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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. Orchestra Rehearsal		6:45 P.M. Adult Choir	
6:00 P.M. Worship			

Activities for March 15 through March 28

Thursday	March 15
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
10:00 A.M. LIFE Plus Bible Study	
Friday	March 16
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
6:00 P.M. RA Lock-in begins	
Saturday	March 17
8:00 A.M. RA Lock-in ends	
10:00 A.M. Shower – conference center	
6:00 P.M. Adult 8 Fellowship	
Sunday	March 18
Regular Schedule	Youth Mission Trip Meeting (student center)
Noon	Glow Cookie Contest (gym)
2:00 P.M.	
Monday	March 19
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:30 P.M. CARE “R” Team	
6:00 P.M. Gym – Nash	
6:30 P.M. Easter Study (library)	
Tuesday	March 20
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:00 P.M. Ceramics	
1:30 P.M. Senior Choir	
7:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship	

Wednesday **March 21**

Regular Schedule	Easter Study (library)
10:00 A.M.	
Thursday	March 22
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
10:00 A.M. LIFE Plus Bible Study	
Friday	March 23
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
	Trivia Night (gym)
Saturday	March 24
Sunday	March 25
Regular Schedule	
Monday	March 26
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:30 P.M. CARE “A” Team	
6:00 P.M. Gym – Nash	
6:30 P.M. Easter Study (library)	
7:00 P.M. Youth Girls Bible Study, 326 Moss Lane	
	Youth Boys Bible Study, Student Center
Tuesday	March 27
7:30-10:30 A.M. Walking Track	
1:00 P.M. Ceramics	
1:30 P.M. Senior Choir	
7:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship	
Wednesday	March 28
NO Evening Activities	
10:00 A.M. Easter Study (library)	



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News and Views

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March 15, 2018

It is pretty easy to become cynical in our world. Every day it seems there is a new crisis, a new conflict, or a new calamity. We are confronted with reports from the battle fields and the updates on the terror alerts. People try to cope with rising prices and unemployment. Relationships are broken and families face incredible pressures. In the midst of our often-troubled world we are called to be people of hope. We have a message of hope. It is a message that has changed us forever. Our generation needs a word of hope. Our world desperately needs the people of God to live out the hope we have found in Christ.

We are fond of quoting the scripture regarding Jesus being “*the way, the truth, and the life.*” But it is not enough to quote the verse. Jesus called us to live “his way.” The Christian life is essentially a call to live our lives in ways that run counter to culture. As people of faith we believe even when the evidence is lacking, we love even when those we love do not respond, and we live with hope even when the world around us seems dark and discouraged.

Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome to say, *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit* (Romans 15:13). It is a wonderful image—overflowing with hope! We need churches and Christians today who are overflowing with hope. I am certainly not suggesting that we need some type of simplistic or naïve faith which responds to life by ignoring the challenges and problems. I am suggesting that mature faith calls for us to learn to face the difficulties of life with the peace and confidence that comes from a relationship with God. Sometimes we grieve with those who grieve, but we do not grieve as those who have no hope.

Maybe we should begin to see these challenging days as days of great opportunity. Everywhere we look we can see people who are searching for hope. Often, they seem to be looking in all the wrong places, but still they are searching. As the people of God, we have the opportunity to engage the world around us with honesty, integrity, love, and hope. My faith brings me new hope each day. On my best days I find a way to share that hope with someone else.

In a couple of weeks, we will celebrate the central event in the life of the Church—the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection we celebrate on Easter is at the center of the Christian hope. What a wonderful opportunity this celebration provides for us to invite friends, neighbors and co-workers who might not attend worship on a regular basis. Easter is a time when many people are open to joining us for worship. I hope you will invite someone to join us for one or more of the special services during the coming weeks. March 25 is Palm Sunday. We will also have a special service on Maundy Thursday, March 29, and our Easter celebration on Sunday, April 1. I hope you will ask God how you can best share the hope you have found in Christ during special season. I will look forward to seeing you Sunday as we continue our series on *Celebrating Our Covenant*.

Jim Hill

Mission Trip Meeting

Parents and students are invited to attend a meeting this Sunday, March 18, in the student center about the summer mission trip to Texas.

We will discuss trip details as well as fundraising ideas for the trip. The meeting will begin at Noon. Feel free to grab some lunch after church and bring it back to the meeting with you.

Serving At The YFC Banquet

This Monday, March 19, youth are helping serve tables at the YFC Banquet. YFC is the organization that runs the Skate Park, School Christian Clubs, and mentoring programs.

We will get started at 5:00 P.M. and finish around 8:00 P.M. Please sign up in the student center if you are planning on coming.

The event is located at the Bridge Church in Leadington.

Good Friday

On Good Friday, March 30, the youth will travel to Sky Zone in St. Louis with other fun and reflective activities planned as well.

The cost is \$25 per person plus money for one meal. Please register no later than Wednesday, March 21.

Soup-er Bowl....

We continue to collect cans of soup for the 2018 Soup-er Bowl. Soup cans can be dropped off at the collection area by the church office or in the Welcome Center. The donated soup will help replenish the inventory at the Farmington Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry.

Cookies for OCC

We are offering cookies for donations that will go toward expenses of Operation Christmas Child at FBC. Please sign up on one of the two lists located in the welcome center or the bulletin board by the office. Cookies will be delivered on April 1.

Spring Concert

Join us for a fun, toe tapping evening at our annual gospel concert featuring The Berry Brothers and The Wallen Family. This year's concert is Sunday, April 15, at 6:00 P.M. The concert is free, but a love offering will be taken to support the Help the Hungry Bake Sale and the Knight Time Snack Program.

Palm Sunday Potluck

The First Baptist Recreation Team is coordinating a special potluck meal event to coincide with Palm Sunday, March 25. The meal starts at 5:00 P.M. and will be very similar in format to our annual Thanksgiving meal with the church providing the meat (ham) and drinks.

Following the meal is a special presentation from our members who recently visited the Holy Land.

We don't want anyone to miss this opportunity for great food and fellowship but we do need to get a count of the number of people attending the meal. Please, sign up using the tear out portion of Sunday bulletin or use the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board by the church office.

Service Projects

Do you have any projects that you need help with at your house? Spring cleaning, yard work, painting, etc.?

Our students would love to come and help you! In return, our students are accepting donations towards their mission trip this July in Texas.

Please contact Jason if you would like to schedule a time for students to come and work for you.

Trivia Night

First Baptist will host the 2018 Trivia Night at 7:00 P.M., Friday, March 23 in the Family Life Center gym.

This "battle of the brains" event will help raise funds for our children's camp expenses. Dr. Gary Grix will be developing a challenging slate of trivia questions ranging from a variety of subjects.

Teams are being formed from the Adult Sunday school departments. Any church member or group is also free to come up with their own team. There are extra team registration forms available at the church office. Each team can have up to ten (10) members.

Some snacks and soft drinks will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own goodies. "Prizes" will be awarded throughout the evening. This would be a good opportunity to invite a friend who is not a member of First Baptist.

Girls on Mission

During the weekend of March 9-10, twenty-seven girls, sponsors and one bus driver traveled to Windermere for the Girls On Mission retreat at Windermere. They joined other girls from around the state to learn more about "Who Am I?" II Corinthians tells us - *7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves.*

Thank you for your prayers as we prepared to travel, for your support of items for the backpack ministry and the monetary support you gave through the Mary Stewart Scholarship fund to help the girls attend and to purchase additional items needed for the ministry project.

During the weekend a total of 1,516 items were brought to share between two back pack ministries. A love offering of \$500 was collected which will buy \$10,500 worth of food for the school system in the surrounding area.

Next Sunday, March 18 the girls will wear their t-shirts (white with red sleeves). Take a moment, ask them about the weekend but don't be surprised if they ask you, "Who Are You?"

A Neighbor in Need

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!

Financial Statistics for:

March 4, 2018

Budget Requirements	\$ 17,923.00
Budget Receipts (3-4-18)	22,033.24
Requirement (wk 23)	412,229.00
Receipts (wk 23)	408,336.84
STB-BTS (from Oct)	1,846.00

Prayer List:

Loretta Wamble, Jim Krause Jr., Pastor Search Team

Dear Friends,

As we continue to prepare for our mission to Cuba this summer, we will soon be scheduling team meetings to make key decisions. We invite and covet your prayers as we seek to honor God and encourage the churches in Cuba. Here is a beginning prayer list that I am sure we and our brothers and sisters in Cuba will add to in the coming days.

Prayer List:

*That God will be glorified in all we do as a church and mission team as we seek His face and prepare for our Cuba 2018 mission.

*That God will reveal His plan for our ministry in Cuba both in June for our current team and for the future involvement of FBC Farmington among the Cuban churches.

*That FBC Farmington will develop ways to become actively involved in the Cuba 2018 Mission effort.

*Cuban Pastors: Joey Hernandez, Pastor Osbaldo, Alexander Fife, Josue Rodriguez as they lead their churches to participate in the training events.

*That we will find favor among those who make decisions re: the Visa confirmation for our mission team

*Openness of Evis and Staff at B&B to hear and respond to the Gospel

*Wisdom in our choices of teaching materials and their application by the churches.

*Clarity in our teaching presentations

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Our Church Studying: 281

Our Church Growing:

Seth Currington by baptism

Alene Lewis by letter