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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 -7 PM Adult Choir Rehearsals Restart	3	4	5
6 - Regular Schedule - No Lighthouse Harbor	7 -Office & Walking Track Closed for Labor Day	8	9 - 6 PM Youth Kick-off	10	11	12
13 - Regular Schedule - 7 PM Deacons Meeting	14	15	16 - 6 PM Children's Kick-off	17	18	19
20 - Regular Schedule - 6 PM Business Meeting - 7 PM Christmas Choir Bonus Rehearsal	21 - 2 PM-7 PM Blood Drive	22	23 - 6 PM AWANA Begins	24	25	26
27 - Regular Schedule - 4 PM Church Picnic	28	29	30	Regular Schedule: Sundays Worship Services at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 6 p.m. Bible Studies at 9:15 a.m. Lighthouse Harbor Kids Worship Service (Ages 4—Grade 3) at 10:30 a.m.		

But wait... there's more!

Find more information about upcoming events, schedules, and ministries on our website at www.farmingtonfbc.org.



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NEWS & VIEWS

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In His Time

By: Pastor Greg Robinson

On that glorious day when I stand in Heaven before the majesty of the Almighty, there is only one question I'm going to ask: "Why, O Lord, in Your omnipotent wisdom, did You make everything that is bad for you taste so good?" You and I both know that God doesn't actually operate that way, but let's be honest, friends - the struggle is real. I can often relate to the Apostle Paul when he wrote in Romans 7:18, "For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out." We all struggle when it comes to doing the things we know we ought to do. As followers of Christ, we know that we should have enough commitment and discipline to do what it right and necessary even when it is neither easy nor convenient.

There is a huge difference between our struggles with sin and our struggles with self-discipline. While I don't want to gloss over the extremely important topic of breaking free from sin, I realize that many of us struggle just as much, if not more, with self-discipline. For example, we all desire to have deeper prayer lives, stronger faith, and a greater knowledge of God's Word, and we know what actions we should take to achieve these things, but too often we fail with our follow through. Why do you think we struggle in such ways? Personally, I believe it has a lot to do with our extreme dislike of something called delayed gratification.

We love when something is gratifying but our sinful nature tends to make us only think about instant gratification and to shun paying attention to delayed gratification. We'll eat that chocolate doughnut covered in sprinkles because it makes us happy now and avoid thinking about the long-term implications. We will walk right past that person who needs our prayers simply because it messes up our schedule or because we fear being rebuked. What does it matter that taking those five minutes to stop and pray might have sown the seed that later resulted in salvation? It's so easy to tell ourselves that we'll worry about the consequences tomorrow just so we can enjoy the momentary pleasure of doing what is easy today.

In case you've forgotten, Jesus warned against living this kind of life. In fact, the life and teachings of our Savior show us that God's plan for His children is one that includes embracing the practice of delayed gratification.

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (Luke 9:23, ESV)

Learning to follow Christ is also about learning to say no to what is easy and convenient. This thought may turn a lot of people off from wanting to live a life for Jesus, but what we often overlook is the implied joy and gratification that will come from following the footsteps of our Savior. Even in simple things like trying to live a healthier lifestyle, our approach should be one that turns away from the instant gratification to await the gratification that God will bring in His time.

Blessings!

In this edition:

- "Reaching Kids for Christ" -Mark Phillips
- "A Great Man, a Great Design, and a Great Cause"
- "Save Lives" -Nancy Bullis
- "A Light Still Shines" -Kevin Willis

Upcoming Highlights



Reaching Kids for Christ By: Mark Phillips

I am sure by now you have heard the news that FBC Kids will be switching to the Awana program on Wednesday nights. This announcement has created a lot of excitement from kids and adults alike. This will bring significant change to Wednesday nights here at First Baptist, Farmington. I know there are, and have been, a lot of questions as to why the change is happening. The explanation boils down to kids. We want to reach more kids for Christ and this program helps us do that in a Biblical way.

Awana is a program that gets kids excited about learning the Bible. Each week, kids will be learning memory verses and working in their books to achieve goals through the Awana program. Awana can help kids learn about the Bible, memorize verses and make them lifelong learners in Biblical concepts. The kids will work at their own pace through the process because above all, we want them to learn and remember instead of just learning and forgetting. Kids will be working with adults every week who will track their progress and make connections with them that will last a lifetime. The Awana program allows for each church to customize the program based on the needs of the church. This allows our church to keep music as part of our Awana program. We will also be providing the benefit of continued missions awareness through the process and possibly through our Sunday teaching. Kids will work in small groups, have a big group Bible lesson each week, learn music and will also be allowed to have some game and recreation time. Throughout this process, there is also a home component that kids will be doing to get their parents involved. The at home component is exciting because it could lead to parents taking a more active role in the church and in what their kids are doing while they are here. The outreach for this ministry is incredible and the excitement to reach kids and families is one that I am completely looking forward to for our church.

The Awana program takes a lot of volunteers. We have had many people sign up and are already receiving the training they need to be an Awana leader or volunteer. I am very appreciative of all who have given me their names. We always need more volunteers. Just listening to a student read and recite his or her memory verses is an important component of the program. You may not be able to teach or want to lead, but you can certainly listen to kids and make connections with them. We will have our big kick-off celebration on Wednesday night, September 16 from 6-8 p.m. The first night of Awana will be on Wednesday, September 23 with the same time each week from 6-8 p.m. Will you join us? Will you pray for us and the kids? Will you help? We need all these things as we strive to meet the needs of not only our kids here at First Baptist, Farmington but also in our community. There are kids out there that need to be reached for Christ. And, if they need reaching, why shouldn't it be us that reaches them? I am excited about where this program could take us in the future. I ask that you bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews and anyone else that you can think of to join us at Awana. We will be having some community outreach, but we want to make sure our kids are coming in order to have the overall success that I believe this program will give us as a church. Please think about how you can help us and how we can help our kids!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Ethel Gross, Ed & Bessie Thomure, Roy & Bonnie Robinson, Sandy Gallaher, Dorothy, Vickie Tiefenauer, Kim Pain, Carol DeClue, Virginia Chapman

IN MEMORIAM

David Francis Rascher, Milton Peek, Irene Frohock, Alvin Nipper Jr., Beverly Stephens, Elaine Bone, Larry Ferguson, Clara Janette Hale

CONGRATULATIONS TO

- Matt & Tracy Stroud on the birth of their son, Ezekiel Noel Stroud
- Joy Marshall and Mike & Carolyn Howard on the birth of their grandson/great-grandson, Beckett Xavier Brigrance



Phil's design not only wowed the judges and won 1st Place at Camelot, but he won Overall 1st Place out of all the designs sent in by 24 different nursing homes! Not only will his design be featured on the t-shirt this year, but Phil also was awarded two certificates and a medal for his work. Camelot was also presented with the 1st Annual Design for Life trophy for submitting the winning t-shirt design.

We are proud of Phil for not only his great design, but all of the work for the Lord he and Glenna have done over the years at First Baptist! For more information about purchasing a t-shirt with Phil's winning design and supporting the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, contact Preferred Hospice at 573-756-9800.



Give Life By: Nancy Bullis



Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood for things like surgeries, chronic illnesses, cancer treatments, and traumatic injuries. A single car accident can require as many as 100 units of blood. Only 3% of the people in the U.S. donate blood, and one donation can potentially save three lives.

Join with First Baptist Church on September 21 from 2-7 p.m. and donate blood. There is an increased need for donations at this time, because with COVID-19 increasing in the U.S., it is more important to maintain an adequate blood supply.

To make an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS or use the blood donor app at RedCrossBlood.org. You will need to bring a donor card or driver's license, be 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in generally good health.

The donation takes about an hour. Donors can also save up to 15 minutes by completing a RapidPass online. This will enable them to finish the reading and health history and should be done on the day of the drive at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass.

At a time when we may feel that we don't have control over what's going on in our lives, donating blood is an easy and safe thing to do for the benefit of others. If you are unable to donate, give this information to someone who can.

The Red Cross currently requires all donors to wear a mask during the donation process and will use a thermometer to check each donor for fever before being allowed to enter the drive.

A Light Still Shines By: Kevin Willis

"A Light Still Shines" is a dynamic and musically diverse Christmas Musical coming to First Baptist Church of Farmington on Saturday and Sunday evenings, December 19 and 20, 2020. Make plans now to join us for this powerful worship event!

We will rehearse the choral music in Adult Choir on Wednesday evenings. Bonus Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin on September 20 after evening worship at 7:00 p.m. for anyone interested in singing for the musical. Rehearsal and listening CDs are available for pick up in the choir room.



YOUR GIFTS AT WORK



As we wrap up our fiscal year at the end of September, we are blessed to look back at all the work your gifts have done in the past year. God truly uses our gifts to advance His Kingdom.

You proudly supported missions with donations to Operation Christmas Child, youth mission trip, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Christmas baskets, and more.

Your gifts also have us on track to pay off the loan on our newest building edition early, which has hosted countless events, functions, and outreach to our community.

Your gifts have also blessed those in need in our local community from gas vouchers to homeless assistance and pregnancy/newborn resources to youth outreach.

God has used your gifts in big and small ways, but all of his ways have been mighty works.

*Amount reflects both General Fund and Designated Gifts



FRIENDLY FACES OF FBC

Meet Rebecca Bales!

Rebecca, Becky, can be found serving in many areas of the church such as teaching 3rd Grade Sunday School, helping on Counting Team, running worship service slides on the Visual Media Team, sharing the love of Jesus with the littlest of our church family as a Nursery volunteer, and currently, keeping our facilities safe and disinfected with our 8 a.m. service Cleaning Crew. She is incredibly kind to all and has a servant's heart both in church activities and out of church!

THANK YOU NOTES

"You'll never know how much I appreciate your church allowing us to borrow your bells."

-Sharron Archer

"I wanted to write to your church to express what a wonderful job your church youth mission team did... Your adults and young people were not only willing to spend the week getting hot and dirty, but you were willing to spend time guiding children during our Saturday Children's Day Camp. My heart was warmed by the students volunteering to do whatever needed to be done."

-Phillip Rector, Gasconade Valley Baptist Association

To read more of our thank yous for this month, visit our "Thank You Board" located outside of the sanctuary in the foyer.

YOU ARE INVITED!

To a baby shower honoring Will & Sarah Fletcher, as they welcome baby Emmett Leo on Sunday, September 13 at 2 p.m. in the Conference Center.

They are blessed with a church family so large, that they can't get mail invitations out to everyone they would like to celebrate with.

Their registry can be found at <https://www.babylist.com/sarah-fletcher-registry>.