

**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. We are excited about how God is working through our church and we would love to share the journey with you!

**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. 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 and have something for kids, baby through high school. 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. During the Sunday School hour, children up to 5th grade meet upstairs and middle and high school youth meet in Room 107 to grow in their relationship with Him. Children through fifth grade may remain in Children's Ministry while their caregiver worships during the 11:15 service.

**Bible Study //** The Bible is pretty awesome. We offer a wide-variety of Bible studies on Sunday morning for all ages. A brochure of these opportunities is at the Welcome Desk.

**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 //** Check out our website at [firstfrederick.org](http://firstfrederick.org) or find us on Facebook at [fb.com/firstfrederick](https://fb.com/firstfrederick).



**ATTENDANCE**

**Previous Sunday**

8:30 am Service	76
Sunday School	45
11:15 am Service/Lighthouse	30

**FINANCIALS**

	September	YTD thru September
Total Income	\$40,270.96	\$343,974.26
Total Expense	\$41,501.67	\$366,816.46
Total Building Income	\$1185	\$10,255
Total Building Expense	\$1185	\$10,255
Total Principal Income	\$1775	\$27,925
Total Principal Expense	\$1775	\$27,925

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
Week of October 27th

<b>Sunday</b>	
8:30 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School for all ages
11:15 am	Worship Service and Lighthouse
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:00 am	Circle Fellowship
<b>Wednesday</b>	
6:15 pm	Worship Choir Rehearsal
6:45 pm	Children's Mission Activities
6:45 pm	Bible Study

**Please Welcome Rev. Wayne Clark**

Wayne was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by First Baptist Church, El Cajon, CA. Wayne is currently employed as a Clinical Chaplain at Hospice of the Panhandle, Kearneysville, WV. He holds a Bachelor of Theology degree from Trinity College of the Bible, Newburgh, IN and Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior University, Albany, NY. Additionally, Wayne holds a Master of Arts degree in Biblical Studies from Southern California Seminary, El Cajon, CA and is a Board Certified Chaplain through Clinical Pastoral Education International. Wayne retired from the US Navy, after 23 years on active duty, at the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer. Following the Navy, Wayne has served in various ministry positions. At the human level, Wayne is a husband, father, step-father, great uncle, and caretaker to Mabel (dog) and Garfield (cat). He enjoys history, philosophy, theology, and all manner of geeky pursuits.

Friendly reminder that clocks should be set one hour back Sunday, November 3rd at 12:01 am.



As of September 30th, the church has made \$27,925 in principal only payments toward the church mortgage.

Thank you for your generous donations.



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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 Worship of God*

**October 27, 2024**

**8:30 AM**

Prelude	<i>Organ</i>	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
*Hymn #2	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	Congregation
*Hymn #573	<i>Set My Soul Afire Lord</i>	Congregation
Opening Prayer		Rev. Wayne Clark
Welcome and Greeting of Guests		
Greet One Another in the Love of Christ		
*Hymn #553	<i>I'll Tell The World That I Am A Christian</i>	Congregation
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	<i>Organ</i>	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
*Doxology		Congregation
Anthem	<i>Now And Forever More</i>	Worship Choir
Sermon	<i>Focus Matters</i> Matthew 6:25-34	Rev. Wayne Clark
Invitation to Christian Commitment		
*Hymn #305	<i>I Have Decided To Follow Jesus</i>	Congregation
*Benediction		
*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 Ministry Team and Their Families; Unity within Our Church Body; Little Lights Child Development Center; Church Deacons; Finance Committee; Personnel Committee; Nominating Committee; Pulpit Committee; Church Council; The Lighthouse Children's Ministry; Youth Group; Small Group Leaders; Joan and Bill Golliday's son and son-in-law; Sharon Rectanus' brother; Marsha Schonekas; Lucky Brittain; Ron and Jean Banta; Pat Hartman's son; W.R. Bryant; Faye Bevard and daughter; Gene and Phyllis Thomas; Rus and Yon Hwa Kuck; Pat and Dan Johns; Peter Vache; John Greene; Ron and Sonia Mallow; Janet Noffsinger's family; Barbara Wetzel; Santford and Janice Williams' family; The Krauss family; Liz Brady's niece, brother in law; Jon Hunt; Sandy Haller's family; 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.

## October Mission Project



During the month of October we are collecting donations for Monocacy Middle School and Catoctin High School.

For Monocacy Middle School, they have asked for donations of winter coats (sizes Youth XL-Adult XL) as well as hygiene supplies. The donated winter coats may be new or gently used. Please leave donations on the table next to the Welcome Desk.

For Catoctin High School, they are asking for monetary donations for the school to use to purchase supplies as needed. Please indicate on your offering envelope or the memo of your check the amount you would like to contribute to Catoctin High School. Thank you for your contributions to our local children!

## At Our Best

I first walked into First Baptist Church as a visitor in 2001. The church was located on Dill Avenue in the old building that was dedicated in 1923. I was warmly greeted that very first day and I felt very welcome. Though I didn't start out as a regular attender, I returned every few weeks and began to attend a small group and ultimately found a church home and family. I wasn't involved with the move to our current location on Bowers Road in 2008, but I can only imagine the prayer, faith, and work it took to make such a move.

From the history I've read about First Baptist Church, we're actually in our fourth building since being founded in 1905. As we all know, the church is not a building but the body of His children worshipping together and serving Him and others as the Holy Spirit leads. Our church has been through much in its 119-year history, and we are currently in a time of transition and change which is uncomfortable at times. Christ never promised anyone that following Him would be easy (John 16:33).

I sometimes wonder what vision the thirteen original founders had for First Baptist when they came together and formed His church in Frederick. As an aside, some of the founders' descendants are still members of our church. It's certain that the founders wanted a Baptist presence in their community and likely saw themselves and the congregation reaching out to the community and helping those in need. Though it's easy to turn inward in our current circumstances we have to remember that we are to be Light Unleashed. Christ charges us under His Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20).

Since volunteer time is finite, I have thought about what we have been doing when we are at our best and using that precious time in service to our Lord and His people. Any list, fortunately, can be long. When we're at our best we're:

- Planting churches. One example is Summit Trace Church that we planted in 1999. Summit Trace now worships in the building on Dill Avenue that we left.

- Serving food at the homeless shelter.

- Collectively leaving the building to intentionally serve our community. This was known as "The Church Leaves the Building" and small groups went to visit and serve the homeless, first responders, shut-ins, and those in nursing facilities. We haven't done this since before the pandemic.

- Delivering boxed meals to those in need.

- Filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

- Filling boxes for expectant mothers.

- Building beds for kids.

- Prayerfully knitting or crocheting shawls for those that are suffering illness.

- Visiting those in the hospital.

- Support of local and international missionaries.

- Providing backpacks with school supplies.

- Providing clothing during our clothing drive at Waverly Elementary.

- An intentional ministry of presence to those around us.

- Home visits or follow-up calls to our visitors.

This list is by no means inclusive, and I invite you to come up with your own. What gets you excited? We need ideas so that we can run with them. We won't long be remembered for our bureaucracy and organization, but we will forever be remembered for our love and the difference we have made in people's lives, especially to "the least of these" and to the so-called unlovable (Matthew 25:34-45).

In His Service,  
Doug Dawson  
Deacon

## Business Meeting



The church will hold a Business Meeting on November 3.

At the meeting, the Finance Committee will present the 2025 proposed budget and the Nominating Committee will present its report for 2025. Members are encouraged to attend. In accordance with the bylaws, the meeting will follow a combined worship service at 10 am. Sunday School classes may meet from 8:30-9:30 am.

## Deli on the Hill

Our monthly potluck dinner and fellowship will be on November 6th from 6:30-7:30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk.



⚡ FBC YOUTH IS HOSTING ⚡

# CHILI COOK-OFF

11-10-24      9:30AM - 12PM

Prize will be given for the best chili!

FBC Room Off the Kitchen  
Proceeds benefit the FBC Youth's Summer Mission Trip.




Please contact Mark Trice if you are interested in participating!

## Operation Christmas Child:

**Last day to drop off is November 24th**



Please see the displays in the Welcome Center to Spread the Good News Of Jesus Christ by packing a *Shoebox* for children around the world. Shoeboxes are available as well as information on what to pack in a shoebox.

Shoeboxes may be for a boy or girl in age ranges: 2-4; 5-9; and 10-14.

This year, you have the added option to assemble a box online. You can visit <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> to find out how to do that.

