

**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. *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 am Service	55
Sunday School	51
11:15 am Service & Lighthouse	25

**FINANCIALS**

	May	YTD thru May
Total Income	\$33,989.25	\$194,132.46
Total Expense	\$31,310.63	\$187,339.37
Total Building Income	\$2890	\$17,580
Total Building Expense	\$3365	\$17,580

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Week of June 4th

<b>Sunday</b>	
8:30 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages
11:15 am	Worship Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	
8:30 am	Circle Fellowship @ Denny's
<b>Wednesday</b>	
6:30 pm	Youth Group
7:00 pm	Women's Book Study

**Calendar Notes**

**June 4:** Rev. Bob Buchanan will deliver the message.



**Open Table - Volunteer Opportunity**

Interested in impacting the life of an older youth in Foster Care who will soon age out of the program? Please consider volunteering for Open Table. It is a mentorship model where 5-6 volunteers will form a "Table" or community around the youth for one year. It is a commitment to meeting weekly with the assigned youth in a transformational process that provides for more than material needs, but builds relationships and aids in developing necessary life skills. You can read more about Open Table at <https://www.theopentable.org/>. Training will be provided, and there are fees involved. This invitation is open to anyone, not only church goers, so please spread the word to family, friends, and coworkers as well.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, please contact Daphne Matthews at [daphne.matthews@opentableuniversity.org](mailto:daphne.matthews@opentableuniversity.org).

**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 music, please contact 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).



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*The Worship of God*

**June 4, 2023**

**8:30 AM**

Prelude	<i>Organ</i>	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
*Hymn #2	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	Congregation
*Hymn #4	<i>To God Be The Glory</i>	Congregation
Opening Prayer		Doug Dawson
Welcome and Greeting of Guests		
Greet One Another in the Love of Christ		
*Hymn #230	<i>How I Love You</i>	Congregation
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	<i>Organ</i>	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
*Doxology		Congregation
Special Music	<i>Just A Closer Walk With Thee</i>	Bob Pendergraft
Sermon		Rev. Bob Buchanan
Communion		Rev. Bob Buchanan
Invitation to Christian Commitment		
*Hymn #321	<i>The Savior Is Waiting</i>	Congregation
*Response of Fellowship	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Congregation

*Go Forth to Serve*

\* Those who are able to stand, please stand



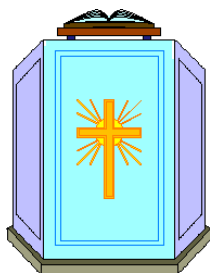
The Needs of Our Church; Our Ministry Team and Their Families; Unity within Our Church Body; Little Lights Child Development Center; Church Deacons; Finance Committee; Personnel Committee; Nominating Committee; Church Council; The Lighthouse Children's Ministry; Catalyst Youth Group; Small Group Leaders; Gene and Phyllis Thomas; Tim Cansler's mother; Russ and Yon Hwa Kuck; Pat and Dan Johns; Ken Cunningham; Peter Vache; Marsha Schonekas; John Greene; Ron and Sonia Mallow; Jocelyn Wetzel; Bob Pendergraft; Janet Noffsinger's nephew, brother, and great nephew; Barbara Wetzel; Ken and Maryann's nephew; Ed and Brenda Stanfield; Mike and Maggie Jessop; Jeanne and Ron Banta; Santford and Janice Williams' family; Kitty Young's family; The Krauss family; Faye Bevard's daughter, Lisa; Liz Brady's niece, brother in law; Tom Brady; Jon Hunt; Pat Johns; 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](mailto:peggyvb@aol.com) to add to the prayer list, to update the prayer list, or if a specific prayer is no longer needed.

## Pulpit Committee

The Pulpit Committee had its first meeting on May 21, 2023. All members and alternates were in attendance.

Per our Bylaws, the following officers were elected: Doug Dawson – Chairman, Jim Devilbiss – Co-Chairman, Janeen Littrell - Secretary. Members: Liz Brady, Rich Cook, Betsy Devilbiss, Reggie Gunter with David Cohagan and Elisa McCoy as alternates. The committee's goal is to have an Intentional Interim Pastor in place by September 1, 2023. Monthly meetings will be held with online coordination done as required.



## Churchwide Clean Up Day

Please join us for an outdoor clean up day Saturday, June 10th at 9 am. We will be clearing vines out of shrubs, trimming shrubs and overgrowth, planting grass where shrubs have been removed, and cleaning out the maintenance shed.

Bring tools and a lunch!



## Possible Blood Drive

The Missions Committee is interested in hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross. Currently, they are scheduling dates in late summer or early fall. In order to host, they like to know at least 40 people are interested in donating blood. If there is enough interest, we will schedule a date with them. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk where you can indicate your interest.

## Vacation Bible School

Stellar VBS will be held July 10-14 from 9 am—12:15 pm.

This year we are going to blast off into space and learn that Jesus is the light of the world. Children will spend the morning hearing Bible truths, playing fun games, and doing exciting crafts and science experiments. This year we are only opening up our VBS to our Little Lights Children and to our Sunday morning kids from completed Kindergarten to completed 5th grade.

WE NEED YOUR HELP for this to be a successful year. WE NEED:

- ◇ Youth volunteers to help with leading children around the building and with the different activities
- ◇ Monetary donations to offset the cost of snacks and supplies
- ◇ Craft supplies such as:
  - Glue Dots
  - Glue sticks
  - Paper Plates
  - bendable straws
  - Solo cups in any color
  - playdough
  - shaving cream
  - brown lunch paper bags
  - Toilet or paper towel rolls
  - different colored streamers
  - Construction paper
  - playground balls
  - hula hoops
  - star stickers
  - any kind of space themed decorations

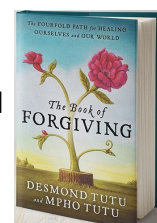


VOLUNTEERS! VOLUNTEERS! VOLUNTEERS!

## Adult Book Study on Sunday Morning

"Transformation begins in you, wherever you are, whatever has happened, however you are suffering. Transformation is always possible. We do not heal in isolation."

Join me on a journey to forgiveness, whether you need to forgive someone or if you're struggling to forgive yourself, as we read through The Book of Forgiveness by Desmond Tutu. Our church has been through a hurtful and confusing time, and this class will also be an opportunity to share your story with others and arrive at healing together as a community. Sharing will be encouraged but not required. Feel free to drop in any week. This will be an 8 week class, or however long it needs to be. No reading assignment for the first class. We will meet at 10am in Room 209 starting on June 11th. Contact Daphne Matthews at [daphne\\_engr@yahoo.com](mailto:daphne_engr@yahoo.com) with any questions.



## Church – More Than a Sermon

Did you know that the word “sermon” is not mentioned anywhere in the Bible? Sure, we commonly refer to Matthew Chapters 5-7 as “The Sermon on the Mount” and many Bible translations have such a subtitle added above the text in Chapter 5. But the word doesn't actually exist in the text of any English translations of the Bible.

I bring this up because I recently had someone tell me that they wouldn't invite anyone to our church, including family members, because the sermons aren't quite good enough. Instead, the time in church could be better spent focused on an iPhone or similar device with emails, texts, internet, etc., while a pastor preaches the word of God. It took a few days for what was said to really sink in and I was led to a few thoughts.

It seems to me that being unable to put away an electronic device for a sermon (unless following the Bible) is very self centered and disrespectful to the speaker. Not all sermons are home runs but time, prayer, a personal relationship with Christ, and biblical knowledge all play a part in the life of the person who has carefully prepared a sermon. Then oral delivery is required and some pastors are better at it than others. Regardless, we all have a responsibility as believers to be as engaged in the hearing the word of God as the pastor is in sharing it. Jesus frequently said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” Paul writes to the Romans in 10:17, “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.” Hearing requires attention.

Obviously, we want to have good sermons presented in our church. Concluding that a sermon is “good” or “not so good” is frequently in the ear of the beholder. Certainly, the sermonizing ability of a potential pastor will weigh heavily with the Pulpit Committee and membership when the time comes for a selection.

Many things, including the sermon, bring us to church. In Hebrews 10:23-25 the author writes, “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, **not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another**; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” The Bible makes clear that we are to be in fellowship with one another. In Matthew 18:20 Jesus says, “For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.” We are blessed when we gather in His name.

I invite people to our church to worship God and to be in fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ. When I receive feedback from visitors, I have never once heard about the sermon. The comments consistently focus on the love and friendliness they feel when they are among us. It takes the collective effort of all of us to reflect our love of God and love of neighbor.

When I leave church on Sunday I'm primarily remembering the smiles, hugs, handshakes, encouragement, and happy conversations with my brothers and sisters. During the week I can rarely recall the details of a sermon but what sticks with me is a pastor's heart for the Lord and his/her love of people. Our church is a wonderful body to be a part of and I encourage you to invite people to attend. The total experience is so much more than a sermon.

In His Service,  
Doug Dawson  
Deacon Chairman