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Regular Schedule:

Sunday	8:00 A.M. Worship	Wednesday	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 April 26 through May 9

Thursday	April 26
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
9:00 A.M.	Seed Sew-ers
10:00 A.M.	LIFE Plus Bible Study
6:30 P.M.	Cuba Mission Team Meeting (Tutt's)
	Conservation Banquet (gym)
	Quest Bible Study (conference center)
7:00 P.M.	MAC Rehearsal (sanctuary)
Friday	April 27
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
Saturday	April 28
8:30 A.M.	Youth Work Day (meet at church)
10:30 A.M.	Choir Clinic
Sunday	April 29
Regular Schedule	
5:00 P.M.	YATL Captains Meeting
	Trustees
6:00 P.M.	Night of Praise
Monday	April 30
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:30 P.M.	NO CARE Team
6:00 P.M.	Ministerial Alliance Volunteer Banquet (gym)
7:00 P.M.	Youth Girls Bible Study, 326 Moss Lane
	Youth Boys Bible Study, Student Center
Tuesday	May 1
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
11:00 A.M.	The Quest Bible Study (conference center)
1:00 P.M.	Ceramics
1:30 P.M.	Senior Choir
7:00 P.M.	Bible Study Fellowship (last for summer)

Wednesday

7:30-10:30 A.M.	May 2
5:00 P.M.	NO Children's or Adult Choir
6:30 P.M.	NO Mid-Week Meditation
6:50 P.M.	Walking Track
	Wednesday Fellowship Meal
Thursday	RA Races (gym)
7:30-10:30 A.M.	GAs and Mission Friends
8:30 A.M.	May 3
10:00 A.M.	Walking Track
6:30 P.M.	LIFE Plus Planning Meeting
7:00 P.M.	LIFE Plus Bible Study
	The Quest Bible Study (conference center)
Friday	MAC Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)
7:30-10:30 A.M.	May 4
6:30 P.M.	Walking Track
	Glow Birthday Party (gym)
Saturday	May 5
4:00 P.M.	LIFE Plus leave for Tribute Quartet
Sunday	May 6
Regular Schedule	
Noon	Father/Student Hike (Pickle Springs)
2:00 P.M.	Piano Recital
	Marshall/Brigance Reception
5:00 P.M.	Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 P.M.	Deacons Meeting
Monday	May 7
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
10:00 A.M.	MAC Rehearsal (sanctuary)
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	May 8
7:30-10:30 A.M.	Walking Track
11:00 A.M.	The Quest Bible Study (conference center)
1:00 P.M.	Ceramics
1:30 P.M.	Senior Choir
Wednesday	May 9
Summer Schedule	
6:00 P.M.	Missions Banquet
	NO Mid-Week Meditation



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News and Views

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April 26, 2018

God is at Work in His Church

As Christians we often talk about “praising God.” The Bible calls all living creatures to praise the Lord in Psalm 150. The book of Psalms is a collection of songs filled with praises to God. Psalm 9 says, “I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.” Psalm 18:3 says God is “worthy of praise,” and Psalm 21:13 praises God both for who He is and for His great power: “Be exalted in your strength, LORD; we will sing and praise your might.” This Sunday evening, we will have *A Night of Praise*. All of our choirs (Adult, Senior, and Children’s) and our Orchestra will lead us in a wonderful evening of praise. I hope you will plan to join us.

I want to remind you to continue to pray for the Pastor Search Committee as they continue seeking God’s will regarding a new pastor. The process of discerning God’s will is not a simple or easy process. The church selected a diverse and committed group to serve on the Search Committee. The committee has been diligently working on reviewing resumes, listening to sermons of candidates, and prayerfully seeking God’s will. There may not be any more important decision for the church family than a decision to call a new pastor and every member of the church family needs to pray for the Search Committee and this process.

Over the past several months I have been working with church leaders and the church staff to explore how the church might make greater use of technology to support the church’s ministries. This process would provide opportunities to streamline and simplify the financial management processes for the church. The church would have access to a mobile app which would provide mobile giving options. It would also provide access to more up to date calendar and membership information for the staff and church family and many other ministry helps. These new resources will enhance the church’s ministry and help you be better prepared to welcome new leadership.

This Sunday we will continue our Eastertide worship series which runs 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. On Easter everything did change. It is incredibly difficult for us to place ourselves in the context of the early church birthed in the months and years following the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Not only are we nearly 2,000 years removed from the events, but we are also a part of world and culture which is radically different than the first century world. Sometimes, we seem to believe we do not confront the same issues and challenges faced by these early followers of Christ. But, I believe in many ways our world and the issues we confront, are not so different. This week we will take a fresh look at Philip and his encounter with the Ethiopian as we explore *a new openness*. When everything changed the followers of Jesus discovered they had new attitudes and new perspectives. I hope to see you Sunday.

Jim Hill

Green Thumbs Needed!

The landscaping committee needs more volunteers to help maintain the different flower beds, bushes, and trees surrounding the church. The landscaping committee is a fun group of gardeners who are passionate about keeping the church grounds looking great. Contact the church office 756-4654 or send an email to Gordon at gepps-fbc@att.net.

Mission Trip Fundraising Work Day

On April 28, all students and adults raising funds to go on the mission trip are encouraged to meet at the church at 8:30 A.M. We will carpool to some land owned by relatives of church members to clear brush. In return, they will donate towards the cost of the mission trip. Please bring tools such as work gloves, trimmers, weed-eaters, rakes, chainsaws (that only adults will use), etc. Lunch will be provided.

Delight Girls Conference

We are not taking an official group from FBC but girls are encouraged to attend on their own. The conference will be held at New Heights Church and is \$15 per girl. It begins at 6:30 P.M. on Friday, May 11 and ends at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 12. Forms are available in the church office or student center and must be turned in to New Heights by April 29.

Father Hike

All Fathers and students are invited to join us for a Hike at Pickle Springs after the morning services on Sunday, May 6. Students, if your father is not available, you may bring another adult male role model.

30 Hour Famine

Our students did it! They fasted for 30 Hours and lived. If you wanted to donate to the cause, but haven't yet, talk to Jason, there is still time.

RA Pine Derby Races

Following the May fellowship meal the RAs will hold their Pinewood Derby races in the gym. The boys have worked hard on their racers and we hope you will stick around to watch the Derby!

Gospel Conversations

I have found a useful term to use when we talk about sharing our faith. That term is "gospel conversations." I like the term because it applies to a whole range of communication about our church and ultimately about how to become a Christian. A gospel conversation can be as simple as talking with a friend or neighbor experiencing a trial or challenge in their life. It can also be an invitation to an event or group. Specific actions can also be part of gospel conversations such as bringing a meal over to a neighbor that is sick. The following are examples of gospel conversations:

- "Thank you for sharing with me about your upcoming surgery. Can I pray with you about this right now?"
- "Our church is having a family fun night at our Life Center Gym. Would you be interested in coming with us?"
- "I've brought you some cookies to welcome you to the neighborhood. Are you looking for a church home? Can I share with you about my church?"
- "I'm part of a small group Bible study. We are studying a book (or video) on parenting. Would you be interested in joining our group?"

Gospel conversations do not have to be sharing the "plan of salvation." They should always be focused on caring for others by demonstrating the love of Jesus. We earn the opportunity to share our faith when a relationship of trust has been developed with a person. I challenge you to have at least one gospel conversation this week.

There is also an iPhone and Android app available called The Three Circles which is an excellent visual tool to help lead a person to become a Christian.

iPhone - Go to the iTunes store and enter "Life Conversation Guide."

Android - Go to the Google Play store and enter "Life Conversation Guide."

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 have our students come and help you.

You Are The Light

Chuck Henson is currently promoting YATL at several venues, seeking projects in the community that our volunteers can do. If you know someone who needs help with outside projects around their home, have them complete a yellow project form or call the church office (756-4654).

If you are interested in serving the Farmington community through our church, please complete a green volunteer form, as captains are already putting together their teams. Teams include: construction, outside painting, clean-up, church facility work, outreach, servant leader, childcare, and media. Help is also needed in the kitchen to prepare breakfast and lunch each day. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office for information. Both yellow project forms and green volunteer forms are available in the foyer or in the church office.

Captains – our second meeting is Sunday, April 29 at 5:00 P.M.

Loads of Love

The GAs will participate in their final mission project of the year on Saturday, May 12 from 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. at the laundry mat downtown. During that time the girls will help with the children while their parents do their laundry, pay for cost of washing clothes and supply soap. We covet your prayers as we show our love and the love of Christ. If interested in helping monetarily with the soap supply or quarters you may do so through your offering or come by the church office.

Prayer List

Freda and Bud Brewer, Joann Morrison (sister of Freda Brewer), LilyGrace Hallock, Doris Epps, Carol Will, Ella Will (Carol Will's granddaughter)

Christian Sympathy:

To Nancy Crow and family in the death of her sister, Diane Harrington.



Financial Statistics for:

April 15, 2018

Budget Requirements	\$ 17,923.00
Budget Receipts (4-15-18)	10,289.08
Requirement (wk 29)	519,767.00
Receipts (wk 29)	507,963.14
STB-BTS (from Oct)	46,165.70

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Our Church Studying: 249