

NEWS & VIEWS

April 2021

APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regular Schedule: Sundays Worship Services at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 6 p.m. Bible Studies/Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Lighthouse Harbor Kids Worship Service (Ages 4—Grade 3) at 10:30 a.m.				1	2	3
4 Easter@FBC -Regular Schedule -No Lighthouse Harbor -No 6 PM Service	5	6	7 -6 PM AWANA, Ignite Student Worship, & Prayer Group	8	9	10
11 -Regular Schedule -6 PM Deacon & Minister Ordination Service	12	13	14 -6 PM AWANA, Ignite Student Worship, & Prayer Group	15 -Men's Trout Tournament Ends	16	17
18 -Regular Schedule	19	20	21 -6 PM AWANA, Ignite Student Worship, & Prayer Group	22	23 -6 PM Trivia Night	24 - 8:30 AM Men's Shooting Range Day
25 -Regular Schedule	26 - 2 PM Blood Drive	27	28	29	30	

But wait... there's so much more!

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

Signs of Hope

By: Pastor Greg Robinson

While on my drive to church this morning, I noticed something, a very small something, that brought me a great deal of joy. I'm not sure what drew my eye to this easily missed thing, but once I noticed it, I couldn't stop noticing it. What was this thing, you ask? It was the very top branches of the trees I was passing on the road. I know that doesn't sound like a very special thing, but let me explain. At the time I write this, we are just barely past the toughest days of winter. The last of the large snow piles have only recently melted away and we're still experiencing overnight lows near or below freezing. A clear sign that Spring isn't here quite yet are all the bare branches on the trees. However, if you look really close (which I did) you'll notice those high up branches are showing the very first signs of the life that will burst forth in a few weeks time. There's no green yet, but you can tell it's coming. For me, this was a wonderful sign of hope.

This past year has been one of the toughest and most demanding years I have ever faced, and I know that I'm not alone in feeling that way. There have been times when I wanted to shout to God, "When will this be over!" I've wanted our lives, including the life of our church, to be back to normal, but circumstances have kept that from happening. However, over the past couple of months, I've noticed some things that have brought me a great deal of joy and hope for the future.

In January, I preached on the theme "Gather In" where I focused on the importance of "not getting out of the habit of meeting together." (Heb. 10:25) Over that month I saw, to my great delight, increased attendance in our worship services. In February it was "Get Ready" as we spent time learning how to "take hold of that for which Christ Jesus has taken hold of me." (Phil. 3:12) During that time, not only did our worship attendance continue climbing upwards, but we relaunched our Sunday School program along with other small group Bible study classes and the response has been fantastic. During the month of March we focused on missions and being "witnesses to Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Act 1:8) with our theme "Go Out." Once again, I saw that God was blessing this effort as more and more people began to realize how they too can be involved in the glorious adventure of bringing Christ to the world.

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Upcoming Highlights



While I will boast in these things (although any boasting I do must be in the Lord, for He has done it all) I will say that we've not yet arrived at our goal. We are still experiencing some of the harsh effects of what we've faced over the past twelve months. However, I love these signs of hope. I love seeing God stir the hearts of our people and how He is preparing us to not only come back from this, but to be even stronger in the days ahead.

Before I conclude, let me share with you a couple of very important dates. First is Sunday, April 4 which is Easter Sunday! On that day we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We didn't get to have the big celebration last year, so let's make this year the best yet! I hope you will commit to not only be here for that service but to invite others to join you. Then, just one week later, on April 11, we will have a special "Vision Casting" Sunday. This will be a day where I bring together the themes of "Gather In. Get Ready. Go Out." and share with you a goal that will launch us into the days ahead. I'm so excited to share this with you, so I hope you will make plans to attend.

Friends, God is moving. He is showing us glorious signs of hope for what is to come. Don't miss out!

Blessings!
Pastor Greg

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Security at Church By: Dave Watson

When you hear of an incident occurring at a church in the news, everyone is stunned, shocked, and surprised that evil has visited his or her church. The most common comment is, "I cannot believe it happened here!"

After all, nobody ever thinks bad things will come their way, or they think God will protect their church. The unfortunate truth is that bad things do happen to good people, and the predators in our society know Christians are welcoming, friendly, and ill prepared for violence. God's expectation is that we recognize the dangers we face, and take prudent action to minimize threats against us, protect our children, and protect life.

Nehemiah 4:9 "But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat."

There are four areas we cover as a security team. Most important is the nursery and children's area, then the parking lots, sanctuary and welcome center.

Join our team. We're not looking for root'n, toot'n, pistol pack'n tough guys with attitudes, but caring servants who will sacrifice an hour or two a month to watch and observe. Interested in knowing more? Call Dave Watson at (573) 760-4152.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rita Nadine, Virginia Chapman, Helouise Ferguson, Sandra Nickens, Bonnie Allen, Bridget Peeler, Dorothy Nickens, Russell Leek, Abbi Thurman, Darrell Griffin, Eileen Bax, Don Vieth, Vernice Wade, Freda Brewer, Chuck Henson

IN MEMORIAM

Norma Wright, Virginia Chapman, Donna White, Jimmie McCarver, Harold Worley, Fern Johnson

Trivia Night By: Mark Phillips

The past year has been difficult for everyone. The same can be said for our children at Farmington FBC. With this in mind, I am excited to tell everyone that we are, again, going to kid's camp at Eagle Sky this summer. The date has been set and we are actively working towards getting our kids ready. The date for Eagle Sky Camp will be May 31-June 5.

Several of our students have gone in the past to this camp and they can tell you that the experience is not like any other kid's camp. Eagle Sky is a great camp that caters to the needs of all kids and works to strengthen their relationship to Christ. This summer, the kids will be in brand new cabins, worship and eating areas. The new kid's section will be open for business!

The FBC Kid's ministry is going to be having several fundraising opportunities for kids to help offset costs. The biggest fundraiser is our annual trivia night. This year, the trivia night will be April 23 at 6 p.m. We are asking that teams get ready for a great night of trivia. We are going to also have an auction. The auction will include desserts made by some of our FBC kids who are going to camp. There will be a time during the trivia night for the auction to take place. Even if you are not into trivia, please consider coming and bidding on one of our kid's favorite desserts. The proceeds will go to support kid's camp for the summer.



The youth will be joining us this year and will be raising money for their mission trip. What better way to invest into the lives of our children than to send them to a camp that loves them and presents the gospel, a meaningful mission trip, along with a lot of fun! Sign up your team for Trivia Night by calling the church office, on the bulletin outside the church office, or on our church website. Thank you in advance for your continued support for our kids and youth and our ministry teams.

Wall of Gifts By: Jason Welker



For the entire month of April, we are bringing back our Wall of Gifts to raise financial support for our Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans and our Children's Camp at Eagle Sky. Both trips will take place this summer. Here's how it works: The wall will have multiple envelopes with different money amounts written on them. If you wish to make a donation, take the envelop that represents the amount that you want to donate, and fill the envelop with that amount. Then, drop the envelope in the donation container. Even if the amount you want to donate is already taken, you can grab a blank envelop and write in any amount you want to give!

The great thing about the Wall of Gifts is that every donation counts! Whether you are able to donate \$1,000, \$100, or even \$1, you get to support our youth and children ministries! Our goal through the Wall of Gifts and other fundraising activities this season, is to raise \$5,000 for the youth, and \$5,000 for the Children for a total of \$10,000! The Wall of Gifts is located on the brick wall in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Church Office. Thank you in advance for your support!

O&EE22 By: Kevin Willis

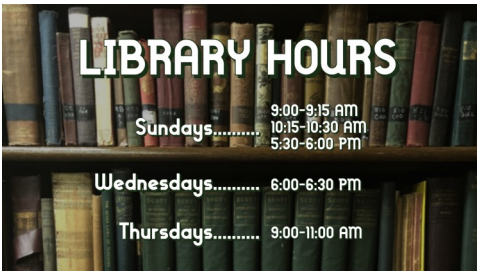
It's been almost 7 years since FBC Farmington's last Choir Tour and Mission Trip. The wait is over. I would like to share all the specific details of an amazing opportunity that our music ministry here at FBC Farmington will be undertaking in the summer of 2022, but since this information is "classified top secret" I am not at liberty to give any details other than "O&EE22." I can, however, say with confidence that this Choir Tour and Mission Trip will be life changing for those who choose to go as well as those who we will engage with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I will be sharing all the details and revealing the trip destination at the launch meeting on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00pm in the choir room. If you are interested in any way on being involved in a trip like this, then join me that night as I share all that God has in store for us through this trip. For singers and non-singers.



FBC Farmington Music Ministry
Choir Tour and Mission Trip

Official Launch Meeting
Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00PM



YOUR GIFTS AT WORK



Thank you for your generous gifts so far in 2021! Your gifts go to support so many ministries, outreaches, and missions of our church.

One of the most recent use of gifts to support the work of our church was the recent approval at a business meeting in January to purchase new sound and livestreaming equipment. We are now in the process of installing that equipment. The upgrades will help us better serve our church members who join us online while they are unable to join us in person, and increase our outreach to people across the country and even across the world.

Keep an eye out for upcoming changes to our Sunday morning service livestream at 10:30 a.m. each week on Facebook and Youtube Live to see the work that God does through our tithes and offerings!

*Amount reflects both General Fund and Designated Gifts



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Meet Linda Stewart!

Linda loves to share the love of Jesus with the littlest members of our church, our children's ministries. She volunteers with many of our children's groups including, children's Sunday School, Lighthouse Harbor Mission Sundays, and Vacation Bible School. She also faithfully organizes the chaos of our children's resource room. Linda also enjoys attending women's Bible studies. Thank you Linda for all the hard work you do and how you exemplify a faithful servant of Christ in all you do!

THANK YOU NOTES

"Thank you so much for the memorial gift to the Children's Home in my mother, Charlotte Medley's, honor."
-Pat & Dave Watson

"Thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers during Sonny's illness and after he passed."
-Sandy Wells

"Thank you for the contribution to the Baptist Home in our dad's memory... Thank you for the delicious meal you prepared for our family..."
-Eddie Thomure Family

"Thank you for the memorial in mom's name to the Baptist Home..."
-John Hanger

"We enjoyed the "Meals of Love" ... Thank you for your thoughtfulness"
-Bill & Ruth Ann Blasé

"I want to thank you all for the meal and praying for me."
-Wilma Bray

"Thank you all for giving me a plate of love."
-Kathryn Green

"Thank you for the lovely lunch..."
-Don & Joyce Alexander

"Thank you for the thoughtfulness of the meal..."
-Jim & Nancy Bullis

"Thank you so much for the 'Meals of Love.'"
-Joyce & Ed Crouch

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