



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

**Activities for August 3 through August 16**

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 3</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
8:30 A.M.	LifePLUS Planning Meeting
10:00 A.M.	LifePLUS Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 4</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
4:00 P.M.	Wedding Rehearsal
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 5</b>
8:00 A.M.	Back to School Fair, MAC
11:00 A.M.	Wedding
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 6</b>
Regular Schedule – NO Lighthouse Harbor	
3:00-5:00 P.M.	Peeler Birthday Celebration (gym)
5:00 P.M.	Finance Committee Meeting
	NO Kingdom Praise
5:30 P.M.	Bus Committee Meeting (college/career)
7:00 P.M.	Deacon's Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 7</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
11:00 A.M.	Celebrate History Committee Meeting (library)
1:30 P.M.	GROW "G" Team
6:30 P.M.	BOW Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 8</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:00 P.M.	Ceramics
1:30 P.M.	NO New Creation Singers
6:00-9:00 P.M.	Reading Initiative Celebration (student center)

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 9</b>
Summer Schedule	
6:30 P.M.	Mid-Week Meditation – John Tutt
	NO Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 10</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
8:00 A.M.	Leadership Teams Retreat
10:00 A.M.	LIFE Plus Bible Study
6:00 P.M.	Partner's in Prayer
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 11</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 12</b>
8:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.	Quilter's Guild
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 13</b>
Regular Schedule	
5:00 P.M.	NO Kingdom Praise
6:00 P.M.	Business Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 14</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
9:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M.	Quilter's Guild
1:30 P.M.	GROW "R" Team
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 15</b>
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
9:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M.	Quilter's Guild
1:00 P.M.	Ceramics
1:30 P.M.	New Creation Singers
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 16</b>
Summer Schedule	
6:30 P.M.	Mid-Week Meditation – John Tutt



# First Baptist Farmington

## *News and Views*

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August 3, 2017

### Pastor Search Survey

This past Sunday the Pastor Search Committee announced a congregational survey. As you know this committee is leading the search process as the church seeks to discern God's will concerning the calling of a new pastor. This is an incredibly important process and it requires the support and involvement of the entire church family. The search committee has invited all the youth and adults in the congregation to complete a survey. This brief survey will allow everyone to share their ideas regarding the needs and priorities of the church with the committee. Each person will have the opportunity to indicate the gifts and characteristics he or she believes the new pastor should have.

The congregational survey is available online. You can find the link to survey on the home page of the church's website ([www.farmingtonfbc.org](http://www.farmingtonfbc.org)). It will be helpful if as many members as possible will complete the survey online. If you are not able to complete it online, there are paper copies of the survey available in the church office. The Pastor Search Committee has requested that everyone complete the survey no later than August 15. The survey is anonymous and every person's input is important.

After everyone has completed the survey the Pastor Search Committee will summarize the data and create a profile of a new leader based upon the congregation's input. The purpose of the survey is to give an accurate picture of the congregation and gather the preferences for a new pastor. This profile will assist the committee as they review resumes and conduct interviews during the coming months. It will also provide information which can be shared with potential candidates to help them learn about the church.

I have been in ministry for over 45 years. I have worked with several search committees both as a candidate and as a pastor and denominational leader. Developing an accurate profile for the position and type of candidate you are seeking is an important step in seeking a new pastor. I hope you will join your church family in completing a survey soon.

A second thing you can do to assist the Pastor Search Committee is to pray for them and the search process. The search process is a challenging and obviously important process. The church has selected a capable and diverse committee which represents your entire church family. The committee will commit a great deal of time over the coming months as they seek to discern God's will concerning your new pastor. It is not an easy task. Your prayers, support, and encouragement of this committee will make their work go more smoothly and help your church discover God's will regarding a new pastor. I hope you will join me in praying for this committee and the search process.

I want to express my appreciation for the warm reception Bettie Jo and I have received from your church. You have been gracious and helpful to us as I have begun my ministry as your interim pastor. I am enjoying leading worship and sharing God's Word with your church family. Your church is an open and responsive congregation. I am enjoying getting to know the church family. Obviously, I am still leaning names and faces. I hope you will be patient and continue to help. I have also enjoyed getting to meet with the Deacons and several church committees. You have a gracious and helpful church staff and I am enjoying getting to know them better as we serve together. I ask for your continued prayers and I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Jim Hill, Interim Pastor



### Vacation Bible School 2017 Galactic Starveyors

Day one of Vacation Bible School is always the most challenging. How many kids will show up? Will we have enough materials? Will we have enough food for refreshments? The list goes on.

Outgoing VBS Director Susan Holman and understudy Tracey Skuta were in constant motion. They were talking to teachers, rotation leaders, office staff, parents and children to ensure a smooth first day. I was proud to work with these outstanding leaders and all of the VBS workers. We had a fantastic week, reaching an average of 22 additional children compared to 2016.

Family Night was standing room only in the gym with parents and family – many not affiliated with First Baptist – who saw their children perform songs and videos from week. Special thanks goes to Susan Holman for serving as VBS director for many years.

Be in prayer as we follow up with families that may be prospects for Christian ministry and with children who have made a decision to accept Jesus Christ as Savior.

### Leadership Teams Retreat

The youth will have a retreat on Thursday, August 10 at 8:00 A.M. for all students who are wanting to serve on the Ignite Worship Team, Technology Team, or the new Leadership Team for the upcoming school year. All those interested in worship team should prepare a song to lead the group in during the retreat. After the retreat we will eat at Cici's.

### Worship Team and Technology Team Appreciation Event

All students who have served for the past year on the Ignite Worship Team or Technology Team will take a trip to St. Louis after Cici's on August 10 to thank them for their work this year. Please bring money for dinner.

### Bowling League

The Family Fun Center in Farmington is starting up a church bowling league on Thursday evenings beginning August 24. If you would like to participate contact Jason in the office.

### Roaming through Romans Reading Party

Students and adults who completed the reading come celebrate with us Tuesday, August 8, 6:00-9:00 P.M. Please eat dinner before you arrive, but we will have dessert at the party!

### Choirs Are Starting!

If you enjoy singing and are willing to commit to a Wednesday night rehearsal and Sunday morning performance come join the adult choir for the fall! Our vision is to "To Proclaim the Praises of God" (I Peter 2:9) and that is what we strive to do during each service as a choir. We meet each Wednesday for rehearsal at 6:45 P.M. in the choir room to work on upcoming anthems, worship service music, and new worship songs. Come, join us on Wednesday, August 16 as we proclaim the praises of God!!

### Senior Adult Choir

Calling all Senior Adults who like to sing-we need you! Join us Tuesday, August 15 at 1:30 P.M. in the choir room for rehearsals. Like the adult choir, we enjoy the fellowship of one another and work on choir anthems to present on Sunday evenings.

## Greeter at First Baptist

Not that long ago First Baptist had a formal “stand and greet” time in our worship service. It was ended due to concerns that perhaps members enjoyed it more than guests actually did. A current survey comments suggest that guests want to be acknowledged. However, they want the greeting to be more natural occurring prior to worship or just after the service.

If this survey is accurate, it places more responsibility on members to be “intentional” when it comes to greeting guests. For example, if you have a favorite area to sit in the worship center, make a point to look for people who you do not recognize in your area. Go to that person or persons before the service begins and say something like, “I’m glad you’re here this morning. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. Is there something I can pray with you about?” or, “Is there any way I can assist you?” If you’re unable to speak with a guest before the service, try after the service is over.

Another way to be intentional about greeting is to volunteer as a greeter. You would be placed in the foyer or welcome center with a greeter identification badge asking people if they need help finding a seat, the nursery, a Bible study group, etc. For some being an “official greeter” may be a little easier than doing it informally. However we choose to greet guests, it will require us to get out of our “comfort zone.” I encourage you to greet someone this week.

Gordon Epps

## Thank you

The family of Hershel Robinson would like to thank you for your comforting words and prayers during the illness and death of our loved one. The Guitars are so proud to call FBC their home and to be a part of such a loving church. God bless you.

Bill, Carol, Jennifer and Allison Guitar

## Financial Statistics for: July 23, 2017

Budget Requirements	\$ 17,988.00
Budget Receipts (7-23-17)	15,403.94
Requirement (wk 43)	773,484.00
Receipts (wk 43)	763,865.07
STB-BTS (from Oct)	77,395.30

## Sunday, July 30, 2017

Our Church Studying: 276

Our Church Growing:

Isaac and Lynette Hollock by letter

## Prayer Requests:

Pastor Search Team, Russell Leek

## Christian Sympathy:

To Meme Champion and family in the death of her grandmother, Patsy Spencer.

To Kenny Cook and family in the death of his Mother, Edith Cook.

To Don McGuire and family in the death of his sister-in-law, Irene Eck.