

**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).

**Calendar Notes**

**February 5:** Rev. Dr. Tim Bonner will deliver the message.

**February 12:** Jim Dent will deliver the message.

**Rev. Dr. Tim Bonner** began his career in the Army National Guard and then served as an Active Duty Chaplain in the Army and Army Reserve. For the past 30+ years, he has ministered to churches in Illinois, South Carolina, and Maryland. He is currently serving as the Pastor of Discipleship, Missions, and Senior Adults at First Baptist Church in Rockville.



**Did you know?**



We have an online directory. By visiting our homepage ([www.firstfrederick.org](http://www.firstfrederick.org)) and clicking on "Online Community", you will be re-directed to Breeze where you can set up an account. This will allow you access to the membership directory, personal giving, and update personal contact information.

**Contact Information:**

Questions related to Children's Ministry, please contact Rachel Pyles at [rachelannrp@gmail.com](mailto:rachelannrp@gmail.com).

Questions related to Middle/High School Youth, please contact Mark Trice at [mrtbiology@yahoo.com](mailto:mrtbiology@yahoo.com).

Questions related to church financials, personal giving, renting the church, events at the church, or to post announcements in the bulletin please contact Janna Cansler at [office@firstfrederick.org](mailto:office@firstfrederick.org).

Questions related to the Worship Choir or Praise Team, please contact Moira O'Brien at [moira@myactv.net](mailto:moira@myactv.net) or Rich Cook at [tcchef02@gmail.com](mailto:tcchef02@gmail.com).

If you have any general questions about FBC, please contact Doug Dawson at [dougdawsonj@hotmail.com](mailto:dougdawsonj@hotmail.com).



*The Worship of God*

**February 5, 2023**

**8:30 AM**

Prelude *Organ* Ms. Marilyn Buchen

\*Hymn #406 *The Solid Rock* Congregation

\*Hymn #619 *O God of Love, O King of Peace* Congregation

Opening Prayer

Greet One Another in the Love of Christ

\*Hymn #572 *I Love To Tell The Story* Congregation

Offertory Prayer Doug Dawson

Offertory *Organ* Ms. Marilyn Buchen

\*Doxology Congregation

Anthem *Alleluia Amen* Worship Choir

Sermon *Managing Life's Transitions* Rev. Dr. Tim Bonner  
*2 Kings 2:1-12*

Communion

Invitation to Christian Commitment

\*Hymn #283 *Take My Life, And Let It Be Consecrated* Congregation  
*verses 1-2, 4*

\*Response of Fellowship *Amazing Grace* Congregation

*Go Forth to Serve*

\* Those who are able to stand, please stand

**ATTENDANCE**

**Previous Sunday**

8:30 Service	39
Sunday School	51
11:15 Service & Lighthouse	35



**FINANCIALS**

	January	YTD thru January
Total Income	\$39,398.09	\$39,398.09
Total Expense	\$42,033.93	\$42,033.93
Total Building Income	\$3115	\$3115
Total Building Expense	\$3115	\$3115

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
Week of February 5th

<b>Sunday</b>	
8:30 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School for all ages
11:15 am	Worship Service and Lighthouse for children through 5th grade
<b>Tuesday</b>	
8:30 am	Circle Fellowship @ Denny's
<b>Wednesday</b>	
6:00 pm	Worship Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm	Youth Group



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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. You may also point your smartphone camera at the QR above to access the webpage for giving with your phone.



The Needs of Our Church; Our Ministry Team and Their Families; Unity within Our Church Body; 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; Mick Late; John Greene; Ken Whitmore; Ron and Sonia Mallow; Jocelyn Wetzels; Bob Pendergraft; Janet Noffsinger’s nephew; Marsh Schoneka’s sister; Kevin Miller; Ken and Maryann’s nephew, David; Ed and Brenda Stanfield; Mike and Maggie Jessop; Janice Williams; Janice Williams’ cousin, Rosemary; Pat Smith’s relative, Melissa; Kitty Young; Kitty Young’s children; The Krauss family; Faye Bevard’s daughter, Lisa; Liz Brady’s niece, Annaka; Jon Hunt; Pat Johns; Robbie Smith; Sandy Haller’s nephew, Brian; our community; Military Personnel and Families; 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 Peggy Van Bibber at peggyvb@aol.com to add to the prayer list, to update the prayer list, or if a specific prayer is no longer needed.



## Middle/High School Youth

Mark Trice will begin leading Middle/High School youth Sunday mornings at 10 am Sunday School.

Guidine Tunis will lead the youth on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. The theme for February will be *Beauty and Appearance* using 1 Samuel 16:7 and Matthew 23:25-26 as a reference.



Please welcome Mark Trice as the Interim Director of Student Ministries, a little about him is below.

We will officially introduce and welcome him, and his family, on February 12th.

My name is Mark Trice and I’m excited to be the new director of student ministries. I have been a teacher for 17 years, 15 of them at Frederick high school as a science teacher. I have been married to my beautiful wife for 17 years. We met and grew up in the same church and were both active members of our youth group and church committees. We have been blessed with an amazing son Theo and four fur babies: our dog Oreo and three cats Oliver, Opal, and Callie. In my spare time I enjoy traveling and spending time with my family.

## Missions Update

### February Mission Project

Beginning January 15th, you will see a Valentine Tree in the Welcome Center. The tree will be decorated with Valentines made by the children at Little Lights and will include a scripture. Grab a valentine off the tree and purchase a gift card (in any amount) to Walmart, Target, grocery store, or gas station. Once purchased, return the valentine to the box at the Welcome Desk. Be sure to include the gift card, gift card receipt, and dollar amount of the gift card. These gift cards will be donated to Heartly House and Faith House.

Heartly House provides victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse with safety, shelter, and supportive services. Faith House is a program of The Rescue Mission offering women and children shelter and a safe place to heal.

There will also be a bin for FBC and Little Lights families to place *new* mittens/gloves, scarves, hats, socks, chapstick, lotion (travel size), and hand sanitizer (travel size) there. On Sunday, February 12th during the Sunday School hour, we invite everyone to the youth classroom to help stuff bags with these supplies. These bags will be placed downtown along Carroll Creek for the homeless community to utilize.

All are welcome to help distribute the bags. Anyone interested should meet in the Welcome Center after church services. We will collect these items from January 15 to February 12.

## Women’s Book Study

Rebecca Fuller, Jamie Halley, and Elisa McCoy will begin a women’s book study February 8th at 7 pm. They will be using, *Help is Here* by Max Lucado and participants should provide their own book.

The book study will meet in room 203 and childcare will be available from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Please contact Jamie Halley if you would like to participate and if you will need childcare or Zoom as an option to join the study.



## Little Lights Childcare Center Partnership with FCPS

Frederick High School has a program within their building called the LYNX program, which provides high school students the opportunity to explore different career fields with hands-on experiences. LL has been partnering with this program since 2018. Staff from LL visits FHS to talk with students who have an interest in Early Childhood.

The students then create a lesson plan to use at a later date. The goal is to have these students come to LL to teach in the classrooms and observe how a childcare center operates.



## The Treasure of Time

I read with interest an article published in the Charlotte (NC) Observer on January 23, 2023 by Brian Pike (a Methodist) about his childhood church closing its doors. Fortunately, the author does note that the congregation moved to another location which I found encouraging. The church is His people, not simply a building.

Anyway, the author laments the widespread closing of church buildings due to declining numbers of members. He writes, “This downward spiral is in sharp contrast to the growth churches experienced post World War II. At that time, church planters had a ‘if you build it, they will come’ mentality. Churches were built and people came. Clearly, the pandemic impacted church operations and attendance. But truthfully, churches were already experiencing difficulties prior to the pandemic. Lots of data is available regarding this significant decline.” Some of you may remember those post World War II days that the author speaks of. Times have surely changed.

One aspect of this decline that the author addresses is the lack of discretionary time especially among young families with children. He writes: “During my growing up years at Davis Street, the pace of the world was slower. Sundays were quiet. Only essential businesses were open. Unless there was sickness, our family was in church every Sunday. Today, our pace is entirely different. With many retail businesses open, Sunday is a popular day for shopping. But there is a busyness impacting families and the choices they make over the course of weekend. **In these over-extended families, church might not be on their top five list of planned activities.** In an article in the Spring 2022 edition of the William and Mary Alumni Magazine, Brian Shallcross, General Manager of the minor league baseball team, the Bowie Baysox [yes, that’s the Bowie, MD, Baysox], talks about how his organization works to bring people to a game. When Shallcross started his career, the focus was on ‘discretionary income,’ the extra income a family might have to spend. Now, Shallcross states **the focus is on ‘discretionary time.’** Marketers attempt to figure out how to persuade a family that a baseball game is the best option from the multiple options they consider during a weekend.”

This definitely presents a challenge for churches. But it seems to me that families and individuals must put their priorities in order as to how they will spend their discretionary time. Are baseball and/or the myriad of other possible Sunday activities more important than worshipping God and being in fellowship with one’s brothers and sisters in Christ? Do we keep our eye on the ball or turn our eyes upon Jesus? In Matthew 18:20, Jesus says, “For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.” Though we can certainly serve God by ourselves, we are really meant to be in fellowship and in collective service to God. Missions are not one person operations. We are Light Unleashed as the body of Christ. The Book of Acts is about putting the Good News of Jesus into action. I believe we most effectively do that in fellowship and community.

I reflect on the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:21, “for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” I wonder if His statement could also be applied to how we spend our time. Where do we put our treasure of time? Does how we spend our time both collectively and individually indicate where our hearts are? Perhaps these questions are at least worth pondering.

In His Service,  
Doug Dawson  
Deacon Chairman