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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regular Schedule: Sundays Worship Services at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 6 p.m., Adult Choir 5 p.m. Wednesdays 6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies, Youth Worship Service, Children’s Choirs 6:45 p.m. Adult Prayer Group, Adult Choir, Children’s Mission Groups						1
2 - Regular Schedule No Lighthouse Harbor	3 - 1:30PM CARE “C”	4	5 - 5PM Fellowship Meal	6	7 - 6PM FBC Kids Parent’s Night Out	8
9 - Regular Schedule - 6PM Lord’s Supper	10 - 1:30PM CARE “A”	11	12	13	14 -9AM Youth to Love Packages	15
16 - Regular Schedule	17 - 1:30PM CARE “R”	18	19	20	21 -7:30AM LIFE Plus to MBU Senior Day -7PM Trivia Night/ Kids Camp benefit	22
23 - Regular Schedule	24 - 1:30PM CARE “E”	25	26	27	28	29

But wait... there’s more!

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



1 Can't Be 2, But 2 Can Be 1, If 1 Is Actually 3

By: Pastor Greg Robinson

For those of you confused by the title of this article and wondering how I ever managed to pass a math class (I wonder the same thing myself sometimes) please allow me a moment to introduce my topic and then we'll see if I can explain this crazy equation. I want to briefly discuss with you a subject that doesn't get nearly the attention it needs or deserves, especially in today's culture: Christ-centered marriage.

Before we go any further, let's stop to consider a well-known verse from Scripture. *"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."* (**Genesis 2:24, ESV**) This verse, which is repeated and emphasized several times throughout the Bible, sets forth the principle and practice of a God ordained marriage; a man and woman will leave their respective homes and families and create one new home, one new family. We all know this very well, but let's consider for a moment how this process often goes wrong, and for that I'll need to refer back to my silly math.

1 Can't Be 2 - What I mean by one person can't be two is that in a marriage, neither the husband nor the wife is capable of, or was even designed to be, the ultimate fulfillment of the other. The silly notion of "you complete me" has been damaging marriages for generations. I cannot depend on my wife to give me everything I need, and she cannot expect that from me. A marriage will not succeed if its happiness is dependent on one person being everything the other person requires. 1 cannot be 2.

2 Can Be 1 - As we see in Genesis 2:24, marriage is meant to be 2 people coming together as 1 in a glorious and Godly partnership. This is what we must aim for! Instead of asking the impossible of my spouse, I must work in conjunction with her in Christ-like love and humility, in order that we might live our life as one. However, our sinful nature messes this up constantly!! I know I should live in harmony with my wife and seek to help her and lift her up, but my sin causes me to want to live for myself and then my relationship is weakened. This is why we can't leave off the last part of the equation.

1 Can't Be 2, But 2 Can Be 1, If 1 Is Actually 3 - The apostle Paul reminds us in Ephesians 5 that the only way we can truly live up to God's plan for marriage is if Christ is placed in the center. In other words, if both husband and wife add one more Person to their union, as they seek a deeper and deeper relationship with Christ both together and individually, then they will begin to experience the blessing of one holy union.

However, this is not easy. It takes daily work and commitment but it's always worth the effort. On that note, one resource I would like to offer each of you is our upcoming marriage conference "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" on March 27-28. More information will be coming soon, but I hope you will plan to attend this event. It will be fun, encouraging, and will help you learn how to keep your marriage centered on Christ.

Blessings!

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Upcoming Highlights



FBC LIBRARY By: Karen Tutt

Looking for a good book to read or need some help with Bible study or a good devotional book?

Come in and check out the library at our church. We have an excellent resource right here at our church. We have everything from commentaries, Bible dictionaries, and devotionals, to a large selection of nonfiction and fiction books. We also have some excellent children's books as well as books for the teens in your family. We have over 5,000 books in our small library and have very few people who are taking advantage of this resource. Please come in and check out all we have to offer.

We are in the process of trying to get input to what our church would like to see in the library. A survey is available now to see what we can do to better serve you. It is available at the back of the sanctuary or the church office. We would like input as to when you would like to see the library open. Currently the library is open on Sunday mornings between first service and Sunday School and after Sunday School until second service begins. We are also open from 5:45 to 6:00 pm on Sunday evenings and are also open on Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00.

We would be more than happy to help you find just the right book for your reading pleasure or to help you find whatever resource you may need.

DOCK INTO LIGHTHOUSE HARBOR

By: Mark Phillips



I want to extend an invitation to all kids ages 4 years old through third grade. If you have never been to Lighthouse Harbor, or have not been in a while, I would like for you to come. We have a great time on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 worship time. We have an opening where we learn about the lesson for the day, discuss our memory verse for the month and we sing. Then the kids are divided into two groups according to age. There we go into more depth about the lesson and usually do a craft or activity based on what we learn. If time allows, everyone comes back together, and we sing a few more songs or watch a video. It is a great time for learning and the kids enjoy the time. So, I extend a welcome for you to come and check us out each Sunday in Lighthouse Harbor. Parents, this is a great way to get your child involved in the children's ministry. There will be more events coming up throughout the year for all our kids from pre-school to sixth grade. Come, see, and get to be a part of what God is doing at Farmington First Baptist.

FUN & MISSIONS

By: Jason Welker

We had a great turnout at Family Fun Night on January 19 with two hours of jam packed family fun and fellowship. If you talk to somebody who was in attendance that night, they may tell you that their favorite part was playing board games, the rousing game of spoons, sampling all the yummy snacks, playing dodgeball in the Pastor's Team Competition, watching Pastor Mark win the Oreo challenge, or Pastor Chuck stuffing his shirt with random items so that he could win the Pastor race. The Red Team would tell you that their favorite part of the night was winning the overall competition so that they could spray shaving cream on the losing team's pastor. (The Red Team was my team in case you haven't guessed!) Pastor Chuck will tell you that his favorite part was watching Pastor Greg sacrificially take his place on the tarp and get covered in shaving cream and "cheese balled" by everyone. Overall, we spent an evening having fun together and growing closer as a family. If you missed Family Fun Night, we missed you, but look forward to seeing you at the next event!

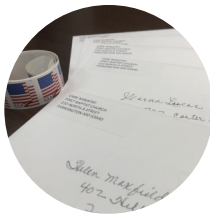
Our teens are traveling to the Love Packages collection center on February 14 and 15 to pack used curricula to be shipped to churches overseas. We have sent tons of materials to the collection center over the years, but we have never sent a group to help pack. We will leave at 9 a.m. on February 14 and will return by 9 p.m. the next day. What a great opportunity to serve churches around the world while staying in our own backyard!

June 27 – July 3, our students are traveling to New Orleans for our big summer mission experience. New Orleans has such a rich culture and history, but needs Jesus in a big way. We are going to spread the Gospel while serving the community. We are partnering with an organization called Mission Lab that will house and feed us for the week we are there, and connect us with local New Orleans churches, to serve the community according to what the actual needs are. Parents and students are welcome to come on this trip, but we are accepting other adult sponsors as well! The overall cost to go is around \$250, but a \$50 deposit is due by Sunday, February 23. We do have limited spots available, so the sooner you get your deposit in, the better. On a personal note, I have led many mission trips with our church over the past 10 years, but I am especially excited about this one! Don't miss it!



CARING FOR OTHERS

By: Chuck Henson



For many years Farmington has been known as a retirement community. We have always had facilities to accommodate families when they, for one reason or another, cannot take care of themselves. As you drive around the community you will see new facilities be constructed at this time. They provide everything from independent living to full time nursing care. First Baptist Church as

always had members that in the past who were extremely active and provided the leadership for the church. They now live in facilities with some sort of assistance provided or in their own homes and unable to attend most activities at church. Mentally most of them are capable but physically they are unable to be very active. In 2004 Barb Ward and Jennie Vaugh came to me and asked for some assistance in organizing a ministry to enable these members to feel they were a more integral part of the church. After some research we decided to implement the "GROW", God-Rewards-Our-Work Teams at First Baptist. After several sessions of training on the outreach ministry, we set a certain amount of time in organizing the GROW Teams to minister to the residents of nursing homes and shut-ins. Our goal was to provide outreach to nursing homes, shut-ins, as well as prospects, guests, and hospital contacts, but the concentration ended up being on nursing homes.

The church decided a few years ago to change the name to CARE, Caring-Assisting-Reaching-Encouraging, Teams. The philosophy of CARE Teams is the same, but the concentration has changed to add emphasis on hospital ministry, prospects, and guest contacts.

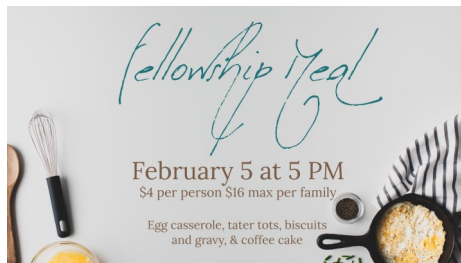
To participate in one of the CARE teams you need to choose one of the teams which meets you schedule, "C" 1st wk," A" 2nd wk, "R" 3rd wk, "E", 4th wk. We do not meet on 5th Mondays. You can meet on any week you are available. We meet on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. in the CARE room located in the 100 building at the back of the church complex.

Remember that you will be blessed when you get involved with this outreach ministry. Please contact Chuck Henson or just show up if you would like to participate in this outreach ministry.

A NEW NAME

By: Steve Wenninger

We are excited to be starting up a new Men's Ministry at First Baptist. We met for a kick-off breakfast on January 18 and had a great time of fellowship. I am happy to announce the new name of our ministries is "Momentum Men's Ministries." Keep an eye out on the newsletters and bulletin for future men's events. You can also join our Remind texting group to receive text updates on events by texting "@fbcfmen" to 81010.



YOUR GIFTS AT WORK



Your generous gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering raised \$25,000 this year as a church. That amount helps the International Mission Board conduct ministries such as:

1. Share the gospel among the deaf in Thailand and train deaf Christian leaders in Nepal and Indonesia.
2. Help a SE Asian human trafficking survivor find salvation in Jesus Christ alone.
3. Help sow seeds of the gospel and truths from Scripture through highly popular mobile technology and social media to a people group (SE Asian Muslims) that has little contact with it.
4. Support 4,854 full-time missionaries currently serving in 134 countries.
5. Reach the UPG (unreached people groups) of the world, estimated to be 3.9 billion people.

Thank you for your support!

FRIENDLY FACES OF FBC



Meet Tracey, one of our wonderful FBC nursery directors. On Sunday mornings you will find her playing games, making crafts and loving on our little ones. On Wednesday nights she teaches Mission Friends, one of our midweek activities for pre-schoolers. As our VBS Director she begins now to plan and prepare for our Vacation Bible School in July. This lady LOVES children! And we love her, and all that she does for our church and our children!

THANK YOU NOTES

"...Thank you all for the Christmas basket. It was really appreciated."

- Wilma Bray

"Your faithfulness to visit and bring supplies is such a blessing..."

- Sherri Snider, The Baptist Home

"Thank you so very much for the prayers, kind words, cards of sympathy and to those who came to the visitation and/or funeral of our precious Bertha Dalton..."

- Bertha Dalton's family

"...thank you all for your support of the 2019 Season of Hope! Your sponsorship of 58 children was greatly appreciated."

-William Bunch, St. Francois County Community Partnership

"Thank you all so much for the beauty supplies, they were such a blessing to our moms! Thank you as well for the diapers and wipes..."

-Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center

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

WELCOME HOME!

Recent Joinings and Baptisms:

- Rheannon White
- Eric & Whitney Meyer