### Prospective Pastor Schedule of Events

**Wednesday May 1, 2024 6:15–7:15 pm:** In lieu of Wednesday night Bible Study, there will be a question & answer period with Matt and then with the Pastor Search Team. Matt will be present for the first 15–20 minutes, then will leave. The remaining period of 40–45 minutes will be Q&A with just the Pastor Search Team. Process and procedure regarding the voting process will be covered during this time as well.

**Saturday May 4, 2024 10am-Noon:** Floating Meet and Greet Reception with Matt and Emily Carr. This will be in the Gathering Space outside of the Sanctuary. Donuts, bagels and coffee will be served. This is an informal time for you to come and meet Matt, Emily and their 2 children Fischer and Claire. Note: There is an event taking place in the FLC at the same time. Please use the Covered Entrance and Harvey Street doors.

**Sunday May 5, 2024 8:30 and 11:00 am Services:** Rev. Carr will provide the message for both services. At 8:30, we will call a business meeting to order at the end of the service. All members present (who are 16 years of age or older) will be called on to vote. The business will resume at the end of the 11:00 am service. All members present will be called on to vote. Votes will be counted after the 11:00 am service and an announcement will be made regarding the results, and the business meeting will be closed. Absentee ballots for members only, will be available in the church office beginning Monday, April 29th until noon Friday, May 3rd, if you are unable to attend on May 5th.

In Christ, Your Pastor Search Team: Jonathon Jones (Co-Chair), Gene Fox (Co-Chair), Suzi Piegols, Justin Van Staalduinen & Susannah Berry



## Church Calendar ~ Weekly Schedule

Wednesday Morning, May 1st

9:30am-12:00pm Media Center

Wednesday Evening, May 1st

6:00-7:30pm Nursery (birth-3yr.olds)

5:15-6:00pm Churchwide Fellowship Meal

6:15-7:15pm Mission Groups for Children

~ Mission Friends (4 yr.-K) Preschool Hall

Girls in Action (1st-3rd) Children's Hall

Girls in Action (4th-6th) Children's Hall

6:15-7:15pm Youth Bible Study (7th – 12th)

Prayer Time

7:15-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Practice

6:15-7:15pm Adult Bible Study/

6:15-7:15pm Praise Team Practice

Roval Ambassadors (1st-6th) Lg Rm 222

Sunday Morning, April 28th 8:30am Worship 9:30-9:50am Lite Breakfast 9:45am Bible Study for All Ages 10:30-10:55am Media Center 11:00am Worship

Sunday Evening, April 28th 4:00-4:45pm Youth Praise Team Practice 4:45-5:30pm Children of Parents attending Bible Study or Prayer Time at 5:00pm will go to the Large Children's Room and will be taken to

Children's Choirs at 5:30pm. 5:00-6:30pm Adult Prayer Time (Sanctuary)

Men's Bible Study (Classroom 203/204) Women's Bible Study (Family Life Center) Youth Bible Study (Basement) 5:30-6:30pm Preschool Cherub Choir (Preschool Area) 1st - 6th Children's Choir (Choir Room) 6:30-7:30pm Adult Handbells

> Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals Cost: \$6.00 Adult Plate & \$4.00 Child Plate (Sign-up required by Mondays at 4pm)

> <u>1⁵t Wednesday ~ Menu ~ May 1st</u> Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Tea & Dessert

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday ~ Menu ~ May 8th Chicken Pastry, Yams, Bread, Tea & Dessert

Financial Report for April 22, 2024		
YTD Budget Requirement (WK 30)	\$	391,718.10
YTD Budget Receipts	\$	432,397.62
Budget Over / Under	\$	40,679.52
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$	<u>13,057.27</u>
Actual Budget Offering	\$	13,165.48

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# The Informer

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### Prospective Pastor •

The Pastor Search Team is pleased to present Reverend Matthew (Matt) Carr, as prospective Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church Washington. Our team has prayerfully followed God's timing since August 2023 to complete our task with due diligence and feel confident about the calling of Rev. Carr to serve as Senior Pastor. This work has been difficult, and not one that was entered lightly by any team member. There have been many prayers lifted for the congregation of First Baptist Church and for our next Senior Pastor. Thank you for your prayers as we completed this work, we ask that you continue to pray as we enter the next phase of this process.



See inside for the Schedule of Events.

Dear FBC Family,



...we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders... Ps. 78:4

What a privilege it is to celebrate the next generation this coming Sunday. Our title comes from a passage that I encourage you to read: Psalm 78:1 - 8. Give thanks to the Lord for your staff who I have so enjoyed getting to know and work with for these last few months. I have witnessed their hearts for the people of the ministry, rather than the "stuff" of ministry. After all, it is our love for God and for others that should govern our actions. Kim and I look forward to enjoying the next generation's ministry this Sunday with you, Lord willing.

This celebration is not just a moment of joy but a reaffirmation of the collective responsibility to nurture and guide the young, ensuring a future that's rich in biblical knowledge, faith, and God's love. I remind you parents and grandparents that it is you who have the responsibility to disciple your families. The church is here to encourage, equip, and disciple when they are here but, ultimately, it is your opportunity. Humbly take it to heart and seek the help and wisdom of God as you obey Him.

### Pastor Joe

The First Baptist Church History booklet provided for the 200th **Anniversary Celebration is** available again for \$5 as a limited 2nd printing. Please

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contact Alison Renfrow or Joyce Gardner in the church office if you are would like a booklet.





of the Welcome Centers! Collecting through April.

Ret the **children** come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Luke 18:16



FBC has 10 teachers and assistants in our WEE School program FBC partners with John Cotten Tayloe thru Bright Futures FBC has many who are are part of our local public and private schools

If you would like to say thank you to one or to many with treats, notes, or more, please see Joy!



When they answered God's call to serve on the Mission Field, they sold their home and everything they owned. Let's help the Lohmans by bringing money and/or gift cards to fill the Giving Tree!