

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 or find us on Facebook at fb.com/firstfrederick.



ATTENDANCE

Previous Sunday

8:30 am Service	59
Sunday School	68
11:15 am Service/Lighthouse	30

FINANCIALS

	October	YTD thru October
Total Income	\$55,950.53	\$399,956.83
Total Expense	\$38,356.69	\$404,923.15
Total Building Income	\$1215	\$11,470
Total Building Expense	\$1215	\$11,470
Total Principal Income	\$6000	\$33,925
Total Principal Expense	\$6000	\$33,925

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Week of November 3rd

Sunday	
8:30 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Worship Service
11:15 am	Business Meeting
Tuesday	
8:30 am	Circle Fellowship @ Denny's
Wednesday	
6:15 pm	Worship Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm	Deli on the Hill

Recently, the Trustees decided to secure a P.O. Box to receive sensitive and financial information. If you typically do bill pay through your bank or mail your giving directly to the church, please update the mailing address.

First Baptist Church
P.O. Box 1885
Frederick, Maryland 21702



As of October 31st, the church has made \$33,925 in principal only payments toward the church mortgage.

Thank you for your generous donations.



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Find us on Facebook!

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



The Worship of God

November 3, 2024

10:00 AM

Prelude	<i>Organ</i>	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
*Hymn #8	<i>"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"</i>	Congregation
Opening Prayer		Pastor Duke Jeffries
Welcome and Greeting of Guests		
Greet One Another in the Love of Christ		
Praise Hymns		Rich Cook
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	<i>Organ</i>	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
*Doxology		Congregation
Anthem		Worship Choir
Lectionary		
Sermon	<i>"Love Minus Zero—No Limit"</i>	Pastor Duke Jeffries
Communion		
Invitation to Christian Commitment		
*Hymn #		Congregation
*Benediction		Pastor Duke Jeffries
*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; 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.

Poinsettias

If you would like to order poinsettias to decorate the Worship Center, please fill out an order form with payment and place in the box at the Welcome Desk. Poinsettias may be dedicated in memory of, in honor of, or in appreciation of a loved one.

Poinsettias are \$10 and orders are due Sunday, November 24th.



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.



FROM PASTOR DUKE

“He (or She) Who Seeks, Finds”

“In **Luke** Jesus tells a strange story. At midnight an unexpected guest arrives. He is hungry, but you have nothing to feed him. So you go to the house of a friend to borrow some food. “Don’t bother me,” the friend says. “The door’s locked. The children are asleep. I can’t give you anything now. Go home.” But you keep on pestering him. You are so persistent that he finally gets up and gives you what you want.

Then Jesus adds, “For every one who asks, receives, and he who seeks, finds, and to him who knocks, it will be opened.” And His point seems to be that the secret of prayer is persistence. Keep at it, keep speaking into the darkness, and even if nothing comes, speak again, and then again. And finally the answer is given.

It may not be the kind of answer that we want – the kind of stop-gap peace, the kind of easy security, the kind of end to loneliness that we are apt to pray for. Christ never promises peace in the sense of no more struggle or suffering. Instead, He helps us to struggle and suffer as He did, in love, for one another.

Christ does not give us security in the sense of something in this world, some cause, some principle, some value, which is forever. Instead, He tells us that there is nothing in this world that is forever: all flesh is grass. Jesus does not promise us unlonely lives. His own life speaks loud of how, in a world where there is little love, love is often lonely. Instead of all those, the answer that He gives, I think, is Himself. If we go to Jesus for anything else, He may send us away empty, or He may not. But if we go to Jesus Christ for Himself, I believe that we go away always with the deepest of all our hungers filled. And we are satisfied.

Frederick Buechner: “I Shall Not Want” in Listening to Your Life

{Jesus said:} “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives, and he who seeks, finds, and to him who knocks, it will be opened.

“If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he be given a serpent? Or if he asks for an egg, will he be offered a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them who ask Him.”

Luke 11:9-13

⚡ 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.samaritanpurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> to find out how to do that.

