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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 November 9 through November 22

Thursday	November 9
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
10:00 A.M.	LifePLUS Bible Study
6:00 P.M.	Partner’s In Prayer
6:30 P.M.	Beth Moore Study (conference center)
6:30-8:00 P.M.	Open Gym
Friday	November 10
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
8:00 A.M.	LIFE Plus trip to Christmas Tree Tour/Shopping
11:00 A.M.	BKMB Meal in Gym
Saturday	November 11
Sunday	November 12
Regular AM Schedule – OCC Shoeboxes	
9:30 A.M.	Sunday School Council
4:00 P.M.	Drama Troupe Rehearsal
5:00 P.M.	Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal and Program
Monday	November 13
OCC Collection Center – Student Center	
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:30 P.M.	GROW “R” Team Meeting
5:00 P.M.	Basketball Team in Gym
7:00 P.M.	Youth Girls Bible Study at 362 Moss Lane; Boys Bible Study, student center
Tuesday	November 14
OCC Collection Center – Student Center	
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
8:30 A.M.	Women’s Connection
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	November 15
Regular Schedule	
OCC Collection Center – Student Center	
Thursday	November 16
OCC Collection Center – Student Center	
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
10:00 A.M.	LIFE Plus Bible Study
6:30 P.M.	Beth Moore Study (conference center)
6:30-8:00 P.M.	Open Gym
Friday	November 17
OCC Collection Center – Student Center	
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
9:00 A.M.	Pricing for Help the Hungry
6:00-9:00 P.M.	Family Luau
6:30 P.M.	GLOW Bible Study – conference center
Saturday	November 18
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.	Help the Hungry Bake Sale St. Joe Gym
Sunday	November 19
Regular Schedule	
4:30 P.M.	Drama Troupe Rehearsal
	Youth Leadership Team Meeting
6:00 P.M.	Congregational Meeting - Gym
7:00 P.M.	Cantata Rehearsal
Monday	November 20
OCC Collection Center – Student Center	
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:30 P.M.	GROW “O” Team
5:00 P.M.	Basketball Team in Gym
7:00 P.M.	Youth Girls Bible Study at 362 Moss Lane; Boys Bible Study, student center
Tuesday	November 21
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
6:30 P.M.	Divorce Care (room 122)
	Community Thanksgiving Service Methodist Church
7:00 P.M.	Bible Study Fellowship
Wednesday	November 22
NO Evening Activities	



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News and Views

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Choosing Generosity

Generosity? What exactly does that mean? The dictionary says generosity is “the quality of being kind, understanding, and not selfish” or “the quality of being generous; especially a willingness to give money and other valuable things to others.” The synonyms are liberality, lavishness, magnanimity, openhandedness, and unselfishness. On our best days, most of us would like to believe we are generous people. We trust that we will “choose” to be generous.

Sometimes it seems pretty easy to be generous. As my wife and I have gotten older and become grandparents, we have discovered the joy that comes from not only giving to our children, but also giving to our grandchildren. It is easy to give to a grandchild, but, unfortunately, generosity is not always easy and giving to others does not always come naturally.

The scripture says in John 3:16 *God so loved that he gave. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* 1 John says, *God is Love! God is Giving Love.* It is the nature of love to give! The statement is somewhat redundant. The reason he so loved is because he is love. The reason he could demonstrate his love is because he is love. “Giving” is the natural result of love.

This Sunday, November 12, I will begin a series of messages entitled *Choosing Generosity*. The emphasis is for three Sundays, November 12, 19 and 26. Generosity is at the heart of the Christian faith and it is at the heart of Christian stewardship. We love God because he first loved us. Paul wrote to the church in Rome, *“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”* (Romans 8:31-32) Because of his love he has “graciously given” us not only his Son, but all things. Jesus said, *“Freely you have received; freely give.”* (Matthew 10:8b)

This Sunday evening, we will gather for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. I was invited to speak at last year’s dinner. I am looking forward to sharing this time with you again this year. I hope you are planning to be present as we have a wonderful time of fellowship and pause to give thanks to God.

Sunday evening, November 19, we will have the third in our series of congregational events—*Clarifying Our Identity*. This event will be held in the gym as we explore together who we are as the body of Christ known as the First Baptist Church of Farmington. I really enjoyed sharing with the church family during our *Celebrating Our History* event and a few weeks ago was examined *Our Connection to the Baptist Family*. The last of these congregational events will allow us to think together about who we are as the body of Christ and why we exist. It is important that we pause during this interim period to think together about these important issues.

First Baptist Church of Farmington has been about the work of the kingdom for 125 years, and I am confident God has much more in store for this church family. I hope you will plan to join us for this special event on Sunday, November 19. By the way, we plan to have ice cream, too. We know what motivates Baptists! I look forward to seeing you this Sunday as we begin our look at what *Choosing Generosity* really means.

Jim Hill



Our local food pantries are seeing more elderly and more multi-generational families seeking help. What can you do for the Help the Hungry Bake Sale?

~ Wide mouth quart jars for its take-out chili. If you have jars that you no longer have a use for, please place them in the box outside the church office, or call Chris Landrum at 760-5207 for pickup.

The twelfth annual Help the Hungry Bake Sale is Saturday, November 18 at St. Joe Gym from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Schedule:

- ✚ The café opens at 8:00 A.M., serving a variety of breakfast items.
- ✚ The doors to the bake sale will open at 9:00 A.M.
- ✚ The live auction begins at 10:00 A.M.
- ✚ Cookin' Clergy contest at noon.

There is also a silent auction and a holiday décor raffle. Please prayerfully consider how you could help this year as the bake sale was designed for anyone who wants to help to have the opportunity to do so.

We need baked goods (we can't emphasize this enough), live auction items, themed baskets and holiday wreaths or centerpieces and donations to the Cookin' Clergy contest.

Volunteers are needed to help with pricing at our church and at St. Joe. For additional information or questions, call Ardie Henson 756-1362, Chris Landrum 760-5207, Joan Sullivan, 756-1176 or Mary Lee Faircloth 431-1083.

Cookin' Clergy Announcements

Pastor Champion is baking a cake for the Cookin' Clergy contest and he needs your support! Jeremy has big plans for his cake this year and will be up against some stiff competition.

Please use the blue envelopes in the church pew or drop your donation off at the church office prior to November 18.

Plan to see the live competition unfold and to root for Jeremy on Saturday, beginning at noon at St. Joe Gym.

Family Luau

Students and parents, mark your calendars for a family event for our youth group on Friday, November 17 from 6:00-9:00 P.M. We are calling it the Family Luau! During that time, we will have a meal, a game night, and an opportunity to get to know each other! If you have children younger than seventh grade, they are welcome to come too. The cost is \$2 per person to help pay for the meal. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 15 if you are planning on attending.

Open Gym on Thursdays

Starting Thursday, November 9, the gym will be open to the community for basketball from 6:30-8:00 PM during November and part of December. We are still in need of one more volunteer who would be able to work the front desk. If you are interested, please contact Jason in the office.

Christmas Tree Tour and Shopping

LIFE Plus is taking a trip down to Scott City to visit Yule Log Cabin on Friday, November 10. This is anything but your ordinary cabin, this cabin boast of 165 fully decorated Christmas trees of different sizes and unique ornaments (some are available to purchase). After checking out the Christmas trees we will head into Cape for lunch and shopping.

The cost is \$5.00 and we will leave the church at 8:00 A.M., returning around 5:00 P.M. Call the church office to have your name put on the list.

Boar Head Christmas Pageant

Jump start the Christmas season by joining the LIFE Plus group on Friday, December 1 as they go up to Peace Lutheran Church in St. Louis to watch a Christmas Pageant. This pageant is set in medieval England times where the Boar was considered to be one of the fiercest animals and to be evil. However, the story does not end there, the presentation of the Boar's head at Christmas time is symbolized as the Christ child's defeat over sin! Join us as we watch this wonderful pageant unfold with beautiful music and colorful costumes. Cost is \$3.00 and you will need to eat dinner before you come as we will not be stopping. The bus leaves the church at 5:00 P.M. and will return around 11:00 P.M. Reserve your spot on the LIFE Plus bulletin board today!



Shoebox Collection Time

Sunday, November 12

Bring your completed shoeboxes during the morning worship services for our dedication service. Our goal is 660 boxes – that is 660 gospel opportunities!

If you would like to work in the central drop-off center at FBC during the week of November 13, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Please pray for the Lord to provide an open door for shoeboxes to get into unreached people groups who have never heard the name of Jesus.



Join us during the month of November as we help the Farmington Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. Any non-perishable food item is welcome.

Financial Statistics for:

October 29, 2017

Budget Requirements	\$ 17,988.00
Budget Receipts (10-29-17)	11,062.40
Requirement (wk 5)	89,615.00
Receipts (wk 5)	85,911.98
STB-BTS (from Oct)	7,479.00

Prayer Requests:

Devon O'Neal (cousin of Aseneth Dispenziere), Southerland Spring Texas

Christian Sympathy:

To Sandra and Garry Schulze and family in the death of their son, Samuel Schulze.

Glow Bible Study

This month's Bible study will feature a mission project on Friday, November 17 at 6:30 P.M. Please bring hats and gloves for "It's in the Bag."

Trunk or Treat Thank You

I just wanted to say a big thank you to all who participated and helped in this year's Trunk or Treat. Truly, an outreach event of this size does not happen with just one or two people, it takes the whole body working together and that is what happened last Sunday Night.

Participants seemed to have a good time and many were complimentary of our hospitality. Thanks again for making this a fun family night for our community!

Jeremy Champion

Thank You

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow ~ a mighty fortress is our God." "He is Able" to put our paths straight and brings thankfulness to our hearts . . . and I thank you all for the help you offered and did for me and my family. "Our God is a might God; even in the saddest part of our lives . . ." He lifted me!

Ellie Polacek

Thank you for the prayers, cards, visits, and love you extended to me and my family at the death of my mother. Thank you to the bereavement committee and all who contributed for the food at Mom's visitation. Thank you to Bro. Jim and the staff for taking on extra responsibilities so that I might be with Mom during her last days with us. Your beautiful outpouring of love was such a testament of Christ's love. God bless you all as you blessed us.

Gay Wampler and family

Thank you so much for the memorial to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home in memory of Mom. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness!

The Carolyn Allen family