



Experiences as a Student Minister

BY AMANDA HUFF

When I started my apprenticeship at Fuller Theological Seminary, I wasn't sure what to expect. Though I've been involved in church my whole life, stepping into a more active ministry role was intimidating. Over the past six months, I've learned about church leadership and had the opportunity to preach, including delivering my first sermon. I've also gained insight into advocacy in ministry and how pursuing justice and equity can help bring God's Kin-dom to earth.



With only ten weeks left as a student minister, I am committed to making the most of this time while continuing to learn about Christ and serve in ministry. I'm deeply grateful to Pastor Tim for his mentorship and to everyone at First Baptist for their encouragement and care for me and my spouse. Though my seminary journey is far from over, I'm thankful for the supportive community at FBC that helps me navigate the path ahead.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & UPDATES

Thank You for Supporting Refugees

BY DENNIS RAY FOR THE BOARD OF OUTREACH

In February, we learned that federal funding for refugee resettlement through Jewish Social Services (JSS) was suddenly halted. This left 52 refugees (22 households) without the support they desperately needed. Despite this setback, JSS remains committed to helping these families, continuing to provide case management and meet their essential needs. We reached out for your support, and you responded generously, contributing nearly \$4,000. These funds have already been sent to JSS, directly aiding the refugees.

Thank you for demonstrating your Christian love and care through your thoughtful and impactful donation!

Board of Trustees Update

BY BILL HAUSLER FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Key items from the March Trustees Meeting:

- The board had a guided discussion with members of the Racial Justice Task Force regarding DEIB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging) and how it relates to the activities of the Trustees.
- We discussed upcoming training for church members who might have interactions with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents.
- We approved installing an ADA automatic door opener at the main parking lot entrance. Originally considered for the Easter offering, significant contributions allowed us to proceed without those funds. It may be ready before Easter!
- We discussed upcoming roadwork in front of the church on Franklin Avenue and Shepard Terrace. This is to begin in late April and last into the fall.
- The rental manager position has been posted, and a number of inquiries have already been received.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & UPDATES

Easter Lilies for the Chancel

BY LINDA STAMM, FLOWERS COORDINATOR

LET'S CELEBRATE!

As we move through Lent to Easter, let's celebrate by filling the Chancel with Easter lilies on Easter Sunday and "make a joyful noise to the Lord..."

Each lily is \$20, with **orders due by Thursday, April 10th**. Order online (click below), by phone, or via the order form. **Order lilies and complete form** [HERE](#)

if you would like a lily but are not in a position to get one or need assistance, please let us know. Lilies can be taken home after the Easter service. If you're unable to pick up your lily, you can call the office to make arrangements. Thanks for joining us in celebrating Christ's resurrection!

Contact Linda Stamm or the church office with questions.



Financial Update

BY NANCY MOORE

February 2025 Budget Financials: *Year-To-Date Actual*

Revenues --- \$89,703.57

Expenses --- \$51,054.35

Surplus (Deficit) --- \$38,649.22

The bookkeeper's full report is available upon request. Please email Nancy Moore at bookkeeping@firstbaptistmadison.org.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & UPDATES

Green Team News

BY BARB HENNING

Tips To Keep Food Fresh and Reduce Food Waste

- Apples, berries, grapes, stone fruit, pears, carrots, broccoli, greens and mushrooms – Don't wash until ready to use. Store mushrooms in paper bag.
- Greens – Revive by cutting off browned parts and soaking in cold water for 20 minutes. Store greens with a few clean damp kitchen towels.
- Herbs – Remove from original container, rinse, wrap in a kitchen towel, store in the fridge.
- Onions & potatoes – Onions emit a gas that causes potatoes to sprout faster. Keep them separate.
- Asparagus & green onions – Place stem-end or root-end down in an inch of water
- Onions, garlic, hard-squash, & potatoes – Store in a dark cool place
- Stone fruit & citrus – store in the fridge to slow down the ripening process (stone fruit – peaches, plums, cherries, nectarines, mangoes, lychees, raspberries, mulberries).

Message from the Board of Deacons

BY JENNIFER ANGELO

Hello First Baptist friends. Has your deacon checked in with you lately?

Deacons are here to support, help solve challenges, and offer a listening ear. We are always happy to be a resource for anyone in our church family.

As part of our board responsibilities, from time to time, we review our church membership rolls to ensure they reflect our current participants. This spring and summer, the deacons will be revisiting the membership rolls with great care.

If you know someone who would like to become a member, please reach out to a deacon or to Pastor Tim. Likewise, if you're aware of anyone who has moved on to another church or is no longer connected with First Baptist, please let your deacon know. We're always glad to hear from you—no matter the reason!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & UPDATES

The Hourglass Bible Study Group

BY MARY RAY



We will continue reading Jeremiah. To prepare for the class, you may read the scripture from the previous Sunday. We will read the new scripture together on the Sunday listed below:

March 23 Chapter 16-17

March 30 Chapter 18-20

April 6 Chapter 21:1-23:22

April 13 Chapter 23:23-25:30

April 20 No Class

April 27 Chapter 26-28

May 4 Chapter 29:1-31:30

May 11 Chapter 31:31-34:22

May 18 Chapter 35-37

May 25 Chapter 38-41

June 1 Chapter 42-44

June 8 Chapter 45- 46

June 15 Chapter 47-48

June 22 Chapter 49-50

June 29 Chapter 51-52

Spiritual Renewal – Group 1 Update

BY BILL HAUSLER

EVERY 1st & 3rd MONDAY | 7:00PM VIA ZOOM

We will be finishing the book "The Mystics Would Like a Word: Six Women Who Met God and Found a Spirituality for Today" at our next discussion. We then may read more of one of the six mystics for the remainder of April and May.s.

April 7 – Chapters 11 and 12 on Catherine of Siena

April 21, May 5, May 19 – specific reading to be determined.

If this sounds interesting, please join us with the connecting info below! Questions? Contact Bill Hausler (608-225-2058, phone and text; hhausler@tds.net email).

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/y2y9vx7u>

Mtg. ID: 241 607 232 PW: 518608

If joining by telephone, 1 (312) 626-6799 enter the Mtg. ID and password.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Worship Series: Repenting from Christian Nationalism

CONTINUES THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Join us every Sunday at 10:30 AM for worship:

- 1st Sunday in Lent – Repenting From Self-Reliance
- 2nd Sunday in Lent – Repenting From Systemic Violence
- 3rd Sunday in Lent – Repenting From Avoidance
- 4th Sunday in Lent – Repenting From White Supremacy
- 5th Sunday in Lent – Repenting From One Right Way
- Palm Sunday – Repenting From Domination
- Easter Sunday – Repenting From Empire

North Franklin Ave Construction Project

APRIL 2025

March is the month of advocacy for women in ministry. Throughout the month, we'll be featuring ways the congregation can get involved in Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM) Month of Advocacy in our weekly email newsletter, The Weekend Update.

In late April, the City of Madison is deconstructing North Franklin Ave. The work will be extensive, and reconstruction of the street will not be completed until Labor Day! If you drive on North Franklin to get to church, you will need to find another route and plan on additional minutes of travel time. Keep in mind that Shepherd Terrace will remain open, so there should not be any problems with gaining access to the parking lot in the rear of the building.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 | 1:00 PM

Join us for a family-friendly easter egg hunt for ages 1-10 on the front lawn of the church. In case of rain, we will move indoors to the upstairs classrooms.

Please bring your own basket or container for the egg hunt.-fun and games will follow. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Email Brenda Lempp to volunteer or donate supplies.



A Service In Times of Uncertainty & Fear

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 | 3:30 PM

The Racial Justice Team invites you to gather in community for a service of meditation and candlelight in the sanctuary.

We will name our fears, remember what comforts and sustains us, and search for a way forward.

BIRTHDAYS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

APRIL 2025

4 LAURA D 28 TIM C
 13 AARON H 29 ROBBIE G
 15 NORIKO K 29 CARMEN P
 17 WAYNE B 30 BRENN A K
 18 GETA C
 25 JUDY M
 26 TANYA B
 26 GLADYS C
 26 STEVE B
 26 DALE H



MAY 2025

1 SAM G 20 DEL D
 1 HYUNJI H 30 CHARLOTTE K
 2 RUSSELL N
 2 MORGAN T
 13 JAMES W. E
 18 NANCY M
 24 DOUG H
 27 STEVE D
 29 BROCK D
 30 JIM D

Prayer Wall

Our Church Family & Community Members:

The Miller family; Andrew Pick; Karla; Jerry; Jeff; Peter Valentine; Curt Grinde; Melanie; Nancy E

Our Homebound:

Linda O; Sheila D; Susan H



Please visit our Prayer Wall, where you will see prayer requests from and for our members, friends, and families.

Share your joys & concerns with us!

To submit a prayer request or view prayer requests submitted by others, scan the QR code or visit firstbaptistmadison.org/prayer.

[GO TO WALL](#)