

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).

Little Lights CDC Nominated for 2022 Best of the Best

We are excited to announce that LLCDC has been nominated in two categories **Best Child Care Center** and **Best Preschool** in the Frederick News Post's Best of the Best.

Individuals may vote daily and continues through August 2nd at https://www.fredericknewspost.com/special/best_of_the_best/

The top five in each category will be announced in September with a second round of voting to determine Top Winners and Runners Up.



The Worship of God

July 31, 2022

8:30 AM

Prelude	Organ	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
* Hymn #10	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Congregation
* Hymn #346	<i>He's Got The Whole World In His Hands</i>	Congregation
Opening Prayer		Dr. Larry Eubanks
Welcome and Greeting of Guests		
Greet One Another in the Love of Christ		
* Hymn #44	<i>For The Beauty of the Earth</i>	Congregation
Offertory Prayer		Mr. Gene Thomas
Offertory	Organ	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
* Doxology		Congregation
Special Music		Mr. Adam Greene
Sermon	<i>Shades of Shalom Hebrew Words You Should Know</i>	Dr. Larry Eubanks
Invitation to Christian Commitment		Dr. Larry Eubanks
*Hymn #312	<i>Softly and Tenderly</i>	Congregation
Response of Fellowship	<i>To God Be The Glory</i>	Congregation



ATTENDANCE

Previous Sunday

8:30 am Service	48
Sunday School	85
11:15 Service & Lighthouse	72

The new Vanco Mobile Access app makes giving easy wherever you are! The app can be downloaded to Android or Apple phones or tablets. You can choose to give one time or set up a recurring donation.



Did you know you can turn your required mandatory distributions (RMD) into charitable donations like the ones you make to First Baptist Church? If you are age 72 or older, and you designate these distributions directly to a charity, you can satisfy your RMD without reporting additional income, thus reducing your tax bill. This becomes even more important given the recent change in the tax law that has resulted in fewer taxpayers itemizing deductions.

An information sheet is available at the Welcome Desk or consult with your accountant or investment counselor.

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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ONLINE GIVING

Visit our homepage (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.

FINANCIALS

	June	YTD thru June
Total Income	\$40,456.70	\$320,782.53
Total Expense	\$47,095.07	\$308,082.58
Total Building Income	\$3680	\$21,835.00
Total Building Expense	\$4175	\$21,710.00

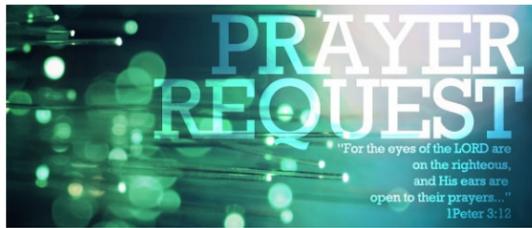
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Week of July 31st

Sunday	
8:30 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
10-12:30	Vacation Bible School
11:15 am	Unleashed Worship Service
Monday	
2-3:30 pm	Virtual Tough Talks
7-8:30 pm	In-person Tough Talks
Tuesday	
9:00 am	Circle Church

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; Cliff Howard; Kitty Young; Richard and Becky Krauss; 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.*

You can connect to Zoom by:
Meeting ID: 895 4868 2695
Passcode: 897144



VBS Returns This Summer!

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

VBS continues *today* and will be held each Sunday through August 7th from 10-12:30. We hope you can join us!

This week we will have a fun island treat. The list of ingredients will be at the registration desk. Please let us know if your child cannot eat it.

There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the registration desk as well.



Andrew Landers in Worship August 14!



Andrew Landers is a singer/songwriter in the Olympia/Seattle, Washington area who has given concerts and led worship many times at FBC Frederick. He is in town for an event and we are blessed to have him and his son Quincy with us in worship August 14. If you've never heard Andy, you won't want to miss it and if you have, you know you won't want to miss it!

Waverley School Supplies

The first day of school is quickly approaching! As we have for several years, FBC will be accepting donations for school supplies for students at Waverley Elementary.

Through our partnership with Waverley Elementary School, we have spent a little over a decade supplying every child at the school with all of their school supplies and sponsoring kids on field trips. The church has even contributed to the new electronic sign the school uses and to upgraded walkie talkies for better communication between staff during the school day. Our partnership is a part of our mission to be light unleashed in our community. The teachers and administration look forward to this fundraiser and are extremely thankful for our generosity to the Waverley community.

The happy rulers are back on the walls and to donate to this fundraiser all you have to do is take a ruler from the wall, keep the ruler to remember to pray for the Waverley community, and donate \$25. Checks should be made payable to FBC with a notation of Waverley Fund so that the money can go to the school. If you give online, you may select the Waverley fund.



In years past we have collected between \$3000 and \$5000 for the school. Thank you!

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR LARRY

If you think about it, Jesus could be horribly inconsistent in the way that he treated people.

On the one hand, he could treat people with such grace and kindness that it almost seemed as if he was cavalier about their sin, enjoying dinner fellowship with cheating, traitorous tax collectors and letting women with bad reputations touch him and make a scene at his feet.

On the other hand, he could throw down lightning bolts with John Brown fury, tossing money-changer's tables aside and thundering out a stream of "Woe to you" curses.

He could go very hard on one group and go very easy on another.

When you examine this more closely what you discover is that Jesus was utterly uncompromising when it came to religious insiders and extremely lenient when it came to religious outsiders.

And it was the very fact that there were "insiders" and "outsiders" that caused him to treat them differently.

Few people who are on the outside looking in are there because they choose to be there. They are there because someone defined being "inside" in a way that included themselves and excluded others.

Sure, there's always the gadfly, the person who seems to relish how different they are from everyone else, but usually they are simply expressing their individuality in the face of what they feel is arbitrary homogeneity. They aren't in fact looking for exclusion from the group but rather inclusion in spite of their "weirdness."

We all want to be a part, to be welcomed into community. Having a door slammed in our face always stings.

So Jesus went around opening doors to those on the outside of Israelite religion, and let's be clear who these people were. They weren't regular people who simply didn't join up with the Pharisee club, nor were they simply sinners in the regular sense of a person who sins. All the religious leaders admitted that they sinned, so sinning wasn't enough to exclude someone.

These were a special class of sinners. When the New Testament writers refer to "tax collectors and sinners" they were talking about a group of people who committed certain sins that were taboo and thus made them outcasts. Obviously tax collectors were a part of this group, but the "sinners" category also singled out prostitutes, people with leprosy, Samaritans, and other "wicked" people. These were people who never had a chance to be "in" and never would.

Until Jesus came along. What's interesting to me is that Jesus' acceptance of them preceded any action on their part. He didn't say to Zacchaeus, "If you promise to repay everyone you cheated, I'll eat with you." He simply said, "Let's eat." Acceptance led to repentance, not the other way around.

On the other hand, Jesus absolutely demanded repentance of the religious outsiders. He was uncompromising in both his condemnation and his requirement that they change their behavior.

Specifically, he warned them that their drawing lines that placed them inside God's favor while excluding others had in fact resulted in just the opposite—they were outside God's favor and blessing and in therefore in grave danger themselves, while those they have condemned had already been welcomed into God's fellowship. Unless they changed they would always be outside.

Every culture has its taboos and its outcasts, including the Christian culture. We seem to fear being soft on sin and lenient on sinners when what we ought to fear is that we, in the name of God, will draw lines tightly around ourselves and those like us, excluding those whom God has included.

When we exclude the people Jesus likes to hang around with, we end up excluding Jesus.

When we do that, we end up on the outside looking in.