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Regular Schedule:

Sunday		Wednesday	
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		6:30 P.M. Mid-week Meditation-John Tutt	
	Lighthouse Harbor	6:45 P.M. Adult Choir	
5:00 P.M. Kingdom Praise			
6:00 P.M. Worship			

Activities for August 17 through August 30

Thursday	August 17
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
8:00 A.M.	LifePLUS Leave for Warm Springs Ranch
10:00 A.M.	LifePLUS Bible Study

Friday	August 18
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track

Saturday	August 19
Sunday	August 20

Regular Schedule – Lighthouse Harbor
 4:30 P.M. Youth Leadership Team Meeting

Monday	August 21
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:30 P.M.	GROW "O" Team

Tuesday	August 22
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:00 P.M.	Ceramics
1:30 P.M.	New Creation Singers

Wednesday

Summer Schedule	August 23
6:00 P.M.	Children's Choir and Missions Kick-off
6:30 P.M.	NO Mid-Week Meditation

Thursday	August 24
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
9:00 A.M.	Seed Sew-ers
10:00 A.M.	LIFE Plus Bible Study

Friday	August 25
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track

Saturday	August 26
10:00 A.M.-Noon	OCC Carton pickup (gym/student center)
Sunday	August 27

Regular Schedule	
3:00 P.M.	History Committee Meeting
5:00 P.M.	Trustees

Monday	August 28
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:30 P.M.	GROW "W" Team

Tuesday	August 29
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:00 P.M.	Ceramics
1:30 P.M.	New Creation Singers

Wednesday	August 30
Summer Schedule	
6:00 P.M.	Ignite Kick-off



First Baptist Farmington

News and Views

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August 17, 2017

Totality

I am pretty sure you are aware of the eclipse which is less than a week away. On August 21, 2017, America will fall under the path of a total solar eclipse. The so-called Great American Total Solar Eclipse will darken skies all the way from Oregon to South Carolina, along a stretch of land about 70 miles wide. Both Jefferson City (where I live) and Farmington fall in the path ("path of totality") of this special event. I will be viewing it with my Farmington friends. They tell us many people will be traveling to both communities for the big event which should be an unforgettable experience.

During totality, when the sun's disk is completely covered by the moon, it is safe to view the eclipse with the naked eye; however, experts are warning everyone not to look at the partial solar eclipse without proper eye protection. They tell us looking directly at the sun, even when it is partially covered by the moon, can cause serious eye damage or blindness. A total solar eclipse occurs when the disk of the moon appears to completely cover the disk of the sun in the sky. The moon orbits an average of 239,000 miles from Earth. It is just the right distance to seem the same size in the sky as the much-larger sun; however, the earth, moon and sun line up only about once every 18 months.

A noted astronomer and science communicator Neil deGrasse Tyson said, "A total eclipse of the sun belongs on everyone's bucket list." Although many people have had the opportunity to view a total eclipse of the moon, few people have been able to see a darkened sun and the white halo of the sun's corona which is visible briefly during a total eclipse. For any spot of land on Earth, there's an oft-cited average time of 375 years between total solar eclipses. Any one person's chances of witnessing a total eclipse of the sun without traveling far from home are quite small. Many total eclipses are visible only from remote parts of the globe. This is the first time a total solar eclipse has gone from one American coast to the other since 1918. It will also be the first time in U.S. history that a total solar eclipse will make landfall exclusively on U.S. soil.

All of these facts mean we are indeed fortunate to be a part of this unusual event. The psalmist wrote in Psalm 121: *I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will protect you from all evil; he will keep your soul. The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever.*

I believe it should be some comfort as we witness the wonders of the God's heavens to know the God of creation watches over us. He keeps us safe in all our going out and coming in. Many of the ancients actually gazed upon these events with fear and anxiety. The psalmist says that neither the sun or the moon are reason for us to fear. We are called to live with confidence and without fear. The one who cares for us does not go to sleep on the job. You can trust the creator and sustainer. I hope you enjoy the eclipse, and I encourage you to whisper a prayer of thanksgiving on this special day to the one who created the heavens and the earth.

Jim Hill

First Baptist Helps Pave "The Way"



For the past two years, at the recommendation of our Beyond Our Walls Team, our church has been a catalyst for significant Kingdom

work among a partnership between the churches of the Baptist Union of Lithuania, students and faculty from Southwest Baptist University and Future Leadership Foundation. In addition to individuals among our church family, this year we provided \$1000 from our BOW Fund to supplement Lithuanian student costs to attend a week long "The Way: 2017" Youth Camp that took place across the border in Latvia.

Like most youth camps, there were the usual [recreation activities, building of relationships, group Bible Studies and more]. However, there is more to this story as well.

Henrikas Zukauskas, a current Baptist Union leader, reported that the camps are beginning to make an impact on the churches. You see this has become the primary activity for the churches of the Union to come together and build unity through common purpose in developing leaders, experiencing fellowship and planning for the future.



This year 7 students made professions of faith as the students from SBU gave leadership in communicating spiritual issues and wrestled with significant challenges facing the lives of the campers who attended. Among those issues identified by the campers was child abuse among families, alcohol addiction and teen suicide which is rampant in their country.

Thank you First Baptist! Because of your faithful giving and encouragement, "The Way:2017" Camp provided a way for sharing the Gospel and encouraging churches and students to walk in the ways of Christ - and they responded!

John W. Jackson

Leadership Team Meeting

The youth leadership team will have its first meeting this Sunday, August 20 at 4:30 PM in the Student Center.

Small Group Study

"James: Mercy Triumphs"

In this study Beth Moore examines James – Jesus' own brother – who started out as a skeptic and became a disciple. This eight-week study includes sessions on joy, hardship and humility. The facilitator for this study is Jinny LeDuc.

We hope to begin this study the last week of September. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office and in the welcome center. So that as many who wish to participate in this study may we are asking you to indicate, by number, your first, second and third choice on the date and time you are available.

Youth Kick-Off

All students are greatly encouraged to invite their friends to our youth kick-off event on Wednesday September 30 during regular Ignite time.



Children's Choir and Missions!!

Foam pit, water slide, bounce house and candy . . . what more can a kid ask for !?!

Children age 4 through grade 6 are invited to the annual fall kick-off of the children's music and missions activities on Wednesday, August 23 from 6:00-7:30 P.M.

Join us on the back parking lot (outside the gym) and come prepared to get wet and have a great time!

Please NOTE: There will be no mid-week meditation on August 23.

Back To School Retreat

Students, join us the weekend on September 22 as we go to Logan Valley Camp in Ellington. We will have a solid time of worship and teaching to help us get "on point" for the school year. We will also do a high ropes course and ride on a huge water slide. We will leave the evening of Friday, September 22 and will return the following Saturday evening. The cost is \$56 per person and the deadline to register is Wednesday, September 13.

The Baptist Home Homecoming and Auction

You are cordially invited to attend the annual Baptist Home Homecoming, Crafts Fair and Auction, Saturday, September 2.

Residents cherish visits from their church family so if you do not have plans for that day, please come and spend a day in fellowship with the residents. Everyone is welcome!

At 9:00 A.M. the auction will begin in the Rhoades Park, located on the east side of the campus where the old elm 'auction tree' used to stand. The bakery and food booth will also open at 9:00 A.M and will be stocked with mouthwatering, home baked treats.

For a complete list of auction items please see the list on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Branson Trip Final Payment

For those who signed-up and paid their deposit, the final balance has been reduced! The final payment due Sunday, September 10 is \$115.00, this is a \$40.00 savings. We are thankful to Kathy Crocker who has worked hard to get the best price possible for our group.

Video Ministry

We are currently looking for volunteers who are interested in helping and developing a video ministry. Interested persons would be willing to commit to video taping the morning services and possible post production editing. See Jeremy to let him know you are interested or email him at jeremy.champion@att.net

Children's Choir

The children's choir department is looking for a helper in the older children's class and a teacher in the younger children's class. If you are interested see Jeremy or Jinny LeDuc.

Prayer Requests:

Sam Cook (son of Gay Wampler), Russell Leek, James Krause Jr., Danny Wood, Antonio DeVoto, Dave Watson

Christian Sympathy:

To Eddie Powell and family in the death of his sister, Effie Reed.

Thank you

Being surrounded by those we love and that love us has to be one of the greatest feelings in the world. Such was the case on July 10 when our friends and family gathered with us to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. It has been a wonderful fifty years with good times and bad. We thank God for his leadership in our marriage. We thank all of you who were there in person and to those who were not able to attend in person but thought about us that day. Your friendship is a precious gift for us.

In His love,

Chuck and Ardie Henson

Financial Statistics for: July 23, 2017

Budget Requirements	\$ 17,988.00
Budget Receipts (8-6-17)	14,233.39
Requirement (wk 45)	809,460.00
Receipts (wk 45)	788,306.96
STB-BTS (from Oct)	79,511.30

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Our Church Studying: 276

Our Church Growing:

Chris Lawson, Nicholas Rector and
Sandra Nickens by baptism