





# First Baptist Farmington

## *News and Views*

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### **The Best Grandma Ever**

According to Campbell and Molly Miller, Mary Beth is “the best grandma ever!” But, she is way more than that. For almost 44 years she has been my wife—a pastor’s wife—an unusual calling. And, whatever good I may have done; whatever success; whatever recognition; whatever challenges I have been able to tackle she has helped, encouraged, prayed over, and fully supported.

My calling has some unusual twists and turns. Sometimes life is relatively peaceful—sometimes a race. Some weeks require days and nights to finish the task; others are not so demanding. As is true for all of you, stress waxes and wanes in life. Through all those times Mary Beth has been a faithful and loving mother, a committed school teacher, and one who takes care of her home and family.

In her own right she has always been an active servant of the Lord through her church. She works with children; with preschoolers; in women’s ministry; sings in the choir and has listened to a million sermons—all by the same preacher—and will still tell me on Sunday morning, “Your sermon was really good.” Whether or not that is true, I am always glad to hear it.

Because she views our lives as a calling, she has never complained (to my face) when I have been too involved, or when I have foolishly accepted additional roles in denominational life. She has shared my anxiety over the difficulties that church members have and has too often put herself in second place to some “ministry” I thought I needed to do.

For 44 years in the pastorate, and over 31 years at FBC, Farmington, she has walked with me in ministry. I doubt I could have walked that journey without her. So, thank you Mary Beth for sharing the trip with me.

Like many of my friends, I married well above my head—and what a blessing to me that has been!

### **Interim Pastor**

Effective June 1, Dr. Jim Hill will become the interim pastor of FBC. I am very pleased that our church called, and Dr. Hill has accepted this responsibility. He is a great friend to FBC. Dr. Hill will typically be in Farmington Saturday through Monday.

Bill Miller

### **Parent/Child Dedication**

Parents, if you have welcomed a new child into your home since last Mother’s Day, please participate in our parent/child dedication on May 14, at the beginning of the 10:30 A.M. service.

Please meet Mrs. Moore in the office at 10:20 A.M. that morning and we will conduct the dedication at the beginning of the service.

## High School Graduates

In the next newsletter, we will list the names of the high school graduates from our church. WE NEED YOUR HELP. Parents, call the church to be sure we do not miss your graduate.

## Graduation Sunday at FBC

On Sunday, May 21 we will honor all of our graduating seniors at the 8:00 A.M. worship service. Seniors, please come to the office no later than 7:45 A.M. so that we can get organized.

Immediately following the service there will be a celebration breakfast in the gym from 9:15-10:15 A.M. All seniors and their immediate families are invited to attend.

As part of the breakfast, we will watch a picture video of our seniors. Parents, please turn in 10-15 pictures of your senior. Baby pictures and funny, embarrassing pictures are encouraged! Please turn in your pictures ASAP if you haven't already.



## Choir for May 28

We hope to have a mass choir of current and previous choir members for Bro. Bill's retirement celebration on May 28. This choir will sing the anthem during the morning services and will sing at the celebration at 2:00 P.M. that afternoon.

Rehearsal are May 17 and 24 at 6:45 P.M. and Saturday, May 27 at 5:00 P.M.



## Canvas Party

Please join us on Friday, May 19 from 6:30-8:30 P.M. for a fun night as we create a design that everyone can do. The cost is \$15 per person and is for all ladies, grade seven on up!

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and you can pay the night of the party.

Cheese, meat, fruit trays provided.

## Fuel Bible Study Ending

Our Monday evening youth Bible Study will take a break for the summer. The last meeting will be Monday, May 22.

## Sports Crusader Basketball Camp Registration Open

Registration has begun for our third annual Sports Crusaders Basketball Camp. The camp is from 1:00-4:00 P.M. after VBS on July 10-14.

The cost is \$55 per child and the camp is for children who have completed grades 2-6. To register, visit the church office or follow the link to the event on our church Facebook page.



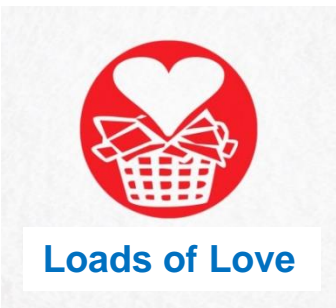
**BACCALAUREATE**  
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FBC will host the Baccalaureate service for Farmington High School on Monday, May 15, at 7:00 P.M.

## LIFE Plus Event(s)

Sign-up sheet for the "trip to the Hill" on May 20 is on the LIFE Plus bulletin board. The bus leaves at 9:30 A.M., lunch on your own at Favazza's at 11:30 A.M., sightseeing/shopping in the neighborhood, then home around 4:30 P.M.

Please sign-up by May 14. We will collect a \$5.00 transportation fee to be paid as you board the bus. This event involves a substantial amount of walking.



### Saturday, May 13

11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

The GA's will meet at the laundry mat on Washington Street to help by serving those in our community. We

will supply the funds, laundry soap and help with children.

## Thank You (Gracias)

It is hard to express, in words, the thanks we feel to be a part of such a wonderful church family.

Thank you for supporting the Cuba Mission team by giving money, writing cards, taking care of our families and praying. We felt as if each one of you participated along-side us.

We were blessed to be able to work with two wonderful churches. We joined them in providing church leadership, children's leadership training, and we held VBS for nearly 100 children in one of the churches.

Joey Hernandez (pastor of San Juan church) cannot express his thanks enough! The leadership training was invaluable and they were already implementing some ideas before we left the island. They had 200 in worship the Sunday we were in Cuba and the next Sunday was standing room only.

The Scriptures tell us in Hebrews 6:10, "For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints."

Thank you for your continued ministry!

Karen Moore and John W. Jackson

## Financial Statistics for: 4-30-17

Budget Requirements	\$ 17,988.00
Budget Receipts (4-30-17)	7,645.00
Requirement (wk 31)	557,628.00
Receipts (wk 31)	546,332.03
STB-BTS (from Oct)	56,119.95

## Prayer Requests:

Bertha Dalton, Patricia Moeser (Mother of Kathy Epps), Earlene Peterson (Mother of Earl Peterson), Ron Elkins, Vernice Wade, Keith Moore (nephew of Karen Moore), Mary Jane Bryan (Mother of Jason Jent).

## Christian Sympathy:

To Nancy Faulkner and family in the death of her husband, Jim Faulkner.

To Bill Miller and family in the death of his step-mother, Mary Lou Miller.

## Congratulations:

To parents, Jordon and Sarah Varble, grandparents, Sandy and Mike Gamblin, great-grandmother, Wilma Pinkley on the arrival of Seth Anthony Varble, May 2.