade)
Tuesday	
9:00 am	Circle Church

MOWERS NEEDED

The church is in need of volunteers to mow the church property. Volunteers need to be at least 18 years old due to insurance requirements and will be shown how to use the mowers.

Contact Jim Schrock if you are able to volunteer.



Have an announcement?

If you would like an announcement in the Sunday bulletin, please email office@firstfrederick.org with all the information to be printed.



Ministry Team

Larry Eubanks	Senior Pastor
Richard Krauss	Student Pastor
Rachel Pyles	Children's Ministries
Moira O'Brien	8:30 Interim Worship Leader
Rich Cook	11:15 Worship Leader
Janna Cansler	Office Manager
Amanda Aliperti	Custodial Engineers
Diana Edgar	
Marilyn Buchen	Organist



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The Worship of God

June 26, 2022

8:30 AM

Prelude	Organ	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
* Hymn #2	<i>HOLY, HOLY, HOLY</i>	Congregation
* Hymn #579	<i>SHINE JESUS SHINE</i>	Congregation
Opening Prayer		Dr. Larry Eubanks
Welcome and Greeting of Guests		
Greet One Another in the Love of Christ		
* Hymn #334	<i>BLESSED ASSURANCE</i>	Congregation
Offertory Prayer		Reggie Gunter
Offertory		
* Doxology		Congregation
Special Music		Bob Pendergraft
Sermon	<i>Seeing the Light Oblique</i> John 16:12-15	Dr. Larry Eubanks
Invitation to Christian Commitment		Dr. Larry Eubanks
*Hymn #489	<i>LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN IN MY HEART</i>	Congregation
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; Linda and W.R. Bryant; Sharon Buppert; Janet Noffsinger; Sharon Rectanus’ brother; Bob Graybill’s brother; Vickie Pressel’s mother; Marsha Schoneka’s sister; Barbara Wetzel; Mike Harrington; Mikayla Stockman; Scott Gordon’s granddaughter, Callan Marquardt; Ron & Sonia; Paula Pendergraft; Roger Boothe, Sr; Janelle Roylo; Bryan Lloyd; Jocelyn Wetzel; Mary Alberti; Joyce Hunt; Laurie Van Bibber; Eleanor Holly; Kathleen Milander; Bonnie Devilbiss; Pat and Dan Johns; Chris Morales and children; Vicky’s mother; 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 text at 301-514-7175 to add or remove names.

Tough Talks

When it comes to tough topics like abortion and homosexuality, rarely do we have *conversations*; most people avoid talking about them at all because so many people opt to defend their rigid positions and attack those who disagree. If there is one place, however, where actual conversations ought to occur, it’s the church. In fact, part of what it surely means to shine a light to the world is that we model how to respectfully discuss the toughest topics without resorting to personal attacks, or, worse, ending the relationships.

On Monday’s, Pastor Larry is going to lead us to have these kinds of conversations about these tough topics. There will be two opportunities each week: an afternoon Zoom conversation 2:00-3:30 p.m. and an in-person meeting at the Bowers Road facility 7:00-8:30 p.m. Pastor Larry will open with some Bible teaching, and then lead the conversation. *The goal in attending is not to convince, persuade, or change another person but to understand each other better and come away with a broader perspective, even when you disagree.*

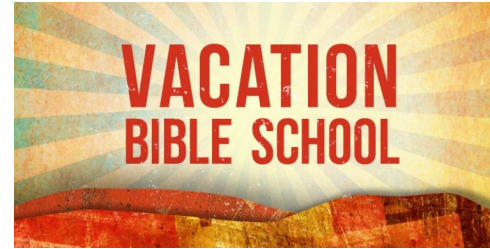
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VBS Returns This Summer!

The Children’s Ministry team is excited to offer Vacation Bible School this summer!

VBS will be held on five consecutive Sunday’s beginning July 10 from 10 -12:30. We hope you can join us!



Bundles of Joy Mission Project

We are once again collecting boxes of newborn necessities to be distributed by the Asian American Center to families who are seeking financial and educational assistance as they settle into a new life here in Frederick County. The boxes will remind the families that Jesus loved and valued little children, and that this community will welcome them. Boxes can include a note of encouragement with a Bible verse and they may be decorated with stickers, paint, ribbons, or other decorative items. Please indicate on the box if the items are gender neutral or for a specific gender of baby.

Filled boxes should be returned to the Church by **June 30**.

Suggested items to fill the box:

- Newborn “onesie” or other small new clothing item
- Newborn socks or hat
- Bib
- Baby lotion and powder
- Baby shampoo, soap, or washcloth
- Small baby toy for newborn
- Light weight blanket



The Church will also accept donations of **unopened** bags of disposable diapers (any size or type) for delivery as needed by new families.

Welcome Moira O’Brien

Moira O’Brien will begin serving as Interim Traditional Worship Leader on Sunday, June 26. Moira has previously served as Director of Worship Arts at Bethel Lutheran Church in Frederick and most recently in the same position at Hagerstown’s Christ’s Reformed Church. A soprano, she has performed opera in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C., including The National Opera. Please join us in welcoming Moira to FBC.



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR LARRY

It’s maddening when a person answers a question with another question. A time or two is all right, but it’s frustrating when they do it all the time.

Add this to the reasons that Jesus can be quite frustrating.

I read somewhere that in the gospels Jesus was asked 183 questions and only gave 3 answers while asking 307 questions himself. I’m not going to take the time to check the math, but I have a feeling the point is accurate. Jesus seemed to have all the answers yet was reluctant to dish them out. I don’t think it was because he was a truth-hoarder, nor because he intended to lead a mystery religion like Gnosticism in which only the insiders had access to the truth. So why didn’t he ask fewer questions and give more answers?

I think one reason is that he believed that the most important truths weren’t hidden but in fact were rather self-evident. Let’s face it, summing up the Law with “Love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself” isn’t rocket science. He wasn’t even the first one to say it; he was quoting two very well known scriptures, Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. Every one of Jesus’ hearers knew these verses. Other rabbis cited them as summaries of the law; Jesus wasn’t breaking new ground here. In the first chapter of Romans Paul makes it clear that spiritual insight isn’t hidden but can be clearly seen: “*For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made.*”

Therefore Jesus wanted people to see that they didn’t need a rabbi or Pharisee to impart to them great spiritual truths that were hidden from view. Open your eyes, he is saying, and see what has been self-evident all along. He was notoriously known for telling down-to-earth stories that did not answer questions as much as provoke thought, and then he trusted people’s ability to hear his stories and reach some startling conclusions about the kingdom of God. Jesus believed that farmers and housewives and tax-collectors and lepers could imagine, think, and reach conclusions. He believed in the human ability to discern. Jesus knew that developing discernment in others was far superior than giving them point-blank directions. Some individuals wanted Jesus’ ready-made answers to their dilemmas, and they usually went away disappointed.

But I think that Jesus wanted more than just for people to think for themselves; he wanted people to *think differently*. Few of life’s dilemmas can be solved by ready-made answers. People aren’t machines, and neither is life. It is invariably unpredictable. I have an inherent—and I believe healthy—distrust of people who come to me with silver-bullet solutions to my problems. I have found that life is much too complex for simple, one-size-fits-all answers.

But here’s the real kicker: I think that Jesus wanted to get people away from the idea that the kind of truth that matters, that really, *really* matters, is the kind that can fit into an answer to a question, regardless of whether that answer is simple or complex. The truth that really matters can’t be put into a propositional sentence like a math formula, a doctrinal statement or a creed. At best, those kinds of answers can only point to the truth; ironically, by pointing to the truth they are not in fact propositional statements but metaphors that head us in the right direction.

Remember, Jesus didn’t say, “I *know* the truth” but “I *am* the truth.”

There is a kind of knowing that involves facts, information, solutions, and reasoning, and there is another kind of knowing that doesn’t involve any of that—and that is when you *experience* the truth. I’ve never been to the Grand Canyon, but I’m pretty sure that reading about it and knowing all the facts there are to know about it can’t compare to being there.

Once experienced, words are not only insufficient but unnecessary.

To experience something is to enter into a relationship with it. You know it, even if you can’t quantify it. It may not be logical or make sense to anyone else, but it makes sense to you.

This is relational knowledge—“I am the truth,” Jesus said—and it isn’t subject to the categories of logic, the scientific method, or inerrancy.

Since God is an animate Being—a Person—then it is the way that we must come to know him.

Until we know this, we don’t know a thing.