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Regular Schedule:

Sunday

8:00 A.M. Worship
 9:15 A.M. Bible Study
 10:30 A.M. Worship
 Lighthouse Harbor
 5:00 P.M. Kingdom Praise
 6:00 P.M. Worship

Wednesday

7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track
 6:00 P.M. Ignite, Children’s Choir
 6:50 P.M. Children’s Mission Groups
 6:30 P.M. Mid-week Meditation
 6:45 P.M. Adult Choir

Activities for February 1 through February 14

Thursday

7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track
 8:00 A.M. LIFE Plus Planning Meeting
 10:00 A.M. LIFE Plus Bible Study
 6:30 P.M. Discerning the Voice of God (conference center)

Friday

7:30-10:30 A.M.

Saturday

Sunday

Regular Schedule

NO Lighthouse Harbor or Torchbearers

5:00 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting
 7:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting

Monday

7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track
 1:30 P.M. CARE “C” Team
 7:00 P.M. Youth Girls Bible Study, 326 Moss Lane
 Youth Boys Bible Study, Student Center

Tuesday

7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track
 11:00 A.M. Discerning the Voice of God (conference center)
 1:00 P.M. Ceramics
 1:30 P.M. Senior Choir
 6:30 P.M. Divorce Care
 7:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship

Wednesday

Regular Schedule

8:00 A.M.
 5:00 P.M.

Thursday

7:30-10:30 A.M.
 10:00 A.M.
 2:00 P.M.

Friday

7:30-10:30 A.M.

Saturday

6:30 P.M.

Sunday

Regular Schedule

Monday

7:30-10:30 A.M.
 1:30 P.M.
 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday

7:30-10:30 A.M.
 9:15 A.M.
 11:00 A.M.
 1:00 P.M.
 1:30 P.M.
 6:30 P.M.
 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Regular Schedule

February 7

Educational Foundation (conference center)
 Fellowship Meal

February 8

Walking Track
 LIFE Plus Bible Study
 Partners in Prayer (church library)

February 9

Walking Track

February 10

“How to Journal” (conference center)

February 11

February 12

Walking Track
 CARE “A” Team
 Youth Girls Bible Study, 326 Moss Lane
 Youth Boys Bible Study, Student Center

February 13

Walking Track
 Women’s Connection
 Discerning the Voice of God (conference center)
 Ceramics
 Senior Choir to The Baptist Home
 Divorce Care (room 122)
 Bible Study Fellowship

February 14



Create a Bucket List of Kindness by Ken Satterfield

I can be pretty clueless in communicating to the opposite sex, a different culture and – now – both older and (sadly) younger ages. But this past year has really confused me. Regardless of the cause, politics seem to trump faith, while discussions about hot-button topics devolve into name-calling, even among Christians.

So, I'd like to suggest a bucket list for this year. Not exactly random acts of kindness, my list focuses more specifically on kind words, random and deliberate, both spoken or written: When someone provides good service, tell them so – specifically. Share that on a comment card, too. Say hello to people you pass in the hall, on the street or at the mall. Upgrade it with a smile! Compliment someone on Facebook you haven't contacted in more than six months. Take a season (like Lent), month or week where you send a note or email to someone who has made a difference in your life each day.

- Hide notes (tinyurl.com/MAF-Words1), leave a note in publications (tinyurl.com/MAF-Words2) or attach a tag (tinyurl.com/MAF-Words3) for people to find in unexpected places. If you have a blog, include the URL on the back and start a communication.
- Tell your pastor something meaningful from a recent sermon.
- Tell your church's support staff how much you appreciate what they do.
- Need help with affirmations for relationships and co-workers? Find ideas at tinyurl.com/MAF-Words4 and tinyurl.com/MAF-Words5.

Write a letter to your future self; include some favorite things. Then have a friend send it sometime later. Other letter writing ideas for National or World Letter Writing Days (Dec. 7 and Sept. 1 respectively) are at tinyurl.com/MAF-Words6.

Rate your church or other local business on Facebook – or share your own positive post about it. Traveling? Put your mail/email/blog URL on the back of your car and use it as a springboard to befriend anyone that responds.

The World Needs More Love Letters (moreloveletters.com) encourages writing anonymous letters that are happy, encouraging and about the recipient. Or, nominate someone and followers could send letters to them.

- Tell the person behind you that you really enjoyed their singing.
- Make a phone call instead of sending a text.
- Use an app to make personalized, even handwritten, cards (tinyurl.com/MAF-Words9).
- Share encouraging graphics found on Random Words of Kindness (tinyurl.com/MAF-Words8) to a friend or someone struggling.

When your team loses, say something gracious to/about your rival. If you are really industrious, why not make these monthly, even weekly goals?

Ken Satterfield is marketing director for Word&Way, a former media specialist and really, really glad you read this! (by permission, January 2, 2018 article, Media and the Internet, Word&Way)

Engaging the Culture

Thom Ranier is the CEO of Lifeway Christian Resources, the publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). He is a “bright spot” in the SBC. Dr. Ranier is committed to church revitalization. He recently addressed the challenges facing churches in what is now referred to as the “Post Christian Culture.” Religion and faith are no longer dominate forces in our society. In the winter 2018 issue of *Facts and Trends*, Dr. Ranier listed steps churches must take to maintain spiritual vitality and growth such as:

- An emphasis on prayer.
- Openness to new approaches for ministry.
- Emphasis on evangelism and discipleship.
- Having an external rather than an internal focus.

The last step is one that you may have heard as cultural or community engagement. What does that term really mean? Ranier states in the article, “...Christians must go out into the community, love their neighbors, and reach lost people with the gospel. Churches needing revitalization are usually spiritual navel gazers. They are more concerned with programs for members than reaching the lost in their community.”

Here are some thoughts on community engagement:

- Walk across the street and welcome the new family moving into your neighborhood. Invite them to church and offer to accompany them. Research on church growth has found that an invitation combined with an offer to accompany a friend or neighbor will likely result in that person attending.
- Become more aware of social and spiritual needs in Farmington. What can our church do to help support and stabilize families dealing with poverty, hunger, divorce, or drug abuse? Farmington has a large number of persons incarcerated in prisons and county jails. How can we support prison ministries?

May we step up and meet the spiritual and physical needs in our community. This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Gordon Epps

Senior Adult Day at MBU

It's not too late to sign-up and pay for your ticket for “JAZZ and so much more.” Tickets are \$25.00 and include bus fee, lunch, and admission ticket. We will leave Friday, March 9 at 7:45 A.M. and return around 3:00 P.M. Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, February 4.



On Friday, February 23 our church will host a livestream viewing of *Right Now Media's*, “Work As Worship Retreat.”

During the retreat we will join business owners, CEO's, and other leaders across the country who want their faith to impact their work. The retreat begins at 7:15 A.M. and ends at 2:30 P.M.

For questions about the retreat check out the video and follow the link on the church website at www.farmingtonfbc.org or type in <https://www.workasworshipretreat.org/registration?id=324767385>. Registration must be online. Lunch is provided so we are asking that you register no later than Friday, February 9.

Mystery Dinner Theatre

Actors from the Bissell Mansion are coming to perform a mystery dinner theatre for us 6:00 P.M. on Friday, February 16.

The show is “Lucy Loves Ricky” and is just in time for Valentine's Day. Audience participation is expected. The meal will be catered by Baylee Joe's. The cost for the dinner and show is \$32 per person. The deadline to register is Sunday, February 11.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal

We are back on track! Join us Wednesday, February 7 at 5:00 P.M. Cost: \$4.00 ea. or max \$16.00 per family. Menu: Oven friend chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned green beans, Chinese cole slaw and dessert. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards outside church office and in the welcome center.

Join Right Now Media

Are you aware that our church partners with Right Now Media? Right Now Media is a website filled with hours and hours of Christian Bible Studies, devotions, inspirational videos, etc. You can access these resources free! To start streaming all of this valuable content at home, or at church, turn in your e-mail address to the church office. You will then receive an e-mail with all the log-in information.

Youth Mission Trip Dates

The Mission Trip this summer will take place sometime between June 23 and July 7. Mark your calendars! Specific details about location, exact date, and cost will be unfolding over the next couple of weeks.

Thank You

Thanks to our kind church friends for the loving thoughts and prayers expressed at the passing of our son, Edward Doughty. May God bless you!

Gary and Donna White.

Baptist Home Visit

Join LIFE Plus as they make a Valentine's visit to The Baptist Home in Ironton. We will leave the church on Tuesday, February 13 at 9:00 A.M., lead a special program for the residents, provide cookies for them, head over to *Thee Abbey Kitchen* for lunch, and then return home. Each participant is asked to bring three (3) dozen cookies to share with the residents. (Sugar-free cookies are needed, too!) Sign up on the LIFE Plus bulletin board.

How to Journal

Ladies, join us Saturday, February 10 for a journaling class! Bring: a notebook and any embellishments you might want to include (we will have some available, too). If you have thought about journaling (prayer or Bible) and need help getting started or just want to fellowship – don't miss out! We will meet in the Conference Center 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Financial Statistics for:

January 21, 2018

Budget Requirements	\$ 17,923.00
Budget Receipts (1-21-18)	13,796.45
Requirement (wk 17)	304,691.00
Receipts (wk 17)	310,939.12
STB-BTS (from Oct)	27,729.00

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Our Church Studying: 237

Prayer List:

Savannah Sanchez (granddaughter of Jack and Susan Warren), Jane Bates, Carolyn Howard, Jim Krause, Jr., Barbara Knaus (sister of Sue Krause), Louise Wright, Jill Bridges

Christian Sympathy:

To the family of Denny Vaughn in the death of their loved one.
To Margie Botkin and family in the death of her husband, Tony Botkin.
To Donna White and family in the death of her son, Ed Doughty.
To Neil Parrott and family in the death of his sister-in-law, Margaret Parrott.

Congratulations:

To Charlie and Kristi Barker on the arrival of a grandson, Jackson Andrew, January 18.