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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, Children’s Choir	
10:30 A.M. Worship		6:50 P.M. Children’s Mission Groups	
	Lighthouse Harbor	6:30 P.M. Mid-week Meditation-Steve Jones	
5:00 P.M. Kingdom Praise		6:45 P.M. Adult Choir	
6:00 P.M. Worship			

Activities for August 31 through September 13

Thursday	August 31
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
9:00 A.M.	Seed Sew-ers
10:00 A.M.	LifePLUS Bible Study
Friday	September 1
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
Saturday	September 2
Sunday	September 3

Regular A.M. Schedule
 NO Evening Activities/Service

Monday	September 4
Labor Day – Office closed	
Tuesday	September 5
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:00 P.M.	Ceramics
1:30 P.M.	New Creation Singers
Wednesday	September 6
Regular Schedule	
5:00 P.M.	Wednesday Fellowship Meal
6:00 P.M.	Children’s Choir and Missions Kick-off
6:30 P.M.	Mid-Week Meditation

Thursday	September 7
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
10:00 A.M.	LIFE Plus Bible Study
Friday	September 8
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
Saturday	September 9
5:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Christmas Kickoff (fellowship hall)
Sunday	September 10
Regular Schedule – Grandparents Day	
9:30 A.M.	Sunday School Council
5:00 P.M.	Finance Committee Meeting
6:00 P.M.	Business Meeting
Monday	September 11
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:30 P.M.	GROW “R” Team
7:00 P.M.	Youth Girls Bible Study at 362 Moss Lane; Boys Bible Study, TBA
Tuesday	September 12
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
8:30 A.M.	Women’s Connection
1:00 P.M.	Ceramics
1:30 P.M.	New Creation Singers
7:00 P.M.	Bible Study Fellowship
Wednesday	September 13
Regular Schedule	



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News and Views

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Celebrating Our History

I am really enjoying the opportunity to serve with the First Baptist Church family during this interim period while you seek God's will concerning a new pastor. I believe you have selected an excellent search committee and I hope you are praying for them as they lead this incredibly important process. In addition to filling the pulpit and working with the church staff, deacons and other church leaders, I am also seeking to help the church family prepare for the transition coming over the next several months.

I have had the privilege of serving as an interim pastor for twenty-one churches during my ministry. Almost twenty years ago I completed a series of training sessions designed to help interim pastors become better prepared to serve congregations. The training was called the Intentional Interim Pastor Training. I have been working with some of your church leaders to identify several specific developmental tasks or steps which I believe will help the congregation be best prepared to welcome a new pastor and prepare for the future God has planned for the church. We have discovered when church members do these tasks thoroughly, with wide participation, the chances for effective ministry with a new pastor are greatly enhanced.

We will conduct three special Sunday evening congregational meetings this fall to allow the congregation to work on three of these developmental tasks. We will have one session each month during September, October and November. The first session will be on Sunday, September 24. I have enlisted the help of several volunteers from the church to help me prepare for this special evening. Our theme for the evening will be *Celebrating Our History*.

First Baptist Church was founded in 1882. The church has a long, significant history of witness and ministry in the Farmington community. Sometimes it is helpful for a congregation to pause and reflect on their ministry. This provides the church family with the opportunity to see how God has blessed their ministry. In the Old Testament the nation of Israel often recounted the mighty acts of God on behalf of his people. This process allowed them to remember what God had done for them and it led the children of Israel to praise God for his blessings. Our *Celebrating Our History* night will provide a similar opportunity for our church family to remember and reflect on all that God had done for us. We will talk together about how God has been at work in and through the church. The church family will have the chance to "recount the mighty acts of God" on our behalf. I hope you mark September 24 on your personal calendar and make a special effort to be present for this special. I believe you will enjoy the evening and I also believe you will learn somethings about the church you may not have known.

The *Celebrating Our History* night will be the first of three events. In many respects, this first event will set the stage for the next two. On Sunday evening, October 22, we will again gather as a church family to explore *Our Connection to the Baptist Family*. We will explore how First Baptist Church is a part of the larger Baptist family in our state and around the world. We will have some special guests with us to share with the church family. The Baptist World Alliance includes 235 Baptist conventions, unions or fellowships in 122 countries with more than 45,000,000 members. We are a part of something special. Our session on October 22 will help our members have a better understanding of *Our Connection to the Baptist Family*. The last of our three special events will be held on Sunday evening, November 19, will be focused on *Clarifying Our Identity*. I hope you will make plans to be present for all three of these special sessions. I also hope to see you in worship this weekend, if you are not traveling on the holiday weekend.

Jim Hill

Branson Trip Final Payment

For those who signed-up and paid their deposit, the final balance of \$115 is due Sunday, September 10. We are thankful to Kathy Crocker who has worked hard to get the best price possible for our group.



Please join us on this special day as we celebrate Grandparents, Sunday, September 10 during the Sunday school hour. Grandparents, plan to enjoy refreshments with your grandchildren as you join them in their Sunday school class.



September 17
4:00-7:00 P.M.
Engler Park
(Knight's Pavilion)

Invite your family and friends to a great time of food, fellowship and

fun! The church will provide the fried chicken so we ask that you sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please bring food for your family, plus some to share, lawn chairs, games, drinks and eating utensils/plates.

Kitchen Ministry

The kitchen ministry is a wonderful place to serve the Lord by serving others. It is work but it is enjoyable and very fulfilling. If you are interested and willing to work, we would like to know. Volunteers are needed to do the following:

- Help with cooking
- Set-up for meals
- Dishwashers
- Clean off tables and put away items.
- Willing to stay and help until the work is done!

Fuel Begins

Monday night Fuel Bible Study for Students will kick-off for the fall on Monday, September 11.

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 nine-week study includes an introductory sessions as well as sessions on joy, hardship and humility. The facilitator for this study is Jinny LeDuc.

Due to the response we will have two different Bible study times beginning September 19 at 11:00 A.M. and September 21 at 7:00 P.M. in the conference center. There is still time so please sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office and in the welcome center. We do ask you to designate which group you will be attending.

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.

Mid-Week Meditation

My typical Wednesday evening routine at First Baptist is to check on the Royal Ambassador’s and then head to the choir room for adult choir rehearsal. It has been awhile since I went to Mid-week Meditation or “prayer meeting” as we used to call it.

I have enjoyed the last two sessions in August led by John Tutt. The group was lively as we shared prayer requests and then studied the book of James. There were lots of opinions voiced about scripture interpretation sprinkled in with some personal testimonies. I had a good time and felt encouraged. The hour went by fast.

I am thankful for John, Karen Moore, and Frank Fain who have led this group during our pastor search process. I am also thankful for others who have volunteered to lead through the end of the year. Check out Mid-Week Meditation on Wednesday’s at 6:30 P.M. room 401.

Gordon Epps

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

Adult Choir Christmas Kickoff

If you like to sing during the Christmas season then this event is made for you!

Join us on Saturday, September 9 at 5:00 P.M. as we kick off this year's Christmas season through music.

After a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall we will preview this year's Christmas music. If you are interested in singing with the choir during the Christmas season you are welcome!

Financial Statistics for:

August 20, 2017

Budget Requirements	\$ 17,988.00
Budget Receipts (8-20-17)	13,924.50
Requirement (wk 47)	845,436.00
Receipts (wk 47)	825,343.81
STB-BTS (from Oct)	81,919.30

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Our Church Studying: 306

Prayer Requests:

John Moeser (Kathy Epps' Father), Antonio DeVoto, Jim Krause Jr., Arlene Jackson, Cindy Elkins, Delores Dolner (mother of Sue Kelly), Barrie Penninger (Mother of Tracey Skuta)

Christian Sympathy:

To the family of Stella Wilcox in the death of their loved one.

To Mary Naset and family in the death of her husband, Dale Naset.

To the family of Dale DeFreece in the death of their loved one.

Congratulations:

To parents, Jenna and Lance Smith, and grandparents, Sandra and Brian Rigdon on the arrival of, Makenna Elaine, August 15.



Resumes Sunday, September 10 during the 10:30 A.M. worship service.

Thank You

We are very thankful for family and friends that prayed for us this past week. I had a new pacemaker put in and I am feeling better every day. Thanks to everyone who check on us, called, and sent cards. We are so blessed.

No Sunday evening activities or service on Sunday, September 3.

Office and gym closed on Labor Day Monday, September 4