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August 2018 Worship Schedule - First Baptist Church

August 5th:

“Careful What You Wish For”

Exodus 16:2-4,9-15

Rev. Mark Rambo

Sometimes what we wish for requires change, an open heart and attitude. And sometime what God gives you is completely different than what you imagined.

Let's Read the Book of ACTS!

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WINDOWS

August 2018

Pastor Paul's Ponderings

Dear Friends,

As I write this, Gail and I have been in Kuala Lumpur for almost two weeks. Gail and three other teachers from the Seattle area have visited several “learning centers” operated by organizations of ethnic minority groups who fled from Myanmar (Burma) to Malaysia, where refugee children are not allowed to attend government schools. The members of her group have observed the teachers and volunteers at those centers and have consulted with them. They also led an all-day Saturday training event for them. Meanwhile, a pastoral colleague from Seattle and I led a weeklong conference for pastors of Baptist churches whose members are from Myanmar. This week, we will lead a two-day workshop for leaders of ethnic organizations and two more conferences for other groups of pastors (one for three afternoons, the other for two evenings). Most of the teachers, pastors, and organization leaders are themselves refugees. All members of our group worshiped in English at a Baptist church in Kuala Lumpur and a Methodist church in Malacca (two hours' drive away), as well as with the Burmese-language congregations that meet in their buildings. As we sought to provide some assistance to those who serve refugees in various ways, we have all certainly learned a great deal about what it means to live in an extended state of transition.

Though our lives are far more stable than those of the new friends and colleagues we have made here, I believe we can learn a great deal from them about the need to adapt to changing circumstances, and the challenges that we may have to face in the process. As we mature, we are generally expected to accept greater responsibility. As troubles—or opportunities!—come, we may have to make some major shifts in our lifestyles. As we age, we may feel the need to simplify or downsize. As the world around us changes, we may well need to re-think our behaviors, our attitudes, and even our values.

Amid all these changes, it's understandable that people look for some things to remain ever the same, to provide a sense of stability. But throughout its history, the church of Jesus Christ has been in a state of flux as it has sought to follow where it believed God was leading. The process has been one of fits and starts, with both progress and regression, but the church has definitely not remained static throughout the centuries.

Many have bemoaned the changes in the life of the church, wishing that we could return to the days of the New Testament, and especially to the time described in the Book of Acts. But that book does not picture for us a church frozen in time, but rather a church constantly adapting to new challenges, new understandings, and new situations. And far from portraying a church that always responded appropriately, Acts simply tells us what the church did—and leaves us to ponder how well they did it. Clearly, they had not resolved all the issues that were in front of them by the time the book ends.

Pastor Mark and I plan to preach from the Book of Acts following my return from Southeast Asia. We hope to look at some of the challenges the church faced then—and the ones we face today. I invite you to prepare for these messages by reading through the book yourself. As you do, try to identify the ways that the church was adapting to the new situations in which it found itself and to identify similarities and differences with our own. Ask yourself how well they did—and how well the Christian church is doing today. Then let's ask ourselves what we can learn from this.

Yours Sincerely, Pastor Paul

First Baptist Church Olympia

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SNAPSHOT of this Issue:

- READ the book of ACTS
- Breakfast & Conversation August 4th and 25th at 9 a.m. Let's talk about CHURCH and the FUTURE! Pick up your questions on the long table in the fellowship area.
- CELEBRATION of LIFE for Dale Heidal at First Baptist Church on Saturday August 11th at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow.
- Jordan Nylander Piano Concert at First Baptist Church on August 12th at 1p.m. FREE ADMISSION, donations accepted for Interfaith Works
- Ice Cream & “Inside Out” Movie Night August 17th at 6:30 p.m. bring the whole family and be ready to have some FUN!

Ice Cream & Movie Night

Inside Story Headline Put it on your calendars now and plan to bring friends, family, neighbors, etc., to a night of ice cream, and laughter as we watch the movie, "Inside Out."

When: Friday, August 17th

Where: Fellowship Hall, Olympia First Baptist Church

Time: 6:30 p.m.

What to Bring: Lawn chairs, bean bag chairs, anything comfy to sit or lay on. Oh, and bring your JOY!

We'll start off with an old-fashioned Ice Cream social of hand-made and store-bought ice creams, with all of the toppings. Once we're all hopped up on sugar, we'll settle in to watch the family friendly but adult relevant movie, "Inside Out," from Pixar Studios. Here's the basic premise for those who haven't seen the movie...

"Growing up can be a bumpy road, and it's no exception for Riley, who is uprooted from her Midwest life when her father starts a new job in San Francisco. Like all of us, Riley is guided by her emotions—Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness. The emotions live in Headquarters, the control center inside Riley's mind, where they help advise her through everyday life. As Riley and her emotions struggle to adjust to a new life in San Francisco, turmoil ensues in Headquarters. Although Joy, Riley's main and most important emotion, tries to keep things positive, the emotions conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house and school."

Save the date...put it on your calendar NOW and we hope you'll come out for some ice cream, fellowship and the movies!



Fall Kickoff & Church Picnic

Fall Kickoff '18 - Spirit-Palooza Tour

Sunday, September 16th, 2018

Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Annual All - Church Picnic at 11:30 a.m. - ish! [Tumwater Historical Park's Covered Shelter] Food! Games! Fun! Joy! Laughter! Surprises!

Save—the—Date! Save—the—Date! Save—the—Date!

August Calendar 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10 a.m. Worship, Child Care & Nursery 4 p.m. Table Grace		5:30 p.m. Mission Board Meeting	5 p.m. Christian Education Meeting in the Library		7:10 p.m. Softball Game at the RAC	9 a.m. Breakfast & Conversation Fellowship Hall 6 p.m. Emmaus House
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1 p.m. Jordan Nylander Piano Concert			5 p.m. Table Grace Meeting in the Fireside Room		6:30 p.m. Movie & Ice Cream in the Fellowship Hall	8 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10 a.m. God's Little Blessings In Library 6 p.m. Emmaus
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
WINDOWS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE		6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting Room 102	6:30 p.m. Executive Council Room 102			9 a.m. Breakfast & Conversation Fellowship Hall 6 p.m. Emmaus House
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Mission Moments

Our next Mission Board meeting will be August 7th at 5:30p.m. Please pray for Nicaragua that is in the middle of political turmoil and our missionaries Parajon Family and their ministry there. As they are faithful in the midst of conflict and violence. Thank you for your generous giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering the total amount given was \$1,721.33!

Breakfast & Conversation

In August you will have two opportunities to share a meal and have table conversations about the questions posed above. **The first will be Saturday, August 4th, at 9:00 a.m.** We will serve **breakfast** and then begin our time of conversation and sharing. **The second opportunity will be Saturday, August 25th, at 9:00 a.m.**, where again we will share a **breakfast** meal along with a time for conversation and sharing. Both breakfast gatherings will be here at Olympia First Baptist. Signups are out on the long table in the coffee/fellowship space outside the sanctuary. Hope you will come and join us!

August 5th Discussion Questions:

“What is the role of the Church?”

1. What is the Church’s role in the lives of individuals and families who no longer turn to it as the center of its social and family structure?
2. What is the Church’s role in a world that increasingly sees it as irrelevant or even antithetical to human progress?
3. What is the Church’s role in the lives of people who continue to return to it as a source of strength, inspiration, solace and connection with God?
4. What is the Church’s role in the lives of the people who have never walked through one of its doors and those who have sworn they never will again?

August Birthdays!



Newland Waterhouse	4
Arlene Carlile	8
Dolly Mozel	11
Emily Blair	15
James DeGarmo	15
Lenny Chavez	17
Cindy Alexanian	22
Jeri Stone	23
Vern Blair	29
Norma Creighton	30
Jimmy Locke	31



Summer Concert Series '18

Sunday August 12th Jordan Nylander Piano Concert 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church Olympia in the Sanctuary.

Sunday September 9th Julie Funchion-Sandvig String Quartet recital at 1:00 p.m.

Recitals are free admission and accepting donations for local causes.

Jordan Nylander

Piano Concert



Sunday, August 12th at 1:00 pm

First Baptist Church
904 Washington St. Olympia, WA

Program to Include:

Clair De Lune - Debussy
Traumerei - Schumann
Etude 11 - Philip Glass

Free Admission

Donations accepted - All proceeds will go to Interfaith Works

Women's Ministries

I use the summer months to plan for the following program year. This is no different. But I have had "help" this summer in the form of a chorus of birds that start singing about 5:00 am. I am calling them my "This is my Father's World" or "Morning Has Broken" chorus. They sing for about 10 -15 minutes and then are on their way for whatever they have planned. This is enough time that I am not going back to sleep. So that has gotten me thinking about "voices" that we hear.

We have three very strong missionary voices in our congregation in the form of Gail Aita, Sarah Jean Nash and Mylinda Baits. This fall, these women are going to share about their ministries at our meeting in the months of September, October, and November, respectively. Gail will be sharing about the mission trip she and Pastor Paul are on right now in Malaysia. Sarah Jean will update us on her travels this summer and plans to leave for Bolivia. Mylinda will share about her travels this summer and the work she is doing with our missionaries in Cuba and Central America. I am excited to hear about their mission work and I hope you will come to each of our meetings – second Wednesday of the month at 12 noon in the Fireside Room. Bring a sack lunch, we will provide the beverages and dessert!

To continue our missionary theme for the fall, we will be hosting the Far West Area Rally on Saturday, October 6th. Katrina Williams, who has been serving with her husband, Kyle, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, will be our speaker. She was our speaker several years ago before she and her family went to France for a year of language training and then to the Congo. They are back in the states for a year so that Katrina can finish some college work. Also, the Congo has become a very dangerous place to be right now. We look forward to having our sisters from the area join us for the day. More details will be coming in a few weeks.

Did you know Christmas is just around the corner? We are getting ready! The Christmas Brunch will be Saturday, December 8th. Karen Wilson and her singing group will provide the program and Gail Aita will bring the devotional time.

Kat Stoker is in charge of the Treasure Room this year. If you want to start cleaning out your closets and cupboards of games, puzzles, glassware, dishes, handcraft items, Christmas decorations, etc to donate please contact me and I will arrange for storage. Dixie Mize is going to be in the Cookie Room with all the sweet treats that will be available. I want to thank Esther Alexanian for her many years of work in the Treasure Room. She donated hours and days of time each year to make sure the room was ready for the many shoppers who came. Thank you, Esther!

I hope you, too, have time this summer to "listen to the birds sing" and hear the Voice calling you to ministry.

Jean Heidal



Moderator Report

Typically, the Council takes the month of July off and does not meet. However, this summer, we are meeting twice to continue our work on the transition. We will have announcements to make in the upcoming weeks so stay tuned.

The Search Committee has also been meeting regularly and will be having updates on the Church Profile they have completed. These are exciting times for us.

Have you been to the church website recently? It has been updated... No, more correctly, a complete makeover has been done. My daughter, Sarah, has taken over the website and updating it weekly. This is also her "day job" of working on websites and apps for the Disney Corporation. She also does graphic design work for non-profits and fundraisers. If you have items for the website please send them to me and I will make sure she gets them. If you miss church on a Sunday and want to keep up with what is happening go to fbcolympia.org for the latest information.

You are also reminded that your regular giving is needed to sustain our budget. Missionary support, salaries, the electric/water/sewer bills, Christian Education and all the other parts of the spending plan need to be funded. If you have fallen behind use August as your "catch up" month. It would be wonderful to head into September on the positive side of the ledger. We do appreciate and thank you for your giving in support of the ministries and missions of our church.

Jean Heidal

From the Pastoral Search Committee

We have finished the Church Profile !! We will publish it on the Church's Website. Next up is resumes.

Again, many thanks for filling out the survey. We have used the demographic data in the Profile and we have all read over your comments. We will keep them in mind during the interviews. Thank you for your prayers.

American Baptist Internet Resources

<http://www.abc-usa.org/2018/06/19/american-baptist-home-mission-societies-decries-migrant-family-separation/>

<http://www.abc-usa.org/2018/06/16/abcusa-general-secretary-sends-letter-to->



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