

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	80
Sunday School	69
11:15 am Service	37

FINANCIALS

	November	YTD thru November
Total Income	\$48,727.63	\$448,684.46
Total Expense	\$38,389.91	\$443,313.06
Total Building Income	\$1180	\$12,650
Total Building Expense	\$1180	\$12,650
Total Principal Income	\$45,000	\$78,925
Total Principal Expense	\$45,000	\$78,925

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Week of December 29th

Sunday 8:30 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School for all ages
11:15 am	Worship Service
Tuesday 9:00 am	Circle Church

Please Welcome

Reverend Anthony "T.O." Owens is an ordained minister serving as a Seminary Intern at First Baptist Church of Warrenton, Virginia. Married to his beautiful wife Susan Owens of 18 years. He retired from the United States Navy after 30 years of honorable service and is currently employed by the Logistics Management Institute (LMI) as a logistics and medical equipment consultant for the United States Army. Anthony earned a B.S. in Workforce Education Development, a B.A. in Health Care Management from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and a Master of Acquisition from American Graduate University. He is completing his Master of Theology (ThM) degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. He loves working with small groups or table groups, college and career-age young adults. He loves classic cars, and his favorite movie is "Dune." He desires to make disciples who heal and care for the soul with the Holy Spirit as our guide.



As of November 30th, the church has made \$78,925 in principal only payments toward the church mortgage.

Thank you for your generous donations.



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.

Ministry Team

Pastor Duke Jeffries	Interim Senior Pastor
Mark Trice	Director Student Ministry
Rachel Pyles	Director Children's Ministry
Maggie Jessop	8:30 Worship Leader
Rich Cook	11:15 Worship Leader
Janna Cansler	Office Manager
Marilyn Buchen	Organist
Sungheui Bae-Park	Pianist
Betsy Devilbiss	Chair of the Deacons

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The Worship of God

December 29, 2024

8:30 AM

Prelude	<i>Organ</i>	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
*Hymn #95	<i>Go Tell It On The Mountain</i>	Congregation
*Hymn #113	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	Congregation
Opening Prayer		Rev. Owens
Welcome and Greeting of Guests		
Greet One Another in the Love of Christ		
*Hymn #106	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	Congregation
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory		Ms. Marilyn Buchen
*Doxology		Congregation
Anthem	<i>Grace Alone</i>	Worship Choir
Lectionary		
Sermon	<i>Stay Focused Philippians 3:12-14</i>	Rev. Owens
Invitation to Christian Commitment		
*Hymn #285	<i>Wherever He Leads, I'll Go</i>	Congregation
*Benediction		Rev. Owens
*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.

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

After a break for Christmas, New Year’s Day, and the first ***Deli on the Hill*** of 2025, we shall meet again on January 15 to begin a new 6-week Wednesday night study. Which of the following do you find most intriguing?

In the Footsteps of the Saviour (Max Lucado) Filmed in the Holy Land, we reflect on how and why Jesus ministered in six different locations in Roman-occupied Palestine.

The Parables of Jesus (Matt Williams) Also filmed in the Holy Land, six different theologians offer insights into some of Jesus’ *best-known* and also some of His *LEAST* known parables.

Another Gospel? (Alisa Childers) Understanding AND challenging the *pervasive* message of “progressive Christianity” which stands against historic Christian orthodoxy.

Interested? Please sign up – and make your preference known – at the Information Desk in the narthex.

Reminder - FBC DEACON ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning January 5, 2025, the church will have Sunday School and small group meetings from 9:30-10:30 AM with a single service starting at 11:00 AM.

We know that this is not ideal for many members of First Baptist, however through discussion and prayer we have concluded that this is the best course for the time being. Obviously, this new schedule may affect routine norms for many of you, but we ask that you please be understanding as we continue working with our committees to fill the vacancies and needs that our church has.

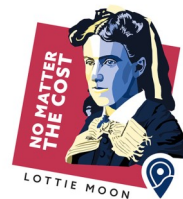
We hope to eventually return to our original worship services but moving forward this is the course that we believe will best serve the needs of the congregation.

Thank you for your attention.
Your Deacons at FBC

Mission Project

Lottie Moon

The Missions Committee has set a goal of raising \$3,000 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. This is one of the ways our church can help fulfill the Great Commission. We will collect monies for this offering through January 12th.



Volunteers for Diaper Bank

GC3 Diaper Bank is a ministry of GC3 Church right here in Frederick. GC3 Diaper Bank is a ministry founded in June 2023 that seeks to provide diapers to those who are struggling to afford them. Their goal is to bring hope to the hopeless and serve Christ by meeting a big need of families in our community. They are in need of 12-15 volunteers at each distribution, which are held twice a month, 4:30pm to 7pm on first and third Thursday nights each month. As a small church family, they are tapped for volunteer resources, and are constantly in need of more help from the greater Frederick community.

They are also more than happy to sign off for anyone in need of volunteer hours.

Let's give them a hand and help fill their volunteer slots for January and February! Please contact Daphne Matthews at daphne_engr@yahoo.com for a sign up link if you are interested in volunteering.



Deli on the Hill

The next Deli on the Hill will be Wednesday, January 8 from 6:30-7:30 pm. It will be a potluck dinner and a sign-up is available at the Welcome Desk.



Giving Envelopes

If you need giving envelopes for 2025, please place your name on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk.

Giving Statements

Please email the office if you need a giving statement for 2024. Janna Cansler can be reached at office@firstfrederick.org



Year End Giving

Any final tithes should be dropped off in the office by 10 am on December 31st. Thank you for your generosity.

Placing Church Needs First

As we approach a new year, I reflect on the many blessings from our Lord that we experienced as His church in 2024. We have been blessed with our Interim Pastor Duke Jeffries and his wife Sandra for nearly a year now. We continue to remain focused on Jesus and His Word and are together. We have basically maintained our attendance and are holding our own financially. We continue to have eager volunteers and vibrant committees doing His work both inside and outside of our doors. And we are blessed to have **your** ministry of presence! Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:20, “For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.” The author of Hebrews says, “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 (Hebrews 10:24-25). Though 2024 had its challenges (as every year does), indeed, it has been a very good year! Thanks be to God!

On Sunday, January 5, 2025, we will substantially change our worship schedule and go to a single blended service from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM with small groups meeting from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. First Baptist Church has not regularly had a blended service for a number of years and this change in time and worship style will likely have its challenges going forward. Most of us get used to a regular routine and enjoy what we have. Prior to Covid, we couldn’t have imagined the changes that the pandemic caused us to become accustomed to such as social distancing, a single service (alternating traditional and contemporary styles from week to week), and virtual meetings (which we are still doing at times). The fact is, we put our personal preferences aside out of necessity and for the good of the church collective. Your church leadership prayerfully came to the conclusion that our future is dependent on attracting new members, especially younger people, and that an 8:30 AM service is difficult for young adults with children to regularly attend. Thus, we are going forward with the new schedule. No one knows in advance how it will work out but I pray that we love each other with patience and kindness (1 Corinthians 13:4) as we effect this change with our Lord’s guidance.

Though we may be comfortable in our current routines and respective worship styles (traditional or contemporary), we need to put our personal comfort and preferences behind the greater good of His church as we go into this new year. Change is difficult and can be uncomfortable but we must put God and the needs of His church first behind our personal wants. I look forward to 2025 and know there will be both challenges and opportunities requiring prayer and flexibility to follow God’s guidance.

As we come to the end of the current year and see the new one ahead, I pray that we take the time to reflect on our many collective and individual blessings. I wish everyone a very happy New Year!

Deacon Doug Dawson



There will be a special called business meeting on the 12th of January for consideration of the Bylaw Review Committee’s recommendation to the church, as was moved and approved at the regular November business meeting. Copies of the proposed changes are available at the Welcome Desk.