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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 15 through February 28

Thursday

7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track
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. Walking Track
6:00 P.M. Mystery Dinner Theater

Saturday

Sunday

Regular Schedule

Monday

7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track
1:30 P.M. CARE "R" Team
6:00 P.M. BOW Meeting
Gym – Nash
6:30 P.M. Easter Study (conference center)
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
7:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship

Wednesday

Regular Schedule

10:00 A.M.

Thursday

7:30-10:30 A.M.
10:00 A.M.
6:30 P.M.

Friday

7:15 A.M.-2:30 P.M.
7:30-10:30 A.M.
7:00 P.M.

Saturday

1:00-2:30 P.M.

Sunday

Regular Schedule

Noon-2:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M.

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Regular Schedule

10:00 A.M.

February 21

Easter Study (conference center)

February 22

Walking Track
LIFE Plus Bible Study
Discerning the Voice of God (conference center)
Parenting Techies (student center)

February 23

Work as Worship Retreat (student center)

Walking Track
BUNCO Night (gym)

February 24

Winter Romp – Parkland Gymnastics

February 25

Heart Connection (gym)

Trustees

February 26

Walking Track
CARE "E" Team
Gym – Nash
Easter Study (conference center)
Youth Girls Bible Study, 326 Moss Lane
Youth Boys Bible Study, Student Center

February 27

Walking Track
Discerning the Voice of God (conference center)
Ceramics
Senior Choir
Bible Study Fellowship

February 28

Easter Study (conference center)



First Baptist Farmington

News and Views

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February 15, 2018

About 25 years ago when I was serving as pastor of a church in St. Louis, I began planning an Easter worship series each year. It corresponded to the traditional season of Lent. At the time, not a lot of Baptist congregations in our area observed the season of Lent.

Today, many Baptist congregations observe the Christian year, and many observe Lent in preparation for Easter. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. "Lent" comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his public ministry. Ash Wednesday is February 14 this year and falls on the same day a Valentine's Day. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

For many Christians, Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. As most of you know Baptists have not been very fond of promoting fasting. We prefer pot-luck dinners. In any event, Lent is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. I believe it is a wonderful season for reflection as we consider the sacrifice of our Savior, and as we reflect on Christ's call for all of his disciples to take up their cross and follow him. Maybe most of all, Lent is a time to reflect on relationship to God.

On Sunday mornings during the Lenten season, I will be sharing a series of messages designed to help us consider our *covenant relationship* with God. I am calling the series "Celebrating the Covenant." The series will conclude with our Easter Celebration of the Resurrection on Sunday, April 1. This would be a wonderful time to invite friends and neighbors to join us for worship.

On Sunday evenings, I will continue a series of messages I began the first Sunday in February as we explore "The Family of God." We will examine some familiar stories from both the Old Testament and the New Testament that have much to teach us about being the family of God. Our Sunday evening worship is a little less formal setting, and I hope to include some dialogue with the congregation during this series of messages. I hope you will plan to join us.

The Pastor Search Committee shared a few weeks ago that they had hoped to have a candidate ready for presentation to the congregation soon, but as they indicated the candidate decided to withdraw from consideration. Obviously, it is always a little disappointing when our expectations do not work out, but as I shared with some of the committee members, God was not surprised by what happened. He still has a plan to provide a new pastor to guide this congregation into the future. Your church has an excellent search committee, and they are working faithfully as they seek God's will concerning your new pastor. I am also confident God is leading their process. I hope you will join me in praying regularly for them as they seek God's will. I hope to see you in worship on the Lord's Day.

Jim Hill



There is still time to register for the livestream viewing of Right Now Media's *Work As Worship Retreat* on February 23. 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 will start at 7:15 A.M. and will end at 2:30 P.M. The cost is \$25 which includes lunch.

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.

LIFE Plus is hitting the Road!

Join the LIFE Plus group as they head over to Kentucky! Trip dates are April 17-19 with visits to the Kentucky Derby Museum, Creation Museum, and the Ark Encounter. Cost is \$250.00 per person (NON-REFUNDABLE) plus food meals on your own, and final payment is due by Sunday, March 18. Sign-up on the LIFE Plus bulletin board today!

Parenting Techies Workshop 2

We had a great time of learning and discussion at our workshop in January. Parents, join us for workshop # 2 on Thursday, February 22. We will meet in the Student Center from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Please bring your electronic devices for hands on training. Although this workshop is created for parents of teenagers, all parents are welcome to attend.

Mission Trip Details

Our youth are traveling to Texas for their Mission Trip this summer and they will leave on Saturday, June 30 and return either July 7 or 8. The cost is approximately \$250. As we prepare for this trip in the coming months, please let Jason know if you would like to support this trip prayerfully or financially.

Heart Connection

If you are a widow or widower, our youth would like to make lunch for you on Sunday, February 25. We will eat immediately following the morning worship services and would like for you stay and hang out with us until 2:00 P.M. Please sign up on the bulletin boards by the office or the Welcome Center if you are planning on coming.



Help the Hungry Bake Sale has been selected as the charity of choice for the month of March by Schnucks. Every time

the reusable Hunger bag with the message "Every Bag Feeds a Neighbor in Need" is purchased at the Schnucks store in Maple Valley, \$1 is donated to the bake sale. In addition, for every \$1 Schnucks receives in sales from the bag, 4 meals are shared with those in need. Please go to the store, find the reusable bag rack and buy a few Hunger bags! The more bags purchased, the bigger donation to Help the Hungry Bake Sale, and the more that are fed!

Bunco is Back!!

Join us for another fun evening of Bunco on Friday, February 23, 7:00-8:30 P.M. in the gym. Sign up on the bulletin board by the office and invite your friends! We will have a blast!

Easter Bible Study

It is not too late to join this seven-week Easter Bible study! Join us as we take an up-close and personal look at what the last week of Jesus' life might have looked like from the disciples' perspective and how it changed their lives.

This is also a great opportunity to do some self-reflection in how our own lives are changed by the events of Jesus' death and resurrection. This study is for any age (but keep in mind that it does get intense in content).

There are two opportunities to be a part: Mondays (beginning February 12) 6:30-8:00 P.M. or Wednesdays 10:00-11:30 A.M. here at the church. Check the bulletin board by the office for more information and to sign up.

Soup-er Bowl

The Super Bowl is over, but the First Baptist **Soup-er Bowl** is just getting started! With all of the cold weather, the soup supply at the Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry has been **sacked** with demand. Bring your cans of soup to our drop-off location by the church office or in the Welcome Center. Don't **pass** up a chance to **score** a victory in our community against hunger. The Soup-er Bowl collection will go through the end of February.

Prayer List:

John Tutt, Terry Clopper, Jane Bates, Jane Leek (mother of Russell Leek)

Christian Sympathy:

To Connie Fain and family in the death of her mother, Aretha Yates.

Congratulations:

To the Slinkard family on the arrival of Carter Avery, January 29.

Thank You

We want to thank our church family for all the expressions of love and kindness shown to us during the passing of Tony. We want to thank the ladies for preparing and serving the delicious dinner. Thank you, also, for the memorial gift to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home in memory of Tony.

The Tony Botkin Family

The family of Denny Vaughn wish to express their deep appreciation for the memorial gift sent to the Missouri Baptist Children's home in his memory.

Judy Vaughn

Financial Statistics for:

February 4, 2018

Budget Requirements	\$ 17,923.00
Budget Receipts (1-21-18)	23,072.53
Requirement (wk 19)	340,537.00
Receipts (wk 19)	345,258.75
STB-BTS (from Oct)	30,929.00

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Our Church Studying: (dismissed due to ice)