

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	
Sunday School	68
11:00 am Children's Ministry	15
Worship Service	78

FINANCIALS

	January	YTD thru January
Total Income	38,080	38,080
Total Expense	56,606	56,606
Total Building Income	840	840
Total Principal Income	2750	2750

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Week of February 16th

Sunday
 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday
 9:00 am Circle Fellowship

Wednesday
 6:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal
 6:45 pm Bible Study

Upcoming Events

3/5 6:30 Deli on the Hill meet w/Pastor Moenich
 3/9 Special Business Meeting for Calling of Pastor

The Frederick School of Religion convenes for its 41st year **March 3rd**. The School is an ecumenical teaching organization that provides a '*Learning for Life*' experience. This year's school consists of 6 courses which cover a broad range of topics appealing to diverse faith groups. The **location** is Beth Sholom, 1011 N. Market St., Frederick, MD 21701. **These courses** will be offered on consecutive Monday and Tuesday afternoons and the evenings from March 3rd through April 8th. Each 6-week long course is eligible for up to 1.2 Continuing Education Units. For more information and registration forms, you may visit our website www.frederickschoolofreligion.org or call 240-651-1865 or 240-490-5657.

Some of the courses available:

Jesus' Secret Teachings

What were the secret teachings of Jesus? We will examine the texts of the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Mary Magdalene, the Gospel of Judas, the Gospel of Philip and the Gospel of Truth.

The Mass, Sacred Words Set to Music

In this class we will listen to and discuss Masses written over the last seven centuries, from the earliest extant Mass composed in the 1400s by Guillaume de Machaut to contemporary composer John Rutter's "Mass of the Children."

How the Hebrew Bible was Formed

Did you know that the Hebrew Bible contains not one but two *different* accounts of Noah's Ark; Jacob being renamed Israel; Abram passing Sarai on; two different creation stories? This course will examine the present state of research into the formation and development of the Hebrew Bible.

Judaism, Jewish Peoplehood, and the Land of Israel

Together we will explore the historic connection between the Land of Israel and the Jewish people as well as the religious significance of this relationship. We will study sources that take us on a journey from the Biblical era through the centuries until we arrive at our modern age.



Through January 2025, the church has made \$2,750 in principal only payments toward the church mortgage. Thank you for your generous donations.

For 2024 Giving Statements please email Office@FirstFrederick.org



Ministry Team

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

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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

February 16, 2025

11:00 AM

Prelude	Organ	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
*Hymn #39	"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"	Congregation
*Hymn #231	"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"	Congregation
Opening Prayer		Pastor Duke Jefferies
Welcome and Greeting of Guests		
Greet One Another in the Love of Christ		
*Hymn (on screen)	"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"	Congregation
Offertory Prayer		Pastor Duke Jefferies
Offertory		Ms. Marilyn Buchen
*Doxology		Congregation
Anthem	"Take My Life"	Worship Choir
Sermon		Pastor Duke Jefferies
Invitation to Christian Commitment		
*Hymn of Invitation #416	"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"	Ms. Marilyn Buchen
*Benediction		Pastor Duke Jefferies
*Response of Fellowship	"To God Be The Glory"	Congregation

Go Forth to Serve

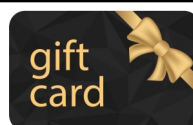
* Those who are able to stand, please stand



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; Lucky Brittain; Ron and Jean Banta; W.R. Bryant; Faye Bevard and daughter; Gene and Phyllis Thomas; Rus and Yon Hwa Kuck; Pat and Dan Johns; John Greene; Ron and Sonia Mallow; Janet Noffsinger’s family; Barbara Wetzel; Santford and Janice Williams’ family; The Krauss family; Liz & Tom Brady; Jon Hunt; Sandy Haller’s family; Linda Collins; Bob Pendergraft; Kristen Torre and Jonathan Alexander; 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.

Mission Project

Help with Recreation Passes and Gift Cards



We are seeking to provide recreation passes and gift cards for families to use during visitation between children in foster care and their parents. We can offer families the opportunity to connect outside of the Frederick County DSS agency, giving families a sense of normalcy. Here are some examples of places in the Frederick area that would be a great visitation option: Adventure Park, Me Land, Fourth Dimension, Z Bounce/Z Planet in FSK mall, Tree Trekkers, I Made This, Hot Fired Arts, Urban Air, Skate Frederick, Chuck E Cheese, The Boulder Yard, Clue IQ: An Escape Room Experience, Escape This Frederick, Frederick Keys Baseball, Green Meadows Petting Farm, Spinners Pinball Arcade, Surelocked In Escape Games, Walkersville Southern Railroad, and Warehouse Cinemas. Please leave gift cards in the designated box on the table next to the Welcome Desk.

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.



Pulpit Committee

The Pulpit Committee has unanimously selected Don Moenich to be called to lead FBC Frederick as Senior Pastor. We feel the Holy Spirit is strong within him. Don presents the Bible as written and demonstrates incredible knowledge of the Bible. He shows commitment to his community and together with his wife they have grown churches in the past and even birthed a new one from the church growth they've experienced.

With Don as our choice, we will be getting a team. Don's wife, Liz, works full-time for an online university and together they have begun ministries to help people in their communities. We expect them to do the same for our community. Don is energetic and a great communicator. He is the only candidate who had specific ideas and a super passion to grow the congregation and community at large. Finally, Don will not be bi-vocational (this would be his only job where he will be a .80 or 4/5th-time pastor with the prayerful plan to be a full-time pastor in 12-18 months). Both he and Liz will plan to move into the community if appointed and can begin working within a reasonable timeframe.

Finally, we reviewed over two dozen resumes and interviewed six good candidates. We had three fill the pulpit and submit to second interviews. We did a Credit/Criminal Background check on the final three candidates. The committee debated the pros and cons on each candidate and while we found favor with all three candidates, we are convicted that Don Moenich is the right person for FBC at this time.

We have invited Pastor Don to Deli on the Hill on March 5th at 6:30p.m. Please stop by to meet him and his wife Liz. Remember to bring a dish.

Pastor Don will be preaching again on March 9th.

EMPLOYMENT

NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH (Apple Valley, California) July 2023 - August 2024
Lead Pastor
PALO VERDE BAPTIST CHURCH (Palo Verde, Arizona) October 2014 - March 2020
Lead Pastor
NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (school of 1,600) Phoenix, AZ Director of Curriculum and Instruction K-12th 2012-2015, K-5th 2018-2023 (Part Time)
Alhambra School District Phoenix, AZ Teacher Title One Coordinator / Academic Coach 1991-2011

OTHER MINISTRIES STARTED by Pastor Don

Started Good News Clubs in Public Schools in Gila Bend, AZ • Weekly Worship Service on Tribal Land (church attendance grew 300% in one year) in Gila Bend • Began Young Life Club at Gila Bend High School • Participated in a Homeless Park Church Ministry for 6 Months in downtown Phoenix, Arizona.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Phoenix Seminary Phoenix, AZ 2007 Master of Arts in Biblical Leadership
University of Phoenix Phoenix, AZ 1993 English as a Second Language Endorsement

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING NOTICE

A Special Business Meeting will be held on March 9th after service for the calling of a Pastor.

FROM PASTOR DUKE

KOINONIA PART 1 of 2

Christian community thrives when all the members of the congregation are “on the same page” in matters of worship, learning, growing, loving and serving one another as they are instructed and exhorted in Holy Scripture by their pastors and teachers (**Ephesians 4:11:14**). The unity that results is captured in the Greek term transliterated in the New Testament as *koinonia*, which can be defined as “fellowship or communion with God and with one another”.

Koinonia runs deeper than mere comradery, and is more complex and demanding than mere church membership. *Koinonia* is the essential unity of believers: the result of the biblical truth that every authentic Christian is baptized into the body of Christ – the Church – by the Holy Spirit who indwells all of us. This Spirit-enabled unity is, if you will, also a gift of the Spirit. But like all spiritual gifts, it must be energized by the will of its recipient. *Koinonia* will stop being just a documented biblical truth and start being a vital, life-changing personal *experience* in the local church only when the members of that church – by reason of their collective and individual *wills* – release the Spirit’s power in *acts* of Christian community.

The very first church, which came together after the apostle Peter’s famous sermon on the Day of Pentecost (**Acts 2:1-41**), provides a striking example of *koinonia* in practice, as recorded later in the Book of **Acts**:

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- **Acts 2:42-47** NIV



Praise and Worship

Welcome to Lori Williamson who is leading us for our Praise song today, “Wonderful, Merciful Savior” Lori shared her talents previously with us in 2024 along side the Praise team.