

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.)

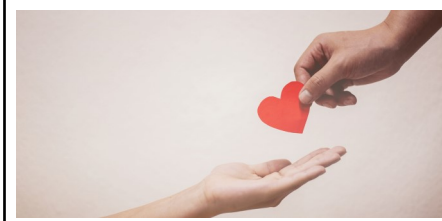
Where to Start // Be sure to check out the Welcome Desk. Our friendly volunteers will connect you to information about the various ministries we offer. While you are there, be sure to fill out a communication card so we can keep in touch - we promise not to call during dinner!

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.



The furniture and household goods we collected earlier this year have found a purpose! Marta Ruiz has worked for several years with immigrants who have had no formal education. A family she is currently working with was in need of what we had.

Several people gathered to load and move the items so this family could have a comfortable home. Thank you to those who collected and donated items and to the moving volunteers for being light unleashed in our community!



The Worship of God

Sept. 25, 2022

8:30 AM

Prelude	<i>Organ</i>	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
* Hymn #356	<i>Christ is Made the Sure Foundation</i>	Congregation
* Hymn #212	<i>I Love You Lord</i> *sing through two times*	Congregation
Opening Prayer		Dr. Larry Eubanks
Welcome and Greeting		Dr. Larry Eubanks
* Hymn #74	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	Congregation
Offertory Prayer		Gene Thomas
Offertory	<i>Organ</i>	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
* Doxology		Congregation
Anthem	<i>Grace Alone</i>	Worship Choir
Sermon	<i>Is God Just?</i> Matthew 5:38-48	Dr. Larry Eubanks
Invitation to Christian Commitment		Dr. Larry Eubanks
*Hymn #492	<i>Purer in Heart</i>	Congregation
Prayer & Blessing		Dr. Larry Eubanks
Response of Fellowship	<i>TO GOD BE THE GLORY</i>	Congregation

Have an announcement for the church bulletin? Email all the details to Janna Cansler at office@firstfrederick.org by Wednesday of each week.

Heard a sermon you'd like to hear again or would like to share with a friend? Go to firstfrederick.org and click on Sermons at the top of the page.

You may also visit Pastor Larry's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/user/hammerfret>

	ATTENDANCE	
	Previous Sunday	
	8:30 am Service	48
Sunday School	56	
11:15 Service & Lighthouse	56	

FINANCIALS	August	YTD thru August
Total Income	\$30,102.49	\$394,514.82
Total Expense	\$45,648.19	\$403,390.09
Total Building Income	\$930	\$28,240.00
Total Building Expense	\$3215	\$28,115.00

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Week of September 25th	<u>Sunday</u>	
	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	Unleashed Worship Service
	11:15 am	Lighthouse for kids up to 5th Grade
	<u>Tuesday</u>	
	9:00 am	Circle Fellowship
	<u>Wednesday</u>	
	6:30 pm	Youth Group
	7:00 pm	Worship Choir Rehearsal

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.

Go Forth to Serve

* Those who are able to stand, please stand



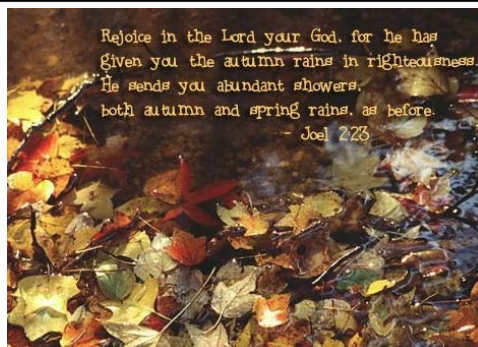
The Needs of Our Church; Our Ministers and Their Families; Military Personnel and Families; Little Lights Child Development Center; Church Deacons; Finance Committee; Personnel Committee; Nominating Committee; Church Council; The Lighthouse Children’s Ministry; Catalyst Youth Group; Small Group Leaders; Gene and Nancy Burdette; Bob Pendergraft; Kevin Miller; 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.

October Birthdays

“For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life.”
Proverbs 9:11

10/1: Leigh-Ann Richard; **10/2:** Cyndi Green; **10/3:** Yon Hwa Kuck; **10/5:** Muriel Alexander; **10/6:** Lloyd Berry, Ronnie Fesperman; **10/7:** Randy Jump, Frank Reese; **10/8:** Bev Berry, Dustin Burrill, Larry Proudfoot; **10/10:** Jay Greene Sr, Erin Marr; **10/11:** Sharon Collings, Giovanna Small; **10/12:** Xavier Baskerville, Christopher Pyles, Jr; **10/13:** Vincent Baskerville, Karlea Small; **10/14:** Ginny Barnwell, Isabella Reese; **10/17:** Elva Franklin, Tyler Fuller; **10/18:** Jay Beebe, Frank Pennington; **10/19:** Teri Mulen, Maira Rodriguez; **10/20:** Sinclair Ceasar, Monica Enciso-Bowser; **10/22:** Ashley Haines; **10/23:** Mike Culpepper; **10/25:** Shannon Halley; **10/26:** Angela Mendelson, Katrina Stanfield; **10/28:** David Cohagan; **10/29:** Kevin Stanfield; **10/30:** Peggy Van Bibber.



Circle Fellowship

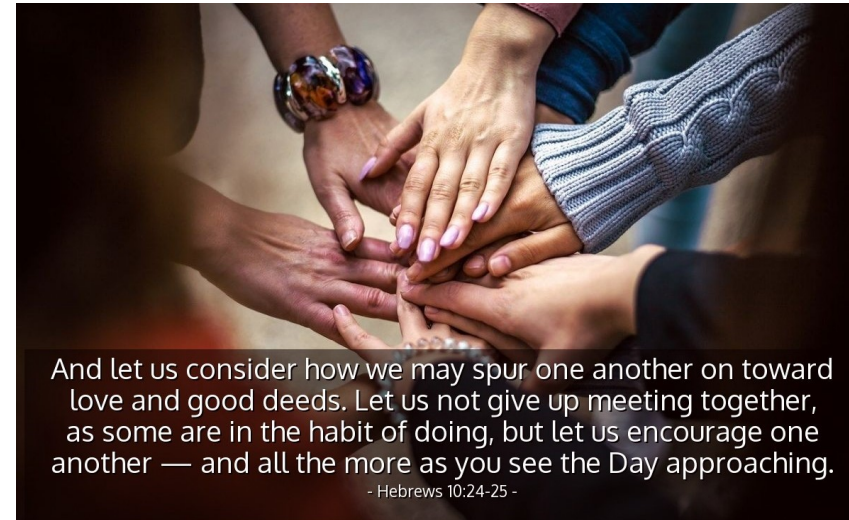


We maintain an on going Church Prayer List which is available if we have your email address. To get someone or a concern on the list please contact us at photographsof@aol.com. We also receive requests through Sandy Schrock.

Our group meets each Tuesday at 9am in the Church parking lot. However, on the first Tuesday of each month we meet at Denny’s at 8:30am for breakfast.

Our meetings (15-20) are for fellowship and we review our Prayer List, ending with prayer.

All are welcome on any given Tuesday and it is BYOC&C (Bring Your Own Chair & Coffee).



Wednesday Night Youth

Middle and High School Youth are meeting each Wednesday evening for fun, friendship, and fellowship. Guildine Tunis will lead the youth weekly at 6:30 pm. The theme for this month is “Faith Over Fear!” We hope you can join us and bring a friend! Refreshments will be served.



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR LARRY

One day Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem when he is approached by ten men who had a highly contagious skin condition known back then as leprosy. They approached him but kept their distance. This was because for a long time leprosy was thought to be contagious. We know now that it isn’t. If what the ten men had was contagious, it wasn’t leprosy; if it was leprosy, it wasn’t contagious. But it doesn’t matter the reality. All that mattered was what everyone believed.

Everyone believed that what they had, nobody wanted. And if you can’t get rid of what nobody wants, then it pretty much feels like *you* are unwanted as well.

You were forbidden to come close to anyone. It was the law.

So at some distance away they called out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

Which is interesting. They don’t say, “Heal us!” Why would they ask for mercy when it was healing they needed? Because their condition showed that there was something wrong with them—not just physically, but spiritually. God was displeased with them for some reason. Really displeased. If he’s a little put off he might give you a cold, but if you’ve got leprosy you must’ve really done something. And if you’ve done something that bad, you need mercy. You need forgiveness. You need pity.

If you’re sick because he’s angry at something you’ve done, you’ll get well when he’s forgiven you. That’s what they are asking for.

So Jesus tells them to go show themselves to the priests, which is what lepers were supposed to do when they were healed and wanted to be restored to their families and communities. By the time they get there, they were healed. Healed, but not yet restored.

And one of them returned to thank Jesus, falling to his feet. The one who praised God was a Samaritan. Luke makes sure we know that. “And he was a Samaritan.” It’s not just a detail. It’s an important point in the story.

In first century Palestine Samaria was the province that comprised much of the former northern kingdom of Israel. Destroyed as a nation by the Assyrians, it retained the provincial designation given it by the Persians. It’s population was a mix of former Israelites who did not go into exile and of foreign groups resettled in the area by the Assyrians. Samaritans did not worship at the temple in Jerusalem, and their version of the Law of Moses differed from the Jew’s version, particularly those passages that denigrated the northern tribes and/or made Judah look good.

Samaritans weren’t Jews; you had to be from Judah to be a Jew. So why did these nine Jews let this Samaritan hang around with them? Well, when your own community won’t have you, you’ll find community among any kind of people. Even Samaritans.

Jesus asked why the other nine didn’t return to praise God. “Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”

Why didn’t they come back to Jesus? I always thought that it was just because they were ungrateful, but on closer examination I think it was because they had someplace to go. See, they were healed as they were on the way to see the priests, which they had to do in order to be restored to community. They kept going after they were healed because they had a community to go back to.

This guy never made it to the priest because he was a *foreigner*. He had no community to receive him, no home to go back to. So he went to the only home he had—Jesus.

Only one praised God. Not the nine Chosen, but the one Unchosen.

There’s a connection between thankfulness and forgiveness. Between thankfulness and acceptance. Between thankfulness and community.

All too often we make a connection between thankfulness and bounty, but in the Bible those who have the most tend to be the least thankful. Those who have the least, who are made to feel that there is something wrong with them, are most grateful to finally have a place—and a people—to call home.