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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	
5:00 P.M. Kingdom Praise		6:45 P.M. Adult Choir	
6:00 P.M. Worship			

Activities for September 28 through October 11

Thursday	September 28
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
9:00 A.M. Seed Sew-ers	
10:00 A.M. LifePLUS Bible Study	
6:00 P.M. Help the Hungry Planning Meeting (college/career)	
6:30 P.M. Beth Moore Study (conference center)	
Friday	September 29
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
Saturday	September 30
Sunday	October 1
Regular Schedule	
NO Torchbearers/Lighthouse Harbor	
4:30 P.M. Drama Troupe Rehearsal (student center)	
5:00 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting	
7:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting	
Monday	October 2
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
11:30 A.M. Lunch and a Movie (student center)	
1:30 P.M. GROW "G" Team	
6:00 P.M. BOW (college/career)	
7:00 P.M. Youth Girls Bible Study at 362 Moss Lane; Boys Bible Study, student center	
Tuesday	October 3
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
11:00 A.M. Beth Moore Study (conference center)	
1:00 P.M. Ceramics	
1:30 P.M. New Creation Singers	
7:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship	

Wednesday	October 4
Regular Schedule	
5:00 P.M.	Wednesday Fellowship Meal
Thursday	October 5
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
8:30 A.M. LIFE Plus Planning Meeting (conference center)	
10:00 A.M. LIFE Plus Bible Study	
6:30 P.M. Beth Moore Study (conference center)	
Friday	October 6
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
Saturday	October 7
Sunday	October 8
Regular Schedule	
4:30 P.M. Drama Troupe Rehearsal (Lighthouse Harbor)	
4:45 P.M. Recreational Volunteer Meeting (student center)	
7:00 P.M. Cantata rehearsal	
Monday	October 9
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, student center	
Tuesday	October 10
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
10:30 A.M. Women's Connection Meeting	
11:00 A.M. Beth Moore Study (conference center)	
	Missouri Job Center Job Fair (gym)
	Ceramics
1:00 P.M. New Creation Singers	
1:30 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship	
7:00 P.M.	October 11
Wednesday	
Regular Schedule	



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News and Views

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Space

I would be honored if you would indulge me for a moment and think about exactly what that word means. Like many words in the English language, it is very versatile and has so many meanings. It could mean the vast vacuum that exists outside of the Earth's atmosphere that contains countless stars and planets. It could mean the existing area on a three dimensional plane, such as how much "space" is taken up on the platform by our choir on a Sunday morning. It could also mean the available room on a two dimensional document such as "space" allotted to fill out an essay question on an exam. Yet, again, we can also define the word "space" in a less literal way and use it to metaphorically describe the attitude, emotion, feeling inside of ourselves, i.e. the "space" in our heart. The latter definition is the one I would like to meditate on for this article.

This use of the word "space" explores the context of our own spiritual lives. When the youth group went on our fall retreat last weekend, we talked about these kinds of "spaces" in great detail. We discussed the "space" that we create in our hearts and how that affects the physical space in our youth group and church. Over the weekend, we looked at Mark 4 and discussed how this idea fits in with the parable of the sower. In the parable the sower (God) sows his seed (The Gospel) on four different types of soil. The seeds grew at varying rates. But only one type of soil, out of the four, was able to sustain the seeds to live a complete life as a plant. Through this parable, one can see that even though God and His Gospel are unchanging, they can only take hold in the soils (or spaces) that are just right.

I believe we can apply this principle not just to our youth group, but to our entire church body. Are we creating enough space in our hearts for the Gospel of God to take hold and grow as He desires it to? I know that probably most people who lay eyes on this newsletter have already created space in their hearts for God and that is why they are part of our church and, thus, receiving our newsletter. However, is there an area of your life that needs to be pruned away to create a bigger space in your heart for God to move?

Furthermore, in addition to that space in our hearts, are we allowing God to move through us to create the proper kind of "space" in our church? I encourage you to read the first six verses of Mark 6, and then go back and read Mark 5. I think we can agree that the attitudes between the two chapters are on opposite ends of the spectrum. Mark 5 describes some spaces in Galilee that have the proper attitudes, emotions, and feelings that are the perfect spaces for God's Gospel to take root and grow and do miraculous things. Mark 6 definitely does not. The question is: where does your heart and where does our church fit on the spectrum? The space in Mark 5 can be described as excited but the space in Mark 6 is clearly familiar. I pray that we all will take some focused, intentional, time this week seek God's wisdom to take our "spaces" away from Mark 6 and towards Mark 5. I pray that although most of us are very "familiar" with the Gospel that we will continue to be "excited" about it!

Pastor Jason



Upcoming monthly Bible study begins in October. Each study will be independent from the other and will incorporate a learning, service, or fellowship component that reiterates the point of the study that night. All studies will be held in the conference center and begin at 6:30 P.M. Dates are:

- October 20 ~ "The Masks We Wear"
(make up tutorial)
- November 17 ~ "It's In The Bag"
(service project/hats and gloves)
- December 15 ~ "Beautiful Feet"
(pedicures)

Stay Connected

Get text messages concerning the Youth Group. To stay connected on our Blaze Student Ministries texting list simply text the message "@fbcblaze" to the number: 81010.

Volunteer Opening in the Family Life Center

We are looking for a volunteer to fill the Tuesday 9-10:30 A.M. time slot twice a month. If you are interested, please call the church office.

Volunteer Training Meeting

All Family Life Center Volunteers are encouraged to attend our annual training meeting on Sunday, October 8 at 4:45 PM. The meeting is in the Student Center.

Children's Choir Helper

We are in need of one helper in the preschool choir on Wednesday nights to help take attendance, keep kids focused, and assist in bathroom breaks. If interested see Jinny LeDuc or Pastor Jeremy.

"The Case for Christ"

LIFE Plus is hosting lunch and a movie in the student center on Monday, October 2 at 11:30 A.M.

All ages are welcome but we do ask that you sign up by Wednesday, September 27 so that we have enough food prepared. Menu: Ham and cheese sandwiches, little smokies, meatballs, chips and dessert.

Dig through your archives!

Looking for "Joy Comes in the Morning" videos from 1999 to 2003 to duplicate for a project - either VHS or DVD and your copy will be returned. Thank you. Call Dave Watson at 760-4152.

Pastors Search Team

Farmington First Baptist Church is seeking a senior full-time pastor.

A successful candidate will possess the following traits:

- ✚ Proclaims the gospel through teaching, preaching, and by example.
- ✚ Is compassionate and relational to both the congregation and community.
- ✚ Possesses a vision for the future of the congregation.
- ✚ Is adept at integrating technology into his ministry.

Preferred traits of the candidate would include the following:

- ✚ Holds a M.Div or higher from an accredited institution.
- ✚ Has five or more years' experience as a pastor.
- ✚ Has experience working with multiple staff members.

Fellow church members, please feel free to suggest potential pastor candidates to the search committee at:

farmingtonfbcpastorsearch@gmail.com by November 10, 2017.



Walk for Life
Parkland Pregnancy
Resource Center
Saturday, October 14
9:00 A.M. ~ Columbia Park

Walk for ANY donation amount. More information is available on the bulletin board by the church office or contact Meme Champion at 618-709-0855.



Mid-Week Meditation Study

Ever heard the expression “between a rock and a hard place?” I am sure that is how Moses felt when the nation of Israel was caught between the Red Sea and Pharaoh’s charging chariots. Many of you have either been in very difficult situations or are facing them now. Beginning Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30 P.M. Linda Fitzgerald will lead a study of the popular book, “Red Sea Rules” during our mid-week meditation sessions. I encourage you to be a part of this important study to help you and others with effective bible based strategies during tough times. Invite a friend!

“Persuading Faith”

I read an article recently on how to persuade others who hold different views than you. People typically resist being persuaded toward a different viewpoint – especially if their identity is connected with their belief. The article shared ways to overcome this resistance:

- Make it your goal to understand the person, not change their mind.
- Take genuine interest in why someone believes the way they believe.
- Try starting off the conversation by sharing what you think is the strongest evidence for the view you disagree with.
- Talk less and focus on intentional listening showing patience and kindness.

As Christians we need to effectively influence others to faith in Jesus Christ. We can’t argue someone into God’s kingdom. We must be motivated by love and understanding, like Jesus with the woman at the well. We need to first understand what it means to “walk in their shoes.” When we have done this we will find a person more receptive to faith in Christ.

Gordon Epps

Financial Statistics for:

September 17, 2017

Budget Requirements	\$ 17,988.00
Budget Receipts (9-17-17)	8,562.00
Requirement (wk 51)	917,388.00
Receipts (wk 51)	885,974.19
STB-BTS (from Oct)	88,029.30

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Our Church Studying: 276

Prayer Requests:

Arlene Jackson, Antonio Devoto

Christian Sympathy:

To the family of Lonnie Goggins in the death of their loved one.

To Sue Kelly and Jessie Stephens in the death of their mother and aunt, Delores Volner.

To the family of Larry Schlitcher in the death of their loved one.