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**Regular Schedule:**

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| <b>Sunday</b>                 |                   | <b>Wednesday</b>                    |
| 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 1 through March 14**

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| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>March 1</b>                                  |
| 7:30-10:30 A.M.  | Walking Track                                   |
| 8:00 A.M.        | LIFE Plus Planning Meeting                      |
| 10:00 A.M.       | LIFE Plus Bible Study                           |
| NOON             | Ministerial Alliance Meeting (gym)              |
| 6:30 P.M.        | Discerning the Voice of God (conference center) |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>March 2</b>                                  |
| 7:30-10:30 A.M.  | Walking Track                                   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>March 3</b>                                  |
| 10:00-2:00 P.M.  | GA's Craft Party (gym)                          |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>March 4</b>                                  |
| Regular Schedule |   |
| 5:00 P.M.        | Finance Committee Meeting                       |
| 7:00 P.M.        | Deacon's Meeting                                |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>March 5</b>                                  |
| 7:30-10:30 A.M.  | Walking Track                                   |
| 1:30 P.M.        | CARE "C" 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          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>March 6</b>                                  |
| 7:30-10:30 A.M.  | Walking Track                                   |
| 1:00 P.M.        | Ceramics  |
| 1:30 P.M.        | Senior Choir                                    |
| 7:00 P.M.        | NO Bible Study Fellowship                       |

**Wednesday** **March 7**

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| Regular Schedule              |   |
| 10:00 A.M.                    | Easter Study (library)                      |
| <b>Thursday</b>               | <b>March 8</b>                              |
| 7:30-10:30 A.M.               | Walking Track                               |
| 10:00 A.M.                    | LIFE Plus Bible Study                       |
| 2:00 P.M.                     | Partners in Prayer (library)                |
| <b>Friday</b>                 | <b>March 9</b>                              |
| 7:30-10:30 A.M.               | Walking Track                               |
| 7:45 A.M.                     | LIFE Plus leave for Senior Adult Day at MBU |
| 1:00 P.M.                     | GA's leave for retreat at Windermere        |
| <b>Saturday</b>               | <b>March 10</b>                             |
| 10:00 A.M.                    | SHINE Conference at Centene Center          |
| 8:00 P.M.                     | GA's return from Windermere                 |
| <b>Sunday</b>                 | <b>March 11</b>                             |
| Regular Schedule – DST Begins |   |
| 9:30 A.M.                     | Sunday School Council                       |
| 5:00 P.M.                     | YATL Captain's Meeting                      |
| 6:00 P.M.                     | Business Meeting                            |
| <b>Monday</b>                 | <b>March 12</b>                             |
| 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      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                | <b>March 13</b>                             |
| 7:30-10:30 A.M.               | Walking Track                               |
| 9:15 A.M.                     | Women's Connection                          |
| 1:00 P.M.                     | Ceramics                                    |
| 1:30 P.M.                     | Senior Choir                                |
| 7:00 P.M.                     | Bible Study Fellowship                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b>              | <b>March 14</b>                             |
| Regular Schedule              |   |
| 10:00 A.M.                    | Easter Study (library)                      |



# First Baptist Farmington

## *News and Views*

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March 1, 2018

What is the family of God *to be* and *to do*? What is our responsibility as the people of God? We are called to share the hope we have found in Christ. We live in the world where it is hard to have hope! Much of the world today has given up hope. Many people live with a type of cynicism, discouragement, and hopelessness that robs them of the joys of life. Many have never really known hope. For some all they have known is poverty, war, racism, and disease. Where is their hope? Others have lost or given up the hope they once knew because of frustration, failures, and their seeming inability to change their world. They no longer believe things can change.

I believe there are some ways we can share the hope we have come to know through Christ. Relational evangelism focuses on equipping and encouraging Christians to share their faith with friends and neighbors. It is simply the process of building genuine friendships with people who do not know Christ and sharing how Christ has changed our lives. The problem for many Christians is the longer they are members of the church the fewer significant relationships they have with people who are not Christians. They accused Jesus of being *a friend of sinners*. What a wonderful thing it would be to say of a congregation today...*these people are friends of sinners*.

Congregational ministry can be defined as serving and meeting the needs of individuals and families in our communities. If your community is like the one where I live the needs probably seem overwhelming. The economic conditions of the past few years have left many individuals and families struggling. The church's benevolence ministry never seems to have the resources to respond to the needs. There are people who need help with the basic life necessities of food, shelter, transportation, and medical care. Sometimes the needs go well beyond these basics to emotional and relational problems. I am reminded of the often-quoted phrase, *people will not care about our message unless they know we care about them*. Our challenge today is to involve the entire congregation in ministry that will touch lives.

Community advocacy is speaking and acting on behalf of the poor and marginalized in our communities. My experience of our Baptist tradition is that we are much better ministering to those in need than we are in working on the systemic problems in our communities. We may respond to the hungry by feeding the poor, but we seldom get involved in working on the systems that keep people trapped in poverty. Maybe we could accept the prophetic role which calls us to speak and act for justice in our communities.

The Christian life is all about "hope." One of the definitions of "hope" is *a person or thing in which expectations are centered*. Jesus Christ is our Hope! Peter wrote in 1 Peter 1:3: *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*. If we show up to share the gospel, minister to hurting people, and speak for those who have no voice, God will use us to give hope, save lives and change our world. Please ask God to show you how he wants to use your life to bring hope to someone else. I look forward to seeing you on the Lord's Day.

Jim Hill

## Inclement Weather Information

First Baptist will announce a service cancellation through the following outlets in the event of unsafe weather conditions:

- **Radio:** KTJJ FM 98.5. KREI no longer broadcasts due to recent programming changes.
- **Television:** KSDK Channel 5. Look for the scrolling listing of cancellations at the bottom of the TV screen.
- **Internet and social media:** Go to the First Baptist webpage [www.farmingtonfbc.org](http://www.farmingtonfbc.org) or the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FarmingtonFBC/>

Remember that if the announcement is for “snow schedule,” this means there is a 10:30 A.M. service only with no Sunday school or evening services.

## 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!

## 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.



**Sunday,  
March 11**



**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!

## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

*“We talk of the second coming, but half of the world has never heard of the first.” – Oswald J. Smith*

As we consider giving to missions, we often think about nations and people groups on the other side of the world. Sadly, the reality is that so many in our own backyards have not heard the gospel message. Or, perhaps, what they have heard has been so confusingly skewed or misinterpreted that the Truth goes unseen.

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is money used to support the missionaries who are boldly taking the message of salvation to our streets. Consider giving your support through your time, your prayers, and your offering. Let’s partner with these missionaries in reaching the ones God brings into our own little piece of the world!

Week of Prayer: **March 4-10**

Annie Armstrong Offering: **March 11**

Goal: **\$5,000**

## Shine Conference

All moms and daughters are invited to go with us to the Shine Conference on Saturday, March 10 at the Centene Center. The conference will run from 10:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. After the conference we will go out to dinner as a group afterwards. The cost is \$12 per person and the deadline to register is Wednesday, March 7. For more information, go to [www.lifeinprogressministries.org/SHINE/](http://www.lifeinprogressministries.org/SHINE/)

## Connecting Hearts

Last Sunday, February 25, our youth prepared lunch and activities for all the widows and widowers of our church. We all had a great time eating lunch, decorating cookies, making crafts, doing puzzles and playing games. Thank you to all the widows/widowers who joined us. We hope to do this event again before next year!

## Kids Camp

I am excited to be part of the planning for Kids Camp 2018! Our church will be partnering with FBC Jefferson City, Cape Girardeau and Third Baptist St. Louis for a children's camp at Logan Valley Christian Retreat in Ellington. The camp dates are July 27-29. The cost for camp is \$100 per child. First Baptist will host a trivia night event to help raise funds for camp scholarships. Please be in prayer as I and other camp leaders from these churches prepare for this event.

## CARE Ministry

The CARE ministry program is looking for additional volunteers. CARE stands for "Caring, Assisting, Reaching, and Encouraging." CARE volunteers give one hour of their time each month to visit, send cards of encouragement, or provide assistance to members and prospects. The CARE ministry meets the first four Mondays of each month from 1:30 – 2:30 PM. The CARE team is also reaching out to persons who have recently moved to Farmington. Contact the church office 756-4654 or email [gepps-fbc@att.net](mailto:gepps-fbc@att.net) if you would like to be a part of CARE

## Financial Statistics for:

### February 18, 2018

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Budget Requirements       | \$ 17,923.00 |
| Budget Receipts (2-18-18) | 21,563.61    |
| Requirement (wk 21)       | 376,383.00   |
| Receipts (wk 21)          | 366,822.36   |
| STB-BTS (from Oct)        | 33,155.00    |

## Sunday, February 25, 2018

Our Church Studying: 281

## Prayer List:

Antonio DeVoto, Richard Norman (Stacia Gaston's grandfather)

## Congratulations:

To Ruth and Ralph Gollaher on the arrival of a great-great grandson, Charlie Kukulijan, February 25.