



**First Baptist Church**  
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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Regular Schedule:**

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

**Activities for March 30 through April 12**

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 30</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
9:00 A.M. Seed Sew-ers	
10:00 A.M. LIFE Plus Bible Study	
6:00 P.M. Boy's game night (gym); Girls movie night (Welkers)	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 31</b>
7:30 – 10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
5:00-9:00 P.M. Parent's Night Out (student center/gym)	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 1</b>
5:30 P.M. Adult 8 – Final Four Fellowship (student center)	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 2</b>

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NO Torchbearers/Lighthouse

5:00 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 P.M. Deacon's Meeting

**Monday**

7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track
1:30 P.M. GROW "G" Team
6:30 P.M. Volunteer Banquet – Methodist Church
7:00 P.M. Youth Bible Study – Boys (student center); Girls (362 Moss Ln)

**Tuesday**

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
6:30 P.M. Beyond Our Walls
7:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 5</b>
Regular Activities	
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Dr. Gholson	
5:00 P.M. Wednesday Fellowship Meal	
6:00 P.M. RA Races	
	NO Mid-Week Meditation
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 6</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
9:00 A.M. LIFE Plus Planning Meeting	
10:00 A.M. LIFE Plus Bible Study	
6:00 P.M. MAC Rehearsal	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 7</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
5:00 P.M. Adult 5 Fellowship (room 401)	
7:00 P.M. Movie Night - Risen	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 8</b>
1:30 P.M. Chonda Pierce in Concert – Christian Life Church	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 9</b>
Regular Schedule – Palm Sunday	
Noon LIFE Plus Banquet	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 10</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:30 P.M. GROW "R" Team	
7:00 P.M. Youth Bible Study – Boys (student center); Girls (362 Moss Ln)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 11</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>April 12</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
NO Evening Activities	



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# News and Views

March 29, 2017

## Successful Living

Haddon Robinson's book on the Sermon on the Mount is entitled, *What Jesus Said About Successful Living*. Interesting title given the nature of the Sermon. Perhaps the sub-title helps clarify the content of the book, *Principles from the Sermon on the Mount for Today*.

Robinson has spent a life-time teaching preachers. The book comes out of a year-long Bible study he led for a group of businessmen. He recalls that the study of Jesus' sermon had a profound impact on those men who met early in the morning each week. In studying Jesus' sermon, I do not know that I feel that I am "Successfully Living." I do know that serious study of the Sermon, contemplation on its teaching, and a genuine longing to apply and live its truth affects one deeply.

The Sermon on the Mount is difficult. It is difficult because in it Jesus' teaching is so incongruent with what many believe. For Jesus, strength comes out of weakness; greatness comes out of service; true riches come out of generosity and giving.

The Sermon on the Mount is challenging. Can one read the sermon and not wonder, "Can I (or anyone besides Jesus) really do that?" It is challenging because Jesus speaks to behavior. But, he also speaks to our thinking. We are well aware that the Lord knows what goes on inside our heads. Both the Old and New Testaments make that clear. Jesus' challenge is that we would "think the right way."

The Sermon on the Mount is convicting. I cannot read the Sermon and escape dealing with my own short-comings. When Scripture reveals our sin, it is not enough to admit it. Repentance includes change. So, the challenge of the Sermon is to conform to its teaching—to the way of Christ.

The Sermon on the Mount is compelling. Reading the Sermon, God draws us into it and we begin to desire what he desires for us. There are many books on The Sermon on the Mount. The best is the Sermon itself. Read it. Meditate on it. With the Spirit's help, put it into practice.

Bill Miller

## MAUNDY THURSDAY



**April 13, 7:00 P.M.**

We will also observe the Lord's Supper.

## NO Mid-Week Meditation

On April 5 and April 12 there will be no Mid-Week Meditation.

## Cuba Mission Trip

Pray for John W. Jackson, Karen Moore, and Sandy Fritschle as they prepare to travel to Cuba, April 24-May 2.

## How to Live Longer

My mother loaned me her recent AARP bulletin which contained an article “50 Great Ways to Live Longer”. Of the 50 ways mentioned, six were areas that First Baptist provides benefit to individuals and families in our community.

- Embrace your faith – Attending religious services each week has been shown to add between 4 and 14 years life expectancy according to a variety of studies.
- Find your purpose – A British medical journal, Lancet, study revealed people with the highest sense of purpose were 30 percent less likely to die during the 8 ½ year study period. First Baptist provides opportunities for service and ministry in a variety of areas to help people understand their purpose in Christ Jesus.
- Become more social – Loneliness increases the risk of early death by 45 percent. It weakens the immune system and raises blood pressure while increasing the risk for heart attacks and stroke. Our church supports events for all ages to provide healthy socialization and spiritual growth.
- Walk – Need I say more? First Baptist provides opportunities for walking indoors in our Family Life Center Gym.
- Get Married or Stay Married – The Framingham Offspring Study found that married men had a 46 percent lower risk of death than never-married men. Also a New York University study found that married men and women had a 5 percent lower risk of cardiovascular disease. Our church, through marriage retreats, small groups, and care seeks to strengthen marriages.
- Live Like the Amish – A University of Maryland study found Amish men and women have a lower hospitalization rate due in part to simpler lifestyle, lots of physical activity, less smoking/drinking, and involvement in a supportive social structure through their faith community. I don’t mean you should start wearing plain black pants and hats or ankle length dresses with bonnets but you get the idea.

First Baptist desires to reach individuals with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus ministered to the whole person both spiritual and physical. Hopefully these benefits of church involvement will encourage us to invite people to be part of our community of faith.

## Delight: Teen Girls Retreat

Our students are joining with New Heights and some other student groups for this event! It will take place mostly at New Heights Church. It will begin on Friday, April 28 at 6:30 P.M. and will end on Saturday, April 29 at 5:00 P.M. The cost is \$15 per girl. Please register no later than April 16.



**Church Goal: \$9,000.00**  
**Given to date: \$3,716.33**



## “You Are the Light”

We are planning for our eleventh family mission project. The project helps families with minor repairs and cleanup around homes in the Farmington area. The dates are June 19-23. Times are 7:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. with lunch from 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Per requests from the congregation we have added evening hours on Tuesday and Thursday for those who work during the day. Those hours are 4:00-9:00 P.M.

Please volunteer now by completing one of the green volunteer forms located around the church or in the church office.

If you know someone who needs assistance please complete the yellow project forms also available at church.

## Thank You

To our church family, thank you very much for the prayers, cards, food, flowers and visits. God bless each one of you.

The family of Darrell Watson

The children of Angie Stanley want to thank you for the expressions of sympathy in the loss of our Mom. We appreciate the cards, visits and phone calls. Many of you brought food to show your love for her.

Thanks to Bro. Bill for his visits. Thank you for the flowers and memorial gifts to honor our Mom.

A special thank you to the food committee who prepared a great meal for our family. We also appreciate those who made salads and desserts for this meal. She was so proud to be a member of this great church.

The family of Angie Stanley

## Annual Trivia Night

First Baptist will have our annual Trivia Night on Friday April 28, beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the Family Life Center Gym.

Sign-up sheets for trivia teams are being distributed to the adult and youth departments Sunday morning Bible study departments. The donations from Trivia Night will go toward children's camp fees.

You can still be part of a team even if you do not attend Sunday morning Bible study. Just contact the church office 756-4654 and we can assign you to a team.

Robert Schultz will serve as emcee this year with Dr. Gary Grix as the trivia question master.

We ask that there be no more than 10 participants per team. Some snacks and drinks will be provided. However, participants are free to bring their own snack favorites. Special prizes will be awarded.

## Financial Statistics for: 3-19-17

Budget Requirements	\$ 17,988.00
Budget Receipts (3-19-17)	21,538.00
Requirement (wk 25)	449,700.00
Receipts (wk 23)	447,111.85
STB-BTS (from Oct)	46,901.85

## Sunday, March 26, 2017

Our Church Studying: 293

Our church growing:

By Baptism:

Rachel Reeves, Paul Lodge, Hanna Spray

## Prayer Requests:

Ella Will (Carol Will's Granddaughter), John Crow, Barrie Penninger (Tracey Skuta's Mother), Carol Anna Fisher (sister of Ellie Polacek)

## Christian Sympathy:

To Samantha Knapp and family in the death of her sister, Patricia Sterling.