

MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 -Regular Schedule -No Lighthouse Harbor - 11:30 AM VBS Preview Day	3	4	5 -5 PM Fellowship Meal -6 PM AWANA Pinewood Derby, Ignite Student Wor- ship, & Prayer Group	6	7	1 8 - 3 PM Canvas Painting Party
9 -Regular Schedule -10:30 AM Baby Dedication	10	11	12 -6 PM AWANA Musical, Ignite Student Worship, & Prayer Group	13	14	15
16 -Regular Schedule	17 -7 PM Baccalaureate Service	18	19 -6 PM AWANA, Ignite Student Worship, & Prayer Group	20	21	22
23 -Regular Schedule - 9:15 AM Graduation Breakfast	24	25	26 -6 PM AWANA Celebration, Ignite Student Worship, & Prayer Group	27	28	29
30 -Regular Schedule	31 - FBC Kids leave for Eagle Sky Christian Camp	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.				

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

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

NEWS & VIEWS

May 2021

Do Cats Go To Heaven?

By: Pastor Greg Robinson

Recently, my wife and boys took a trip back to Texas to see family, leaving me to fend for myself for nine days. I'm proud to say that upon their return, the house was still standing and I hadn't gotten into too much trouble. However, their absence did provide a new and unique challenge for me. As some of you may know, about a year ago we adopted two cats. It was NOT my idea. I think I've made it quite clear that I'm a dog person, for it's a well known fact that all dogs go to Heaven. As for cats, well...

I had agreed to getting the cats under one condition, which is that I wouldn't be responsible for taking care of them. I help out quite a lot around the house but I'm also extremely busy with other tasks so I didn't want to add to my list feeding more animals and changing a litter box. To their credit, my boys have done the lion's share of the work. With Penny's help, they feed the animals twice a day and deal with all the mess. I've been very proud of them. However, the night before they left on their trip, I was reminded that I was to dutifully care for ALL the animals and was given clear instructions on the cleaning and feeding protocols. Penny left with a nervous look wondering if the cats and her husband would survive her being away. I know she would have been heartbroken if anything happened to the cats. As for me, well...

I won't say that a week of having to care for the cats has made me and them best friends, but I will admit to a new, slightly more favorable bond than there was beforehand. As life has taught me in other situations, there's something special that happens when you have to take the time to care for and provide for someone or something else. Think about it for a second. When your children were little, all they did was cry and make messes (they didn't even have the decency to get a paying job!) but the more you cared for them, the greater your affection for them became and the less the noise and mess concerned you. The same things happens in our other relationships. As we commit to care for others, our bonds with them strengthen and our compassion deepens.

I bring this up because we all need to be more intentional about caring for those around us. As a pastor, I hear so many stories about the pains and trials others are going through. What's worse is when I hear about people going through those things alone. In a world that already has way too much ugliness and division, one of our jobs as Christ-followers is to compassionately care for those around us. Let us not forget that responsibility, but instead, let's make sure to strengthen our church family and our community by being people who are known for loving others in the way Christ has loved each of us.

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Upcoming Highlights

May Fellowship Meal
May 5 @ 5 PM
\$4 per person
\$16 max per family
Tacos, Corn, & Ice Cream Bar
In support of our youth mission trip & kids summer camp!

Sunday, May 9 - 10:30 Service
BABY
Dedication

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. (Romans 12:9-18, NLT)

Blessings!

Pastor Greg

FBC Kids Update By: Mark Phillips

The upcoming months will be exciting for FBC Kids! We have several things that will be happening, and we are excited to share them with you. On Wednesday, May 19 our kids will be doing their Awana musical that we had to cancel at Christmas. We invite our church family to come at 6:00 PM and watch our kids as they present the program after many months of practicing.

The next Wednesday night, May 26, we will be having our Awana night celebration and recognizing all the hard work our students have put in over the year of Awana. This service is at 6:00 PM as well and you are invited to attend. On May 31, our kids will be going to camp at Eagle Sky Camp in Piedmont, MO. We are excited about this opportunity for our kids to attend this camp again this year. This has proven to be a great and life changing event for our students and is a great week for all involved.

Then, in July we will be having VBS! We had to miss VBS last year and are ready to get going with that special kid's event in July. The dates for VBS are July 12-16 from 8:30- 11:30 AM. We will be ending our week with a pool party on Friday evening. There will be more information to come when the date gets closer, but we are always in need of more volunteers. If you would like to help, please see Tracey Skuta or Mark Phillips. The next few months will be busy, with possibly a few more events thrown in for fun, so please continue to pray for kids and the FBC Kid's Ministry as we seek to show Christ to the young people of our church!

Support Our Kids & Teens By: Jason Walker

This year Pastor Mark and I have decided to team up together to raise support for our kids and teens. If you haven't heard, our kids are going to Eagle Sky Camp this summer and our teens are going to New Orleans for a mission trip. Both groups have been working hard to prepare for our trips, but we need help! We would like to invite you to continue supporting us by participating in the following events:

- May Meal - On Wednesday, May 5 our church is hosting its first Wednesday night fellowship meal for over a year! Our kids and teens will be serving that night and all the proceeds of meal will be donated directly to our trips. The meal will begin at 5 PM and will cost \$4 per person with a \$16 family max. Come and eat and support our young members in the process!
- Yard Sale/BBQ/Car Wash – On Saturday, June 19, our church is hosting a yard sale as well as a car wash and BBQ. Those wanting to help with this event can show support by bringing yard sale donations to the church (we are accepting donations now), volunteering during the event, or by being a customer!

Get Connected By: Sarah Fletcher

If you haven't heard, last month we launched our new app to church members called Church Center. Church Center is a free web-based app for iOS and Android and an extension of our website where you can connect with the life of First Baptist Farmington. On Church Center you can: access your profile/ update your information, view a digital church directory, give online, find or join a group, submit prayer requests, view our church calendar, register for events, and more! Plus, you can now join our FBC Prayer Chain group to get the latest on prayer requests and updates as we receive them to share in the church office.

Church Center is totally free for you to download on your smartphone, or go to www.farmingtonfbc.org/church-center to access the desktop version. Currently, only church members have access to view the digital directory. And, don't worry, you have full control over what information is published on your profile for other people in the directory to see.

We are constantly updating and improving the features available on the app, so keep an eye out for new content. If you have any questions or need assistance with Church Center, please do not hesitate to give the office a call at (573) 756-4654. We are more than happy to help!

Spring Fling By: Chris Landrum



Calling all ladies who like to shop and love to eat! Gather your girlfriends or family and plan to attend the Spring Fling Vendor Blender on May 1 at the Farmington Civic Center. The event will run from 9 a.m. until noon.

Enjoy a delicious continental breakfast of quiches, baked goods, fruit and Rae Cole's coffee. You can also shop over 25 vendors selling anything and everything a woman would love. Plus, door prizes will be given away every 15 minutes during the Vendor Blender.

Admission is only \$10 per person and all proceeds benefit the Help the Hungry Bake Sale and MAC food pantry. This is an event you do not want to miss out on! Come shop, eat, and support local people and families in need of food!

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. We will be taking a trip July 19-28, 2022 to Eastern Europe and Oberammergau, Germany. The trip in total will be 10 days and 9 nights. The trip is for both singers and non-singers, as we will need helpers to assist the choir as well as witness to the crowds. We will be travelling and singing with additional members from churches in Texas and Oklahoma. Some key stops on the trip will be: Salzburg, Vienna, and Munich. We will also be attending the Passion Play in Oberammergau that has been in production since 1634.

We still have spots available to sign up! There is a non-refundable deposit of \$300 due with registration. We are planning several fundraisers to help cut down on some of the cost as well. If you are interested in more information on the trip, you can email me at kevin@farmingtonfbc.org or reach me at (573)756-4654 ext. 25.



YOUR GIFTS AT WORK



As we get closer to summer, we have multiple upcoming ways to give to support our youth summer mission trip and our kids summer camp including, Wall of Gifts, Summer Suds, Sale, & BBQ, and a canvas painting party. Our church has always been incredibly supportive of our youth and kids group both spiritually and financially.

We want to say thank you to each of you who year after year pour into the future generations of Christian leaders and disciples! God bless each of you! "One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts." Psalms 145:4

*Amount reflects both General Fund and Designated Gifts



FRIENDLY FACES OF FBC

Meet Brad & Carol Kocher!

Brad & Carol are a loving team of servant leaders for Christ at FBC! Both Brad & Carol serve in our deacon ministry and actively care for our members. Brad also serves at our Guest Central greeting visitors and teaches a Sunday School class in Adult 7 department. Carol volunteers in our nursery and leads some of our youngest in children's Sunday School. Thank you to Brad & Carol for all they do for our church family, and making others feel a part of their family!

THANK YOU NOTES

"We want to thank each one who had a part in bringin us our dinner the other Saturday. It was greatly appreciated."
-Leroy & June Davault

"We can't thank you enough for the incredibly thoughtful card and most generous gift to the Children's Home in Donna's memory..."
-The Family of Donna White

"Our church family is a blessing from God! Bud & I covet your prayers during this difficult health journey that God has for us!"
-Freda & Bud Brewer

"There is 'Thank you' in my heart that only God can bless you with. He has blessed me because of your gifts and prayers for my dear daughter-in-law, Dawn, and my son, Daniel."
-Ellie Polacek

"Thank you so much for your ongoing support and generosity..."
-Emily & Shared Blessings

"Thank you all for the 'Meals of Love' a lot of love went into those meals!"
-Will & Joyce Rose

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Phil & Glenna Tatum, Jay Mitchell, Bud & Freda Brewer, Ruth Steimle, Grant Currington, Pam Long, Robert Schultz, Ruth Williamson, Mary Mayberry, Darrell & Jeanie Griffin, Dawn Polacek, Lonna Kennedy, Rhonda Cline, Russell Leek, Stacey Shikles, CJ Hazer

IN MEMORIAM

Susan White

BABY DEDICATION

Baby Dedication Sunday is May 9 during the 10:30 a.m. service! Due to our shutdown last year, we missed baby dedication, so any parent that would like their child to participate, especially those born 2019-2021, should contact the church office as soon as possible.