



*First Baptist Church*  
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**Regular Schedule:**

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 A.M. Worship	<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track
	9:15 A.M. Bible Study		6:00 P.M. Ignite
	10:30 A.M. Worship		6:45 P.M. Children's Choir
	4:00 P.M. Light House/Torchbearers		6:45 P.M. Mid-week Meditation
	5:00 P.M. Handbells		6:45 P.M. Adult Choir
	6:00 P.M. Kingdom Praise		6:50 P.M. Missions
	6:00 P.M. Worship		

**Activities for March 16 through March 29**

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 16</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
10:00 A.M.	LIFE Plus Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 17</b>
7:30 – 10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
3:30 P.M.	Youth leave for Dare 2 Share
6:00 P.M.	RA Lock-in begins
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 18</b>
7:00 A.M.	RA Lock-in ends
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 19</b>
Regular Schedule	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 20</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:30 P.M.	GROW "O" Team
7:00 P.M.	NO Youth Bible Study – Boys (student center); Girls (362 Moss Ln)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 21</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
9:00 A.M.	Quilter's Guild
1:00 P.M.	Ceramics
1:30 P.M.	New Creation Singers
5:00-7:00 P.M.	Open Gym
7:00 P.M.	Bible Study Fellowship

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 22</b>
Regular Activities	
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.	Dr. Gholson
6:50 P.M.	RA Trail Races
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 23</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
10:00 A.M.	LIFE Plus Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 24</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
7:00 A.M.	LIFE Plus leave for MBU
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 25</b>
10:00 A.M.	Operation Christmas Child (student center)
11:00 A.M.	Healthy Eating (conference center)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 26</b>
Regular Schedule	
2:00-4:00 P.M.	Pinkley Baby Shower
5:00 P.M.	Trustees
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 27</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:30 P.M.	GROW "W" Team
7:00 P.M.	Youth Bible Study – Boys (student center); Girls (362 Moss Ln)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 28</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:00 P.M.	Ceramics
1:30 P.M.	New Creation Singers
5:00-7:00 P.M.	Open Gym
7:00 P.M.	Bible Study Fellowship
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 29</b>
Regular Schedule	
	NO Missions Groups or Choir



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# *News and Views*

March 16, 2017

## **Good Business Meetings**

Last Sunday's business meeting was not lengthy, but it was significant. It was an example of a business meeting all Baptist churches would like to have.

This is not because there were no heated exchanges or strong disagreements. We have rarely had heated exchanges in our business meetings. Nor is it because there were so few questions. We are always open to questions and differences of opinion. We encourage this because we operate under congregational polity. Often, however, the absence of questions is due to the excellent homework and preparation our teams and committees make prior to the business meetings.

Sunday's meeting was a good example because it was so positive. We heard reports of engaging and missional activities from groups of all ages. We heard about the recent G.A. lock-in and last weekend's retreat at Windermere. Then we heard about the R.A. lock-in this weekend. Activities like this are good for the soul, and for the body, but they only happen when dedicated leaders make them happen.

We heard a report of our upcoming mission trip to Cuba. Three of our people will travel to Cuba April 24-May 2. We hope this will open the door to others participating in future missions.

We heard positive reports from our GLOW ministry and saw the upcoming activities for LIFE Plus. In addition, student ministries is active in reaching students and in providing opportunities for spiritual growth.

The congregation also approved some much-needed repairs and maintenance to our oldest building. Again, the recommendation came to the congregation only after a thorough investigation of both the need and how best to meet that need.

One of the most significant items of business was the election of a pastor search team. It is an outstanding and representative group of people who will serve you well.

I am so grateful for the people of this church. Thank you to all of you who serve and who help make such good and positive things happen. And, thank you church for your constant spirit of cooperation and love. I am also very grateful for the thorough preparation all of you do when you have presentations or recommendations to make at the business meeting.

## **Pastor Search Team**

Sunday night, at the recommendation of the special nominating committee charged with recommending a pastor search team, the church elected an outstanding group of people and gave them the assignment of leading our church in its search for a pastor.

That team is: Brian Reeves (chair), Darrell Griffin, Michelle Spray, Brad Kocher, Steph'Annie Wiles, Adam Schweiss, Shawanna Robinson, and deacon chair, John P. Jackson.

Please pray regularly for these people. They will represent our church and our Lord well. I am confident God will lead them to the person of his choosing. As time goes on, we will say more about their work. For now I stress, and I will do so again, this team's work will be very sensitive. Confidentiality is one of the most important characteristics of their work. They simply will not be able to talk about who they are seeing or what pastors they may visit. They will be dealing with people's lives and with other churches. To release information prematurely could undermine someone else's ministry. As a congregation, you will want to help the team honor this commitment to confidentiality. They will make regular reports to the church through their chair as spokesperson.

Bill Miller

### **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering For North American Missions**

First Baptist Church of Farmington is always faithful in its support of the special offering for missions. Next Sunday we will receive our offering for North American missions. Our goal is \$9,000. The national goal is \$70 million and it provides nearly 50% of the operating budget of the North American Mission Board.

There are more than 269 million lost people in North America. The North American Mission Board sends missionaries and partners with churches, conventions, and associations to plant churches, support ministries, and devise strategies to reach those people.

Envelopes for the offering are available at church. Thank you for sharing a generous gift through the Annie Armstrong Easter offering for North American Missions.

### **Use the Library**

We have a great group of librarians working in our church library. For some months they have been cleaning, cataloguing, and generally making our library a great resource for you. They are almost finished computerizing the library catalogue.

If you have not done so, check out the library and check out a book. And, check your shelves. There are still many books that need to be returned.

### **Spring Service Projects**

There is still time to have our youth come to your house to help you do a job around your house. They are accepting donations for Centrifuge Summer Camp. If you need some help, contact Jason in the church office.

### **Dare 2 Share**

For those going to Dare 2 Share, we will leave at 3:30 P.M. on Friday, March 17 and will return around 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 18. Please pick up a packing list located in the Student Center or office. Also, parents need to sign the Dare 2 Share waiver and make sure their student has a signed medical release form on file. Both waivers/forms can be found in the Student Center or office.

### **“You are the Light”**

Plans are being made for the eleventh year of our First Baptist Family Mission Project. This mission project is designed to help families with minor repairs and clean-up around homes in the Farmington area. The dates for the project are June 19-23.

We have a change which several people have requested. The hours are 7:30 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. with lunch from 11:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M. This year we are adding work hours from 4:00 - 9:00 P.M. on Tuesday and Thursday for those who are working during the day. You can now volunteer by completing one of the green “volunteer” forms located around the church or in the church office. Yellow “project” forms are also available for distribution to families needing help. Watch for more announcements this spring. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” Matthew 5:16.



### **Parents’ Night Out**

Parents, our students going to summer camp want to watch your kids on Friday, March 31. Bring your kids to the church anytime from 5:00-9:00 P.M. and we will take care of them so that you can enjoy a night out! In return you may make a donation for Centrifuge Summer Camp in June. In addition, if your child will eat dinner with us, please bring \$2 per child to pay for pizza.

### **Cookies for OCC**

We are offering cookies for donations. The money will go toward expenses of Operation Christmas Child at First Baptist. Sign up on the list located in the Welcome Center or on the bulletin board by the office.

### **GLOW Women’s Ministry**

Ladies, the way we eat affects the way we are. If you are interested in ideas, tips and recipes for clean eating be sure to sign up for the upcoming GLOW activity on March 25, 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

## Gaither Concert

Do you enjoy listening to Southern Gospel music? If so, join the LIFE Plus ministry as they plan to see "Better Together Gaither Homecoming" tour on Friday, April 21 at the Show Me Center in Cape Girardeau. Cost is \$28.00 (ticket and bus) and individuals are asked to eat dinner before coming. The bus will leave promptly at 5:00 P.M. and return around midnight. If you do not wish to ride the bus tickets are \$23.00. Sign-up slips are available on the LIFE Plus bulletin board by the office. Deadline for sign-up and payment is Sunday, March 19.

## Senior Adult Banquet

Seniors, the Senior Adult Banquet is Sunday, April 9, in the gym, following the 10:30 A.M. service. Cost is \$5.00 and includes pork tenderloin with mashed potatoes, green beans, sweet and sour carrots, salad, roll, and dessert.

After the meal we will have entertainment and complete a brief questionnaire that will be gathered, collected and presented to the graduating high school seniors.

## Financial Statistics for: 3-5-17

Budget Requirements	\$ 17,988.00
Budget Receipts (3-5-17)	27,033.68
Requirement (wk 23)	413,724.00
Receipts (wk 23)	412,267.15
STB-BTS (from Oct)	43,400.85

## Prayer Requests:

Janet Dobbs (daughter of Irene White), Mike Hull

## Christian Sympathy:

To Chris and Ashley Pigg and to big sister Peyton in the death of infant, William Cash Pigg.  
To the family of Mae Gerber in the death of their loved one.

## Thank You

I don't know why I am so lucky. I don't know why God blesses me the way He does. Throughout the year God allows my heart to come together with the young ladies of our church and enjoy his masterpiece of each other and the world in which we live. I try my best to listen to God, encourage, and even sometimes question. Then in March, we find ourselves at the GOM retreat at Windermere, growing in missions, doing missions, and empowering each other to continue to do missions. I know that many of you prayed and thank you. I am thankful beyond words for these ladies and your prayers!

Thank you for the wonderful support for the mission project this year. In counting the items brought for the 'blessing bags' the total items were 2,307 and the offering given was \$371.49.

A special thank you to Johnny Barrett for driving the bus and keeping an eye on the weather. And to the leaders and sponsors who came with the girls – thank you for losing a little sleep and persevering the cold showers.

Karen Moore

## Sunday, March 12, 2017

Our Church Studying: 295

Our church growing:

Brady Poucher by baptism