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Regular Schedule:

Sunday

8:00 A.M. Worship
 9:15 A.M. Bible Study
 10:30 A.M. Worship
 Light House
 4:00 P.M. Handbells
 5:00 P.M. Kingdom Praise
 6:00 P.M. Worship

Wednesday

7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track
 6:00 P.M. Ignite
 6:30 P.M. Mid-week Meditation
 6:45 P.M. Adult Choir

Activities for July 6 through July 19

Thursday

7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track
 9:00 A.M. LifePLUS Planning Meeting
 10:00 A.M. LifePLUS Bible Study

Friday

7:30-10:30 A.M.

Saturday

2:00 P.M. Youth Float at DeVoto's (meet at church to carpool)

Sunday

Regular Schedule

9:00 A.M. Sunday School Council
 6:00 P.M. Cuba Mission Report
 7:00 P.M. Deacon's Meeting (note date change)

Monday

7:30-10:30 A.M. NO Walking Track
 8:30 – 11:30 A.M. VBS
 1:00 P.M. Sports Crusaders Camp
 1:30 P.M. GROW "R" Team
 7:00 P.M. College Bible Study, 435 Everglades

Tuesday

7:30-10:30 A.M. NO Walking Track
 8:30 – 11:30 A.M. VBS
 1:00 P.M. Ceramics
 Sports Crusader's Camp
 1:30 P.M. New Creation Singers
 7:00 P.M. Prayer at Panera's

Wednesday

Summer Schedule

8:30-11:30 A.M. VBS
 1:00 P.M. Sports Crusaders Camp
 6:30 P.M. Mid-Week Meditation – Karen Moore
 NO Adult Choir

Thursday

7:30-10:30 A.M. NO Walking Track
 8:30-11:30 A.M. VBS
 10:00 A.M. LIFE Plus Bible Study
 1:00 P.M. Sports Crusaders Camp
 6:00 P.M. Family Night at VBS

Friday

7:30-10:30 A.M. NO Walking Track
 8:30-11:30 A.M. VBS
 1:00 P.M. Sports Crusaders Camp

Saturday

2:00 P.M. Sitzes 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration (conference center)

Sunday

Regular Schedule

Monday

7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track
 1:30 P.M. GROW "O" Team
 6:00 P.M. Budget Planning Meeting
 7:00 P.M. College Bible Study, 435 Everglades

Tuesday

7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track
 1:00 P.M. Ceramics
 1:30 P.M. New Creation Singers
 7:00 P.M. Prayer at Panera's

Wednesday

Summer Schedule

7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track
 6:30 P.M. Mid-Week Meditation – Karen Moore
 NO Adult Choir

July 12

VBS
 Sports Crusaders Camp
 Mid-Week Meditation – Karen Moore
 NO Adult Choir

July 13

NO Walking Track
 VBS
 LIFE Plus Bible Study
 Sports Crusaders Camp
 Family Night at VBS

July 14

NO Walking Track
 VBS
 Sports Crusaders Camp

July 15

Sitzes 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration (conference center)

July 16

July 17

Walking Track
 GROW "O" Team
 Budget Planning Meeting
 College Bible Study, 435 Everglades

July 18

Walking Track
 Ceramics
 New Creation Singers
 Prayer at Panera's

July 19

Walking Track
 Mid-Week Meditation – Karen Moore
 NO Adult Choir



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News and Views

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July 5, 2017

Journey

I shared with you earlier that I am attending the Annual Gathering of the Baptist World Alliance in Bangkok, Thailand, this week. The Baptist World Alliance is a fellowship of 232 Baptist conventions and unions comprising a membership of more than 40 million baptized believers and a community of 110 million. I have served on the General Council of the BWA for the past 12 years. Neville Callam, a native of Jamaica, is retiring in December as the General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the Baptist World Alliance after 10 years of service. This week will be his last Annual Gathering and he will be honored at a special dinner Thursday evening. One highlight of this week will be the election of our new General Secretary.

I grew up in a pastor's home and I have served in ministry for over 45 years. As you might imagine I have attended a lot of Baptist meetings; however, the gathering of the global Baptist family is always an incredible and wonderful experience. I attended my first BWA gathering almost 30 years ago, and I have been blessed by the privilege to get acquainted with Baptists from around the world through the years. I have learned so much about my faith and how it is shaped by my culture. I have been humbled by the faith and commitment of those who live and serve in difficult settings with far less resource than we enjoy. The First Baptist Church of Farmington is a part of this global family. I will be returning this weekend and I look forward to sharing with you in worship on Sunday.

Summer is always a hectic time of the year with many activities. For many people it is also a time for vacations and family get-togethers. These are wonderful times for fellowship and they provide an opportunity to find renewal and rest. We all need a break and a change of pace sometimes. Summer is also a time when many churches experience a drop in attendance. Some of this drop is just the result of members being out of town, but sometimes people take a break during the summer. While we all need a break sometimes, we do not need a break from God. Every day and in countless ways, God is at work shaping our lives that we might become the people he created us to be. The Christian life is a journey of faith. It is a journey with God. I hope when you are not away traveling, you will make it a point to join us for worship and Bible study on each Lord's Day. We need the support and encouragement of our church family. We need to share in regular worship. Maybe this summer would be a good time to invite a friend to join you for worship.

Next week will be an incredibly busy week with our Vacation Bible School and the Sports Crusaders Camp. I hope you will join me in praying for all the staff and volunteers who help to make these ministries possible. "Galactic Starveyors," the VBS theme for this year, is based on Colossians 1:15-16. Pray for the boys and girls who will be attending VBS and the Sports Camp. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday (hopefully, without too much jet lag).

Jim Hill, Interim Pastor

Float Trip

If you have signed up to go with the youth on the float trip, we will meet at church at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, July 8 and carpool to the Devoto's house. From there we will put into the St. Francois River and will come back to their house at the end of the evening for a bonfire. If you want to go, but have not signed up, please talk to Jason ASAP.

Roaming through Romans (and James) Reading Plan

All parents, youth, and other church members are invited to join the youth group through the month of July in reading the books of Romans and James. Reading guides are located in the Student Center. July has already begun, but there is still time to catch up.

Youth Guys Bible Study/Game Time

Boys, join us at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 11 at the soccer fields in Engler Park for Bible Study and games at the park. This will continue every Tuesday, throughout the rest of the summer.

Sports Crusader Basketball Camp

It is almost here! Be praying for the coaches and the students during the week of July 10-14. If you want to provide a meal, or help out in any way, please contact Jason. Please call the church office if you know of someone who still wants to register for the camp.

Gym Closed

The gym is closed during the week of July 10-14 for Vacation Bible School and Sports Crusaders. Volunteers need not work that week.

Wacky Wednesday

Join us Wednesday, July 19 during the regular Ignite time for a game night full of wacky games! Wear old clothes and prepare to get a little messy. The game night will feature our annual game of ice cream football.

VBS Missions

The mission rotation, during VBS, will collect items for the Knight Time Snack program. Items needed: ramen noodles, soup, granola bars, popcorn, and pudding. Boxes are located at the bottom of the steps in the children's building and the foyer by the elevator.

Arch Trip is Cancelled!

The LIFE Plus trip to visit the Westward Expansion museum and Arch has been cancelled. While the museum was scheduled to open this spring it has now been pushed back to spring of 2018, so we will try again next year!

Holiday Brass Concert

It may seem early to talk about Christmas but tickets for the Holiday Brass concert are going fast! If you are interested in attending the Holiday Brass Concert on Tuesday, December 5 featuring Leslie Johnson, soloist with the Gospel Symphonic Choir; The Alphorns, bagpipers and drummers; and Manchester United Methodist Chancel Choir sign-up on the bulletin board by the office and pay by July 9. The cost is \$29.00 and the deadline is only two weeks due to limited tickets. The van will leave at 5:30 P.M. and return around midnight. Be sure to eat dinner before you get on the van!

Branson Trip

Pack your bags because LIFE Plus is going to Branson Tuesday, October 17 – Thursday October 19! The itinerary and cost is being put together this week and a sign-up will be available soon. Check the LIFE Plus bulletin board located by the offices for sign-up and details.

You Are Invited

Join us for a celebration of 50 years of marriage for Chuck and Ardie Henson. A reception will be held from 2:00-4:00 P.M. on July 30 in the conference center of First Baptist Church.

Thank You

My family and I thank you for your expressions of sympathy following the death of my step-mother, Mary Lou Miller. And, thank you for the memorial to The Baptist Home in her honor. That would have pleased her very much.
God bless, Bill Miller

Thank you – YATL!

I would like to thank the church and the missions' team. It is a great thing for home missions. There is a great need for more of this. Thanks again!

Brenda Robinson

I want to thank you for the delicious meals you delivered to me at my home during YATL. God bless you. Love and prayers.

Dorothy Watson

To all the volunteers at First Baptist Church for performing some home improvement jobs which I am no longer able to do. You truly are "the light." May God bless you in your mission work.

Anna Wampler

To the First Baptist Church Outreach Mission: I am sincerely grateful for the open-hearted work your group does for those of us who cannot always do necessary things for ourselves. I am especially grateful for the gentleman who mowed my overgrown back lawn today! What a blessing that was – high grass and weeds be-gone! My sincere thanks.

Janet Douglas

Financial Statistics for: June 25, 2017

Budget Requirements	\$ 17,988.00
Budget Receipts (6-25-17)	17,090.91
Requirement (wk 39)	701,532.00
Receipts (wk 39)	696,031.39
STB-BTS (from Oct)	70,994.30

Sunday, July 2, 2017

Our Church Studying: 290

Prayer Requests:

Pastor Search Team, Vacation Bible School

Christian Sympathy:

To David Watson and family in the death of his uncle, Harry Meyer
To David Holman and family in the death of his mother, Betty Holman.