



Sometimes, Procrastination Can Be a Good Thing

I have often been accused, and rightly so, of being a procrastinator. Yes, I'm that guy who buys Christmas presents on December Eve, who wrote every college term paper the night before it was due, and who regularly goes to bed saying, "I'll handle that tomorrow." I know I should strive to get things done in a more timely manner, but to be frank, all of you type-A personalities who finish things six months in advance just drive me crazy!

I'm not as bad as I once was, but I will freely admit that I still struggle with the temptation to put off harder projects and less than pleasant tasks for a later date. However, I've learned that procrastination can be a good thing when done for the right reasons. Let me explain.

Think of a time when you saw on Facebook that one of your friends just picked up the latest smart phone or bought a shiny new car or even moved in to a huge new house. Wasn't there a part of you that wanted to rush out and get the same thing? Suddenly your phone was tragically outdated, you noticed every scratch and dent on your car, and you couldn't even fathom how you've managed to survive for so long with so little square footage!

So what do you do when that urge hits? Hopefully, you turn to God and seek His guidance before busting out the credit card or rushing to the bank for a loan. Considering that the credit card debt in our country just hit an all-time high of one trillion dollars, it would appear that this is NOT what most people do.

However, if you are willing to seek God's guidance before making that huge purchase or committing to a life altering decision, what are you going to do if God says, "No, that's not what you need right now." Are you willing to put off what you want today, *for as long as it takes*, until God says yes? If you are, then rejoice in your willingness to procrastinate because you should never do today what God wants you to do tomorrow, or the next day, or the day after that, or even never. Consider the following verse from Scripture.

For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. **(Habakkuk 2:3, NIV)**

While the prophet Habakkuk was dealing with a much bigger issue than whether or not he should buy a new home or change to a new job, the principle of what God said to him remains the same. God reveals His plan in His time. When we combine this with the reminder of Jeremiah 29:11, that God has wonderful plans for us, we really shouldn't mind putting off the plans we have for today so we can wait for the better things God has in store for tomorrow.

Still struggling? Take a moment to think about what this passage as well.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. **(James 1:5, ESV)**

That, my friends, is a promise from God. Ask for what you need to know, and it *will* be given. However, did you notice that it didn't say *when* it will be given? The very next verse begins with, "but let him ask in faith." To seek God for what you need to know means having the faith the He will answer AND being willing to wait for as long as it takes for Him to speak.

I still recognize that true procrastination isn't a good thing, but sometimes it's not procrastinating; it's waiting on God! Today, be willing to wait on God for as long as it takes. Be willing to put your plans on hold, trusting that His plans for you will come at exactly the right time.

Blessings!
Pastor Greg

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Regular Schedule:	
Sunday	Wednesday
8:00 A.M. Worship	7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track
9:15 A.M. Bible Study	6:00-6:45 P.M. Session 1
10:30 A.M. Worship	Ignite; Children's Choirs, Small Group Study
Lighthouse Harbor	6:45-7:30 P.M. Session 2
Torchbearers	Ignite; Adult Choir; Missions; Prayer Meeting
5:00 P.M. Orchestra Rehearsal	
6:00 P.M. Worship	
Activities for March 7 through March 20	
Thursday	March 7
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
8:30 A.M. LIFE Plus Planning Meeting	
10:00 A.M. Life PLUS Bible Study	
Noon Ministerial Alliance Meeting (student center)	
6:30 P.M. Revelation Study	
	GLOW Pintrest Night (conference center)
7:00-9:00 P.M. Church/Community Recreation (gym)	
Friday	March 8
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:00 P.M. GA's leave for Windermere	
Saturday	March 9
8:00 P.M. GA's return from Windermere	
2:00-4:00 P.M. Baby Shower (conference center)	
3:00-5:00 P.M. Birthday Party (gym)	
Sunday	March 10 - Daylight Savings Begins
Regular A.M. Schedule	
9:30 A.M. Sunday School Council	
4:00 P.M. Griefshare	
4:45 P.M. Church Council (college/career dept.)	
5:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal	
6:00 P.M. Business Meeting	
Monday	March 11
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:30 P.M. CARE "A" Team	
7:00 P.M. FUEL Bible Study (boys meet in student center; girls at 362 Moss Ln)	

Tuesday	March 12
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
11:00 A.M. Revelation Study	
1:00 P.M. YFT Meeting (conference center)	
7:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship	
Wednesday	March 13
Regular Schedule	
8:00 A.M. Educational Foundation Mtg. (conference center)	
Thursday	March 14
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
10:00 A.M. Life PLUS Bible Study	
2:00 P.M. Partners in Prayer (Library)	
6:30 P.M. Revelation Study	
7:00-9:00 P.M. Church/Community Recreation (gym)	
Friday	March 15
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
6:00 P.M. LIFE Plus ~ "Taking Notes"	
Saturday	March 16
5:00 P.M. Leave for Mystery Dinner Theater at the Abby	
Sunday	March 17
Regular Schedule	
4:00 P.M. Griefshare	
5:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Monday	March 18
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:30 P.M. CARE "R" Team	
7:00 P.M. FUEL Bible Study (boys meet in student center; girls at 362 Moss Ln)	
Tuesday	March 19
7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track	
11:00 A.M. Revelation Study	
7:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship	
Wednesday	March 20
Regular Schedule	

Youth Mission Trip Service Projects

Do you have any projects that you need help with at your house ~ spring cleaning, yard work, painting, etc.? Our students would love to come and help you! In return, donations are accepted towards their mission trip this July in eastern Tennessee. Please contact Jason if you would like to have our students come and help you. If possible, please give us two weeks' notice to get the job done.

Mystery Dinner Theatre

The \$35 payment deadline for the Mystery Dinner Theatre is this Sunday, March 10. Please turn your money in to the church office. On March 16, we are taking our church bus to the Arcadia Academy in Ironton Sherlock Holmes themed Mystery Dinner Theatre. We will leave at 5 PM. The menu is roast beef and corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, corn, and dinner rolls, in addition to appetizers, salad, and dessert.

Trivia Night at First Baptist

Trivia Night at First Baptist is scheduled for Friday, April 5, from 7:00–9:00 P.M. in the gym. Robert Schultz will emcee this event with Dr. Gary Grix serving as the "Trivia Master."

Trivia Teams are formed from the different adult Sunday school departments and from other church groups wanting to raise a team. Trivia Night is a low stress way to invite friends and "newcomers" to be part of a fun church related activity.

We encourage donations at each team table for children's camp. This year donations will be particularly important as we consider more expensive children's camp options. "BYOFSTS" (bring your own favorite snack to share) chips and soft drinks will be available.

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Youth Service Day

On Tuesday, March 26 we will team up with GLOW to serve the SEMO Family Violence Council. Make plans to join us. Specific times are coming soon!



Spring Bounce

Thanks to our ongoing bouts of bad weather, our Winter Bounce Children's recreation event has turned into "Spring Bounce" scheduled for Saturday, April 6 from 1:00–2:30 P.M. at Parkland Gymnastics.

Kids will enjoy jumping, bouncing and just having a great time as well as enjoy cupcakes and juice (provided).

We are asking for a donation of \$2.00 per child to help cover the cost for rental of the facility. A sign-up sheet is posted in the welcome center bulletin board and the bulletin board outside the church office. Feel free to invite and register a friend and their children as well.

Wanted: Volunteer Sound Technicians

"You'll find it fun when we show you how it's done"

Operating our sound board during worship is not difficult. You will learn how to be a member of a team serving on rotation behind the scenes to provide for a quality worship experience for others. Call the church office 756-4654 or email Gordon at gordon@farmingtonfbc.org for details.

SEMO Family Council Mission Project

We continue to collect items for the SEMO Family Violence Council during March.

In addition to collecting items on March 26 we will team up with the youth group to 'clean out' their storage facility.

Around the church are boxes to help collect items needed at the facility and also items the family themselves may need. General needs include: Trash bags, 13 or 30 gallon; conditioner, diapers size 4,5,6; razors, bath towels, bleach, laundry pods, disinfectant wipes, toilet paper; paper towels; bras (new); women's socks.

The agency accepts donations of all kinds including clothing, personal care items, food, cleaning supplies, household items and furniture. Monetary donations are also welcome. Contact one of the ladies on the GLOW team or call the church office if interested in donating these bigger items.



We are offering cookies for donations to help with expenses of Operation Christmas Child at First Baptist. Sign-up lists are available in the welcome center and the bulletin board by the office. Cookies will be delivered on March 31, 2019 ~ so get your orders in today!

Inclement Weather Notifications

Please remember when we must cancel services at FBC here are ways for you to receive that information:

~Radio: KTJJ, 98.5 FM

~Website: www.farmingtonfbc.org.

~Facebook: www.facebook.com/FarmingtonFBC

~Twitter

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, cards, food, gifts and your concerns expressed during my surgery. God has truly blessed.

Cindy Myers

A big thank you to all our church family and friends for the prayers for our grandson, Ollie. All reports show success for the surgery. We ask for continued prayers for his extended recovery.

With love,
Harvey and Mary Lee Faircloth

Prayer List:

Phil Tatum

Christian Sympathy:

To the family of Pat Mayfield in the death of their loved one.

Financial Statistics for:

March 3, 2019

Budget Requirements (wkly)	\$ 18,591.00
Budget Receipts (3-3-19)	13,487.00
Requirement (wk 22)	409,002.00
Receipts (wk 22)	377,463.73
STB-BTS (from Oct)	28,841.00



Sunday, March 10