

# This Week

## TODAY

Monthly Ministry Mtg. - 12:00 p.m.  
Youth Ens. Rehearsal - 4:00 p.m.  
Youth Group - 5:00 p.m.  
Pulpit Meeting - 6:15 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

## MONDAY

Patriot's Day - Office Closed  
Small Group (Men) - 7:00 p.m.

## TUESDAY

Prayer Meeting - 9:00 a.m.  
Staff Meeting - 10:30 a.m.  
Pulpit Meeting - 6:30 p.m.  
Small Group (Women) - 7:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

GriefShare - 7:00 p.m.

## THURSDAY

Small Group (Women) - 7:00 p.m.

# Prayer Requests

(781)944-3876 ext. 4  
prayer@fbcreading.org

How can we pray for you?  
(name optional)

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Please place your prayer request in  
the offering plate. We will be  
happy to pray for you.



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# Worship

April 15, 2018

**Welcome to our Worship Service.**  
**May the God of Hope fill His people**  
**with all Joy and Peace**  
**as we together trust in Him by the**  
**power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Bible Readings**  
**Acts 16:6-24**  
**Philippians 1:3-6**

**Prayer**

**Offering**  
**Worship Choir**

**The Word**  
**Acts 15:25-40**

**"The Gospel Comes to Philippi"**  
**Rev. Lorrie Comeford**

*You will fill me with joy in your presence*

# When you Pray

## PRAISE ~ THANKSGIVING ~ PRAYER

- ✦ Praise and thanksgiving to God for His Son, Jesus Christ!
  - ✦ Praise and thanksgiving to God for His missionaries and the Good News of the Gospel.
- Prayer requests from our Missionary in Aix-les-Bains, France:
- ✦ Thank you for praying for us to seek what are the right choices to do in the future.
  - ✦ Thank you for praying that the Gospel of Jesus Christ would grow and prosper in the Alps.
  - ✦ Pray that the Gospel would grow in our community.
  - ✦ Prisons are a place where the Gospel is especially welcomed. Thierry was able to share the Good News with a young Tibetan this week. Pray for a third person to join the crew.
  - ✦ The November 2018 mission trip to Nepal is on! We are sending two teams. The first team will support a Nepali couple that work near Gorkha in a region that has been deeply affected by the recent earthquake. The second team will go throughout a route while teaching and encouraging workers and local churches in the North West of the country (from Jumla to Gumi). It is our great joy to see the efforts of these 12 past years being routed through young Nepali leaders! Please pray for this Nepal trip.
  - ✦ God is being faithful taking care of us day after day. May our household never stop serving the Lord! ☺

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

*Sunday* – Following worship we are available to pray with you. Please come to the front of the sanctuary.

*Sunday* – Join us for prayer in the Friendship Room at 6:30 p.m.

*Tuesday* – Join us for prayer in the Friendship Room at 9:00 a.m.

*Anytime* – Our prayer line is always available for your requests. Prayer requests may be left, 24 hours a day, on the FBC prayer line. Dial (781) 944-3876, ext. 4. Prayer requests are picked up daily.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MINISTRY UPDATE MEETING

Today following worship we will have our Monthly Ministry Update meeting including an update from the Pulpit Committee. All are welcome.

### SAVE THESE DATES

#### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

*Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
in the Friendship Room*

#### FBC GAME NIGHT

*Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.*  
For more information contact Frank Falcone at [fdalcone@gmail.com](mailto:fdalcone@gmail.com)

#### BABY SHOWER FOR MICHAEL & SARAH FALCONE

*Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.*

If you would like to help plan this event please contact Bethany LeCain at [anybeth@icloud.com](mailto:anybeth@icloud.com) or Rebecca Comeford at [rebecca.comeford@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.comeford@gmail.com)

#### CELEBRATE OUR GORDON CONWELL GRADUATES

*Barbeque on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.*

#### LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FAMILY RETREAT MAY 26 - 28

##### REGISTER NOW

[www.lakesideonline.org/lakeside-family-weekends/](http://www.lakesideonline.org/lakeside-family-weekends/)

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 23 - 27

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.

##### WE ARE ALMOST FULL

##### REGISTER NOW FOR VBS

[www.vbspro.events/p/events/fbc2018](http://www.vbspro.events/p/events/fbc2018)

### DEAR PRAYER PARTNERS,

I want to thank you all for the prayers and encouragement you have shown Ron and me during these difficult days. It is a blessing to be part of a loving and caring church family. I'm healing very well and hope to be back with you all on a more regular basis soon. My hope and peace is in our Lord and Savior. Amen! Love in Christ, Carol Wheeler *Romans 15:13*

### STAFF VACATION

Our Director of Music & Worship, Kellie Tropeano, is on vacation today through April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We pray that this is a refreshing time for her.

## LOVE GOD ~ LOVE OTHERS ~ SERVE

### READING FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION TODAY

The Reading Food Pantry is asking for: toilet paper, tissues, soap, toothpaste, laundry detergent, liquid dish detergent, canned chili or beef stew, juice boxes, and snacks for children. Donations may be left in the bin in the narthex. Thank you for helping families in need!

### ENCOURAGEMENT FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Just in time for finals, we will assemble and mail packages of cookies for our college students next Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> after worship. Please plan to bake a batch of cookies or help to pack and label the boxes. We don't want to miss anyone, so please send updated addresses to Pastor Lorrie at [pastorlorrie@fbcreading.org](mailto:pastorlorrie@fbcreading.org)

### FIRST BAPTIST CAFÉ

Join us next Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for our next breakfast with Chef Bill Downie.

### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY (SAM) MAY BASKETS

Each year the SAM group prepares May baskets for the shut-ins of our church family. If you would like to bring some small non-perishable items for up to about 20 baskets, please place them in the bin that will be in the Narthex marked May Baskets. In previous years we included writing pads, pens and pencils, colored markers and pencils, toiletries, (soaps, cleansing cloths, powder) hand sterilizers, socks, small lap robes, small stuffed animals, etc. Those folks who are shut indoors for any reason appreciate being thought of and given the attention they deserve. Please consider making their days a little brighter! Thank you.

### WEEKLY COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Each week after worship, all are invited for a time of fellowship in the Narthex. Take a few moments following worship today to say hello to one another, enjoy some coffee, tea, hot chocolate and donuts.

### LOVE CARDS AND PRAYER LIST

We have cards and addresses available in the narthex for those on our prayer list. Take a few minutes to fill one out and we will mail it for you!

### AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

Pastor Funwayo has some additional needs that we ask you to pray about and help with, if you feel led to do so. He is trusting the Lord and actively seeking a ministry position opportunity either here or back in Malawi after his May 12<sup>th</sup> graduation. More scholarship funds and our giving has reduced the amount owed to Gordon Seminary for his M. Theology degree to less than \$12,000. This number includes rent arrears, health insurance, and spring tuition. An upcoming summer class will add \$2,000 more. We know that Funwayo will deeply appreciate our assistance, so let us support him and show that we also appreciate his heart for teaching, preaching and leading! Thank you.

## SMALL GROUPS AT FBC

*Inviting people into a growing relationship with Jesus*

Message text for Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>: **Acts 17:1-15**

### GROUP FOR MEN

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Dan Tropeano

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### GROUPS FOR WOMEN

Tuesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Betty MacLean

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Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Liz Kealy

[lizajanekealy@gmail.com](mailto:lizajanekealy@gmail.com)

Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

Contact: Sylvia Peterson

[sylvia.peterson7@comcast.net](mailto:sylvia.peterson7@comcast.net)

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Carmen Redfearn

[redfearnfamily@gmail.com](mailto:redfearnfamily@gmail.com)

### GROUPS FOR EVERYONE

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Lorrie Comeford

[pastorlorrie@fbcreading.org](mailto:pastorlorrie@fbcreading.org)

Saturdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Sarah Falcone

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### GROUPS FOR PARENTS

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Joan Rizzo

[joanrizzo725@gmail.com](mailto:joanrizzo725@gmail.com)

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### GROUP FOR COUPLES

Fridays 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Gary and Linda Walls

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