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All Saints Day Celebration

Sunday, November 4, 2018

In Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00am



When we gather for worship on Sunday, we will remember the Saints who have gone before us as well as the Saints among us. Who are the people who have shown you the face of Christ; nurtured faith in you; journeyed with you and born witness to faith in the midst of difficult times; helped you find a faith of your own? These are some of the examples of people we celebrate as Saints – both those who have preceded us in death and those who remain among us.

On this Sunday as we remember these Saints, you are invited to bring a stone with the name(s) of Saints important to you. During the service, you will be invited to bring that stone forward and place it in the “stream of life” (a water-colored fabric with the names of our church members who have gone before us in the last two years. The names of our church members who have claimed their glory since last All Saints Day, will be called and a bell tolled for each one named.

We will celebrate the Lord’s Supper, remembering Christ’s power to unite us with Saints of all times and all places. This is a very special service. Plan to be present and celebrate the Saints with us!

Coming up

Saturday, November 3

To Reach a Minister After Office Hours,
please call 540-300-1442

Sunday, November 4

8:30am Worship/Lord's Supper
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Lord's Supper
12:30pm Kirundi Worship

Monday, November 5

9:30am Women's Bible Study
7:30pm Messiah Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 6

10:30am ESL Classes
11:00am Community Café

Wednesday, November 7

10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:30am KNOW,GROW,SHOW Luncheon
5:15pm Snack Supper
6:00pm KNOW,GROW, SHOW For All
Age Groups
7:15pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 8

11:00am Community Café
5:00pm Community Meal

Friday, November 9

11:00am Yoga

Saturday, November 10

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Sunday, November 11

8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:30pm Kirundi Worship

Stewardship Summary

Ministry Budget

Weekly Needs	\$25,794
Sunday, October 28	\$13,544
Y-T-D Total	\$974,5106
Ahead/Behind Budget	-\$134,605

BUOH in Missions

Weekly Needs	\$2,885
Sunday, October 28	\$1,255
Y-T-D Total	\$76,233
Ahead/Behind Goal	-\$47,823

Capital Fund

Sunday, October 28	\$370
Y-T-D Total	\$25,598

A Church Funny

Events on the church signboard:

"Sunday morning sermon:
Jesus walking on the water
Sunday evening sermon:
Looking for Jesus"

Responsibilities for November 4

-Greeters Schedule-

Princess Anne St: Phil & Suzanne Short

Sanctuary Door:

Caroline Street: Ben & Janice Clark

Children's Area: Cindy Baker

Youth Area: Volunteer from Youth Class

--Deacons--

8:30am

Melanie Edwards (Lead),
Michael Silver, Bill & Marla Tignor
Jerry & Vicki Silver (W)
Ralph & Marsha Stewart (B)

11:00am

Janis Snider, Pat McCord,
Jimmy & Susan Hilldrup,
Nzeyimana Jackson
Jack & Shirley Schweitzer,
Bill & Nancy Young (W&B)

--Ushers--

8:30am

Rosemary Dodd,
Rick & Kellie Frank, Martha Newton

11:00am

Ben & Janice Clark,
Keith & Donna Morris, John Garnett
Jim & Laurie Bendall Tharp,
Buddy Updike, Keith Snider,

--Bus Driver-

Dean Goff



For Thursday Community Meals!

Sign up each Sunday in the Welcome Center. Share potatoes, toppings, and your time as we serve our neighbors together in the name of Christ

Save the Dates

Thursday,
November 22nd, 8-9:30am:
FBC Serves

Community Thanksgiving Breakfast

Thursday,
December 20th, 5-6:30pm:
FBC Community Meal
Christmas Dinner

View Our Church Directory Online or via mobile app

To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com or search *Instant Church Directory* at the Apple® App store Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store.

Printed Copies of Our New FBC Church Family Photo Directory are Also Available in the Church Office

Remember our online directory is a continuing work in progress. It can be updated easily at any time, so if you have not yet submitted your picture you can still do so. Or if you ever want to change your family photo, you can do that at any time as well. Contact information listed in the directory can also be changed any time.

Please contact Dennis Sacey for further information or if you have any questions.

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Fall is the Time of Year When Our Church Develops Plans for its Financial Stewardship for the Coming New Year.

This article is the second of four to help you understand the four primary financial components at FBC and focuses on the Building Upon Our Heritage (BUOH) in Missions Fund.

BUOH in Missions is the primary source of funds for the comprehensive local and global missions work of the church. This mission work involves financial support of partners such as the Baptist General Association of Virginia, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Micah Ecumenical Ministries, and the Fredericksburg Area Baptist Network. Other mission work includes efforts promoted and supported directly by the church, such as the weekly Community Dinner, ESL classes, Benevolence, and other special emphases as the church may develop.

Remember that any gift received by the church not designated for a specific purpose is applied to the Ministry Budget. Therefore only offerings that have been specified for BUOH in Missions are credited to that fund. Offering envelopes have a space where a designation for BUOH in Missions may be made or the designation may be noted on the memo line of a check. There is also an option to make gifts to BUOH in Missions through our online giving program.

New Issue of Becoming Friends of God (BFG), November 4th

To stir up faith conversations between you and God and you and others, don't forget to pick up the newest issue of *Becoming Friends of God (BFG)* on first Sundays each month. Let yourself be encouraged to spend more time with God wherever you are. Growing in your trust of God as you pray and talk and worship and sing your faith in Jesus' transforming love together and apart, you'll be glad you did (Romans 15:13; Revelation 21:5).

Gift Cards for Special Friends

Special Friends will celebrate their Annual Birthday Party for Jesus on Sunday, December 2 at 12:15 in Ferrell Hall. In past years, Sunday School Classes have been very generous in providing \$25 gift cards from Walmart as gifts for our members. If you would like to participate again this year, please give your cards to Terri Caldwell or Gail Hylton by Sunday, November 25. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

Micah Cold-Weather Shelter Season Begins November 15th

Is your Bible Study class or perhaps a group of 5-6 of your friends interested in helping our area's chronically homeless settle in for a Thursday night at Micah's Cold-Weather Shelter? If so, sign up outside of the church office or see the Lowmans, Overbys, Larry, or Jeanne. Pick a date and get the details about how to help.

Perhaps being at the shelter isn't for you, but there are other ways you can help. Throughout the winter season, FBC will accept donations of tube socks, thermal underwear, t-shirts, men's boxers, deodorant, and disposable razors to share with Micah clients staying at the shelter. Also, light snacks (i.e. crackers, fruit, popcorn, microwavable canned soup) would be appreciated to have on hand, especially for those who may have missed out on dinner. Donations may be brought to the church office from November through February.

Let's bathe all we do this season in prayer. Ask God to give us kind words and loving hearts that will uphold and warm those we serve. Pray each night of the week for those who are living outside on a regular basis. Spend time reflecting on how God is calling you to share Christ's love in this shelter season. Give thanks for warmth where you find it. See Christ in the stranger and serve him with your care (Matthew 25:34-40).



Interested in learning more about Renovaré and the four books Renovaré's book selection committee has chosen for 2018-19? If so, then visit <https://renovare.org/podcast/bonus-bookclub-2018>, click on the Apple podcast icon, search for the word BONUS in the podcast list, click and give a listen in iTunes.

This podcast describes the selection process, explains Renovaré's aim with the readings, and prepares readers for the enjoyment and challenge in each selection. Also, material from this podcast will be featured in FBC's newsletter as the readings are scheduled throughout the coming year. The current selection is Becoming Dallas Willard, a biography of a twenty-first century significant teacher and writer who has shaped the Protestant understanding of how to engage with the Holy Spirit for transformational life with God.

While one copy is already on loan from the church office, another is still available. See Tammy if you'd like to borrow that copy and join in reading for spiritual formation together.



First Friday November 2 5:30-8:00

First Friday ART SHOW

This month, we will feature the art of Barbara McPherson. Over the years, she has produced several paintings from the farm on which she lives, and the primary focus of this art show will be farm paintings. We celebrate Barbara's artistic gifts and invite you to spend a little time at the art show on Friday, visiting with Barbara!

In Advent We Wait for Light: December's First Friday and Month-Long Art Show Featuring Artists of Micah Churches in the Welcome Center of Fredericksburg Baptist Church

At Fredericksburg Baptist Church, we have a First Friday art show during which artists' works are hung in our Welcome Center for the month. As we prepare for Christmas and there are parties and gatherings of all sorts, we thought it would be especially nice to display Images of Light, invite participation from all of the Micah Churches, and invite everyone to gather in the Welcome Center of FBC for a First Friday Advent Celebration! Our Open House gathering will be from 5:30 to 8:00pm on Friday, December 7. Everyone is invited whether you share art or not.

Any medium may be used to create a representation of Light. Pieces do not have to be framed, but need to be such that they can be hung on the walls. Please make sure your name and phone number are on the back of your art, along with a title and the medium which you are using. We will create cards listing the name of the piece, the medium and the artist's name. You may bring your art to the office at Fredericksburg Baptist Church anytime the week of December 3, and no later than Thursday, December 6.

You would be welcome to pick your piece up any time after New Year's Day, and we will hold any unclaimed art in the church office for those who may be traveling over the holidays. Again, please be sure your name and phone number are securely attached to the back of your piece.

In order to help us prepare for the show, please email Patti@FredericksburgBaptistChurch.org to let me know the size of any piece you may wish to offer. If you would like to provide a Christmas treat (cookies, Chex mix, popcorn balls, etc...) let me know that by email as well. Your participation will be important to our ability to host a truly hospitable celebration with folks from all of the Micah Churches.

Reading the Bible as God's Unfolding Covenant Love

God's people, Israel, would enter the multi-cultural, pluralistic life in Canaan and the drama of their life with God would continue to unfold. For 400 years, judges appointed during crises ruled for restoring peace. The Israelites, however, couldn't help noticing how the peoples around them had earthly kings governing them. They wanted to fit in and also be ready for conflicts like others in the world around them (1 Sam 8). In their desire to be the same as those around them, the Israelites were really, though, from God's perspective rejecting God as their king and trusting their lives to the rule of an imperfect other.

In 1 Samuel, we read about the failings of Saul and the beginning of the reign of King David. As Israel begins to find peace under David's reign, God enters into a covenant with King David (2 Samuel 7:11-16). Although imperfect, David's desire to please God by building a house for God results in God's promise to continue David's line and crown and establish a house of worship for all time. Solomon, David's son, builds the earthly temple in Jerusalem, and Jesus, descendant of David through the lineage of his mother Mary, becomes the link between heaven and earth, the new temple welcoming all people into relationships with God.

The prophet Jeremiah explains that God's generous love was going to do a new thing in the hearts of people. People would come to love God beyond stone tablets because of God's coming to them in a way that would affect their hearts and capture their love. God would make a way to save them from themselves through extreme love for their growing in love of God and others. This is the New Covenant, also called the better covenant, that Jesus brings and that Jesus is in himself.

At the last supper (Mark 14:23-25), Jesus identifies his life as what he would give up to lead us into the new life with God in the present into eternity. Jesus was and is the way, the truth, and the life of the New Covenant with God. Each time we remember Jesus' giving up his life for us to know new life in him through the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11:25), we renew our covenant with God and with one another as God's gathered people.

Today, as many churches have throughout the centuries, FBC continues the covenant language of promise, hope, love, and relationship that aims at new life in Christ together in the church. Re-read Colossians 3:1-17, then read our church covenant. God's unfolding covenant love continues, and it is through our heart-felt participation in covenant with God and with one another that we will be changed from glory to glory for our knowing and becoming God's love in the world into eternity (2 Cor. 3:18).