



**FIRST  
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OF MADISON

## *The Visitor*

A newsletter for members and friends  
of First Baptist Church, Madison, Wisconsin

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### From Your Moderator

#### Sanctuary Updates, January 2022

In November and December the Board of Trustees and the Church Leadership Council discussed and approved making a change to the Sanctuary lighting and a change to seating in the front of the Sanctuary. These ideas were proposed to members of the Trustees Building and Grounds committee by several groups, most notably the Sanctuary Refresh Team and the planning team for the new midweek service.

Using funding that has already been designated for Ministry Initiatives, not to exceed ten thousand dollars, we will be upgrading the existing pendant fixtures with more powerful LED bulbs. We will also be replacing the ceiling lights in the chancel area with LED fixtures that look almost identical, but are much brighter. In addition to making the Sanctuary better for in person worship, the lighting changes will improve the visual quality of our streaming broadcasts. The new lights are also dimmable, if, in the future, we upgrade the electrical service.

Also, as an experiment, we will be temporarily replacing the first few rows of pews with the choir chairs that were previously in the chancel area. The change was proposed for two reasons. Having movable chairs in the front of the Sanctuary will provide additional flexibility for worship events, and it will be helpful for congregants to experience how flexible seating might look and feel in the worship space.

Let me know if you have questions or concerns about these Sanctuary changes for 2022. We have a wonderful worship space, and I really appreciate the efforts of talented folks that have gotten together to

consider the various options for updates. I hope that they will continue to help us move forward with needed changes.

*Blessings for the New Year – Paul Chotlos*

### A WOMEN'S LECTIONARY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH, YEAR W

**Jan. 9:** (Epiphany I) – Isaiah 52:1-10; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Luke 2:41-51

**Jan. 16:** (Epiphany II) – Isaiah 62:1-7, 10-12; Psalm 18:2-11, 16-19; 2 Corinthians 6:2-10; Matthew 3:1-6, 11-17

**Jan. 23:** (Epiphany III) – Zephaniah 3:14-20; Psalm 17:6-9, 13-15; 1 Timothy 4:1-6, 9-10; Mark 1:29-31

**Jan. 30:** (Epiphany IV) – Isaiah 16:1-5; Psalm 33:11-22; Ephesians 3:1-6; Luke 3:21-23, 31-38

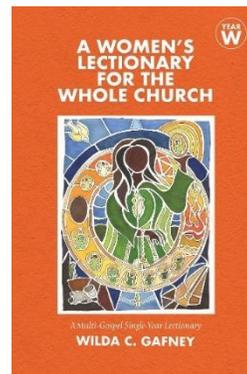
**Feb. 6:** (Epiphany V) – Song of Songs 4:9-15; Psalm 45:6-10, 12-15; 1 Corinthians 9:1-10; John 2:1-12

**Feb. 13:** (Epiphany VI) – 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; James 1:22-27; Luke 4:16-27

**Feb. 20:** (Epiphany VII) – 1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalm 116:1-9; Acts 9:36-42; Luke 7:11-17

**Feb. 27:** (Last Sunday of Epiphany) – Zechariah 8:1-8; Psalm 95:1-7; 1 Corinthians 2:1-13; Luke 7:24-35

#### About the Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney



*The Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney*

The Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney is a scholar, pastor, preacher and activist. She is the Right Rev. Sam B. Hulsey Professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite Divinity School in Ft. Worth, TX, where she teaches masters and doctoral students in initial and advanced degree programs including MDiv, ThM and PhD. She is licensed in the Diocese of Fort Worth. She is a former US Army Reserve chaplain who served the Thompson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church as pastor before joining the Episcopal Church.

Dr. Gafney's courses include *Introduction to Interpreting the Hebrew Bible*, advance seminars

translating and interpreting Exodus and Judges, and Womanist Biblical Interpretation. Her course, *The Bible and Black Lives Matter*, examines the core claims and commitments of the Black Lives Matter movement in light of the biblical text with an eye to preaching and teaching the scriptures in response to the extra-judicial killings of black women and men. She also offers masters-level seminars on Exodus and Accordance Bible Software supported exegesis of the Hebrew Bible from the Hebrew text. Her doctoral seminars are characterized by attention to translating the text from multiple manuscript traditions including Masoretic, Septuagint, Qumran, Samaritan and Targumic with rabbinic commentary. All levels include womanist, feminist post-colonial and queer commentary. She remains engaged in inter-religious work, particularly in how Jews and Christians interpret the texts they hold in common.

## FROM YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### New Year's Greetings,

We (your Board of Trustees) wish you all a Happy New Year! As you well know, 2021 was a challenging year for everyone - including us!

In the Building and Grounds area we not only had to keep the building up, the heat on, and the grounds maintained, but we had to deal with changes – Zoom worship, reopening worship in a hybrid format, dealing with the use of our building, added a new phone system - and soon better lighting and sound in the sanctuary!

In the personnel area there were many changes especially in music where we welcomed Katrina and Ted and said our farewells to Jenny, Matt, and Kelsey.

In the finance area, we oversaw the budget and with the counsel of the Investment and Planned Giving subcommittee have been looking at and implementing changes to make our church finances more socially responsible.

A lot has changed... a lot will change!

This reminds me of a quote from Octavia Butler:

*"All that you touch you change. All that you change changes you. The only lasting truth is change. God is change."*

We look forward to journeying with you in 2022 – changes and all!

*Peace and Blessings – Bill Hausler Trustee co-chair*

## 2022 PLEDGE UPDATE

### Pledge Update – Thank You

As of December 31, 2021, 92% of the 2022 Goal has been met.

- 2022 Goal to Meet Proposed Budget: \$260,000
- 2022 Pledges Received: 60 vs. 2021 Pledges: 66
- 2022 Pledged Total as of 12/31/21: \$238,459

[CLICK HERE](#)

to complete the **2022 Pledge Commitment Form**

[CLICK HERE](#)

to complete the **"40 Ways to Help the Church Survey"**

[CLICK HERE](#)

to view the **2022 Proposed Budget**



(For assistance with submitting pledge, contact Blanca James (608) 233-1880 or email [fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org) - paper forms are available.)

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

### New Offering Envelopes

FBC will be implementing a user friendly, easy to respond to offering envelope for 2022. Those of you that indicated you wanted to receive envelopes for your 2022 offerings during the 2022 Pledge drive will be receiving them soon.

If you did not participate in the 2022 Pledge drive and would like to receive envelopes, please contact the office via email or call to indicate you wish to be added to the list of individuals receiving

envelopes. More information about the new offering envelopes will follow prior to them being mailed out.

Email: [fboffice@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:fboffice@firstbaptistmadison.org)  
Phone: (608) 233-1880

## THE RJT PRESENTS

Starting Sunday, January 23 through  
February 27, 2022, 7:00 pm - 8:00pm



The Racial Justice Team of First Baptist Church, Madison, WI, invites you to join on Sundays through February 27 in a discussion series examining how Christianity has been complicit with—

and continues to perpetuate—racism throughout American history.

We will be basing our discussion on [The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism](#) by Jemar Tisby. Participants can read the book (print and audio are available [here](#) or from the [Madison Public Library](#)) or stream the video companion series on [Amazon Prime](#) prior to each session.

### Book discussion:

- 1: Introduction and Chapter 1 - The Color of Compromise
- 2: Chapter 2 – Making Race in the Colonial Era & Chapter 3 – Understanding Liberty in the Age of Revolution and Revival
- 3: Chapter 4 – Institutionalizing Race in the Antebellum Era & Chapter 5 – Defending Slavery at the Onset of the Civil War
- 4: Chapter 6 – Reconstructing White Supremacy in the Jim Crow Era & Chapter 7 – Remembering Complicity in the North
- 5: Chapter 8 – Compromising with Racism During the Civil Rights Movement & Chapter 9 –

Organizing the Religious Right at the End of the Twentieth Century

- 6: Chapter 10 – Reconsidering Reconciliation in the Age of Black Lives Matter & Chapter 11 – The Fierce Urgency of Now & Conclusion – Be Strong and Courageous

*(There is no need to register individually for each session. You may register for a single session and attend all sessions--the Zoom link will remain the same.)*

If you would like to join us in our discussion and learning opportunity, simply register for the **FREE** event. Once registered, joining information will be provided.

**REGISTER** at ["The Color of Compromise" Online Book Discussion Tickets, Sun, Jan 23, 2022 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite.](#)

*The FBC Racial Justice Team*

## HANDBELL CHOIR

### Handbell Concert Recap

The FBC Handbell Concert on December 12 was a great success. Music and poetry were presented to over 120 in-person and online attendees. Thank you Ann Nelson and the members of the FBC Handbell Choir and musical guests for a joyous and festive occasion.



Two scheduled participants were unable to perform that evening. However, their poetry and talent should not be missed. Here are Lenore Coberly's and Barbara Eggleston's contributions:

*Christmas is a Gift*  
a wonder wrapped in snowy fields  
and tied with ribbons of long roads  
that lead home.

—Lenore Coberly

## *Hark to the Bells!*

A call goes out  
Near and far  
Drawing us to  
Birth of a savior  
Each of us rejoicing  
Listening to the message  
Love is born  
Carols ring out  
Hearts rejoice  
Our holiday has meaning  
Inspiration as bells  
Ring out our salvation

—Barbara Goodwyn Eggleston

Thank you for sharing your poetry and talent.

## **CHINESE ORPHANS PROJECT**

### **Consider Sponsoring One of the 96 Chinese Orphans in First Baptist's Chinese Orphans Project**

We have a few sponsorship options you might consider:

**A one-year \$250 sponsorship for the current school year** for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade boy, a good student who is the youngest of 3 siblings. Their father drowned in a motorcycle accident in 2009 and their mother disappeared in 2010 and has not been heard from since. He and his two sisters live with a disabled grandmother who is unable to care for herself and a grandfather who does odd jobs for an annual income for the family of 5 of less than \$1,500.

**A partial continuing sponsorship of \$500 a year for a girl, a very good student who is in her 1<sup>st</sup> year of college** majoring in “data science and big data technology.” She is the oldest of 3 siblings who now live with grandparents who farm 1/3 an acre to provide for the family. Her father died in 2012 and mother left in 2013 and has disappeared. The annual income for her family of 5 is about \$500. She will be in college for another 2 or 3 years.

**A partial continuing sponsorship for an 18 year-old boy who will be in 12<sup>th</sup> grade in a vocational high school next year.** Both of his parents

abandoned him, leaving him to live with a disabled grandmother and a grandfather with many health problems who farms a tiny plot of land to feed the family. The partial fee for him will be \$350 for next year (2022-23). If he goes onto a vocational college in 2023-24, his partial fee will be \$850 a year for his 3 or 4 years in college depending on the type of program.

**If you are interested in sponsoring one of the above children, contact Linda Mintener, [Lmintener@aol.com](mailto:Lmintener@aol.com) or 608/231-1680.**

**Or, you can make a donation** of any amount to the Chinese Orphans Project by a check made out to and mailed to First Baptist Church, 518 N. Franklin Ave., Madison, WI 53705 or online with a credit card or from a bank account at the First Baptist website, <http://firstbaptistmadison.org/> by clicking on “donate” at the top of the page, inserting the amount under “other,” and writing in “Chinese Orphans Project”.

*Thanks to First Baptist for changing the lives of more than 200 desperately poor Chinese orphans by giving them an education and life necessities!!*

—Linda Mintener

## **NEWS FROM FBC'S YOUTH**

### **Monthly Collections - Portchlight**



FBC youth members will be hosting monthly collections, continuing this month!

This month they will be collecting items for Porchlight.

You can drop these items off at the box near the parking lot entrance.

Porchlight is an organization that strives to reduce homelessness in Dane County by collaborating with the community. You can find a list of ALL the items that Porchlight needs at this link <https://porchlightinc.org/donate-items/>.

The items we are looking for the most are under the covid 19 supplies and the shelter supplies.

### COVID-19 Supplies

- Masks – N95 and surgical
- Rubber or latex gloves (any size)
- Disinfectant wipes

### Shelter Supplies - all travel size

- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Shampoo, conditioner, 2-in-1
- Bar Soap/body wash & lotion
- **Razors & shaving cream**
- Deodorant
- Q-tips

You can also Drop items off at  
306 N Brooks St Madison, WI 53715,  
Monday- Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

Thank you for helping support community folks.  
Continue gathering items now so that you're set  
when the box goes back out again at FBC!

## HELPING THE COMMUNITY

### Forward Community Investments

Forward Community Investments (FCI) has special relevance to those who are interested in fostering Black home ownership and business opportunities. And to those who are involved in and supportive of First Baptist's social justice investment efforts. FBC is an investor and has invested \$10,000.

**About Forward Community Investments** – FCI is an investor, connector, and advisor for organizations and initiatives that reduce social, racial, and economic disparities in Wisconsin communities. We envision an equitable and inclusive Wisconsin built on cooperative social action. In its capacity as a statewide community development financial institution (CDFI), FCI infuses capital into economically underserved communities and neighborhoods.

FCI provides financing to nonprofits, cooperatives and, in rare circumstances, for-profit businesses for community-based, mission-focused projects addressing the root causes of racial disparities and

socioeconomic inequities. Our loans contribute to a stronger, more equitable Wisconsin by supporting high-impact projects and programs that expand affordable housing, economic development and human services. Placing a high value on the social impact of an organization or project, FCI makes loans that could not be made by traditional lenders.

Source: [www.forwardci.org](http://www.forwardci.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/forwardcommunityinvestm>

### 2nd Harvest-Join the FBC Foodbank Team

In addition to the donations received from the Christmas offering, FBC continues to volunteer.



First Baptist Second Harvest Volunteers will be gathering each month to package donated food into food boxes to be distributed at food pantries throughout the area.

### Volunteers Needed for:

- Friday morning, February 4, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

Get in touch with Wynn Davies  
Phone: 608 238 1817: email [lorwyn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lorwyn@sbcglobal.net)  
if you would like to join us.

### Afghan Refugee Ministry Fund

First Baptist Church has partnered with Bethany United Methodist Church to help an Afghan family that consists of three brothers, their spouses, an uncle, and their children.

The Board of Outreach is establishing the **Afghan Refugee Ministry Fund** that would prioritize helping this extended family with getting established here in Madison. **The Christmas offering will serve as seed money for this fund.** The Fund will, also, be used for other local, pressing needs for Afghan refugees' resettlement.

**The Fund will continue beyond the Christmas Offering, and your continued support will be needed and appreciated.**

## HOURGLASS BIBLE STUDY

### Hourglass Bible study on Elijah

**Starting January 16 and continuing through March 6**, the Hourglass class will begin studying the life and work of Elijah. Although this prophet is one of the greatest figures in the Old Testament, he does not have a book carrying his name. Instead, he is mentioned throughout the Old and New Testament.

We will combine all these references to Elijah in this study so we can get a clearer picture of his actions, character, and influence on the whole of scripture.

Reading Schedule – Scriptures about Elijah: 8 weeks

#### Old Testament—biographical information

January 16: 1 Kings 16: 29 through 18:40  
January 23: 1 Kings 18:41 through 19:21  
January 30: 1 Kings 21, 22, 2 Kings 1  
February 6: 2 Chronicles 21: 4-20; Ezra 10:18-22  
February 13: 2 Kings 2:1 through 18, 2 Kings 9:30 through 10:17

#### Prophetic references and allusions—Old and New Testament

February 20 Malachi 2:17 through 3:5, 3:13 through 4:6; Matthew 11:14-15; 16:13-17  
February 27: Matthew 17: 1-13; Mark 9:1-13; Luke 1:17 Luke 9:28-36  
March 6: John 1:19-23; John 3:13; James 5:15-18; Hebrews 11:32-12:1

If you would like to know more about the class, check out the Hourglass page on the church website or contact Mary Ray at [mbray5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mbray5@sbcglobal.net).

—Mary Ray for the Hourglass Bible Study Group

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Our Church Family:** Carla E; Karen F and family; Susan D; Paul H; Jill T's sister, Carol

**Our Homebound:**

Pat & Harley Y; Linda O; Byron & Ruth P; Martha F; Ruth E

**Others:** Those whose names and needs are unspoken.

*(If you would like to add prayer requests, please send your request to the office email, [fbcoffice@firstbaptist.org](mailto:fbcoffice@firstbaptist.org), or call the office.)*

## WORSHIP, GIVING, AND OFFICE VISITS WITH PASTOR TIM

### Worship

If you are unable to join Sunday's In-Person Worship Service, you can still join the service in one of three different platforms:

**Livestream to Worship:**

<http://live.firstbaptistmadison.org>

**Livestream to YouTube:**

<https://tinyurl.com/eubzz6mr>

**Livestream to Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/FBCMAdison>

**Zoom Fellowship Time (Livestream Worship only):** <https://tinyurl.com/Zoom-Fellowship-Time>

If you missed the service, you can go to FBC's YouTube Channel at any time and view it: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJHk7PdGaa700k4UFphlnhw/videos>

### Ways You Can Give

There are several ways you can contribute to your pledge, offerings, memorials, and other / special gifts.

- Online – This link will take you to FBC's Donate page—<https://tinyurl.com/4f353ea9> to make a donation.
- FBC's Website – <https://tinyurl.com/ktnv24u8>
- Smart Phone – GivingPlus Application - <https://giveplushelp.vancopayments.com/>

Thank you for your spiritual and financial support.

### Building Access and Office Visits

**Building Access**

The Church Building Continues to be closed and locked. No unauthorized admittance to the building is permitted. Masks while in the building required.

## Office Visits



You can schedule an appointment with Pastor Tim over Zoom or phone, at the following link <https://tinyurl.com/2p8d7yhh> OR call the church office (608) 233-1880 to schedule a time.

Pastor Tim's day off is on Mondays.

## Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

## BIRTHDAYS

### January 2022 / February 2022

1 Coral B	5 Nathaniel C
3 Jan A	6 Scott M
4 Victor C	6 Lynette M
4 Ann N	7 Paul H, Jr.
5 Brenda L	7 Evan Z
9 Judy S	8 Diane B
18 Doris F	9 Barbara E
23 Paul C	14 JungJa H L
23 Mary R	14 Vanessa K
25 Virginia E	19 Susan D
26 Amanda C	19 Harley Y
26 Herman T	21 Robert N
27 Bert A	21 Marilyn H
29 Dennis R	23 Lenore C
29 Jeff M	25 Marianne D
31 Bryn A	26 John M
	27 Glenn F
	27 Suzanne V

## FBC'S COMMUNICATIONS

### PUBLICATIONS:

#### *Weekend Update*

- weekly e-digest
- released each Friday
- article submission deadline - Thursday
- 60 word limit

The purpose of this publication is to provide information and links to joining worship, special

events, upcoming events, news from our ministry partners, advocacy and volunteer opportunities.

#### *The Visitor*

- monthly newsletter
- released 1st week of each month
- deadline - 1st of the month
- 200 word limit

This monthly newsletter provides church news, summary of activities, future events, and congregational updates. Distributed both electronically and on paper.

#### *Worship Bulletins*

- every Sunday or special services.
- released every Sunday of the month
- released on special worship services
- no articles or news items published

The publication of the bulletins is strictly for use during worship services. Inserts may occasionally be permitted and must be worship related.

### OTHER MEDIA:

*Website:* <http://firstbaptistmadison.org/>

*Facebook:* <https://www.facebook.com/FBCMAdison/>

*YouTube:* <https://tinyurl.com/uxbbwwdc>

*Tweeter:* <https://twitter.com/FBCMAdison>

### INTERNAL COMMUNICATION:

*Mail* – Mailboxes have been set up outside the office for the Moderator, Boards Chairs, Committees, and Staff. Pastor Tim's and Nancy Moore's boxes are inside the office.



Please check your designated box on a regular basis. Thank you.

## Scripture Readings for January and February 2022

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- Isaiah 52:1-10
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- Isaiah 62:1-7, 10-12
  - Psalm 18:2-11, 16-19
  - 2 Corinthians 6:2-10
  - Matthew 3:1-6, 11-17
- January 23:** (Epiphany III)
- Zephaniah 3:14-20
  - Psalm 17:6-9, 13-15
  - 1 Timothy 4:1-6, 9-10
  - Mark 1:29-31
- January 30:** (Epiphany IV)
- Isaiah 16:1-5
  - Psalm 33:11-22
  - Ephesians 3:1-6
  - Luke 3:21-23, 31-38
- February 6:** (Epiphany V)
- Song of Songs 4:9-15
  - Psalm 45:6-10, 12-15
  - 1 Corinthians 9:1-10
  - John 2:1-12
- February 13:** (Epiphany VI)
- 1 Kings 17:8-16
  - Psalm 146
  - James 1:22-27
  - Luke 4:16-27
- February 20:** (Epiphany VII)
- 1 Kings 17:17-24
  - Psalm 116:1-9
  - Acts 9:36-42
  - Luke 7:11-17
- February 27:** (Last Sunday of Epiphany)
- Zechariah 8:1-8
  - Psalm 95:1-7
  - 1 Corinthians 2:1-13
  - Luke 7:24-35

## **FBC Bible Study and Other Groups**

**Men's Breakfast (Online)** – Via Zoom only - bring your breakfast to your computer and connect with other men via Zoom; we meet at 8:30 a.m. **the first Wednesday of each month.**

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://tinyurl.com/y94m75rm> Mtg. ID: 874 5779 5346 PW: 518608  
If joining by telephone, the number is 1 (312) 626-6799 enter the Mtg. ID and password.

**Hourglass Bible Study** – We will **meet via Zoom** from 4:30 to 5:30 each Sunday evening, **starting January 16 and continuing through March 6**, the Hourglass class will begin studying the life and work of Elijah. Although this prophet is one of the greatest figures in the Old Testament, he does not have a book carrying his name. Instead, he is mentioned throughout the Old and New Testament.

We will combine all these references to Elijah in this study so we can get a clearer picture of his actions, character, and influence on the whole of scripture.

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://tinyurl.com/y88gf4ol> Mtg. ID: 810 0782 5061 PW: 518608  
If Joining by Phone: 1 (312) 626-6799 US Meeting ID: 810 0782 5061 Password: 518608

**Bible Study Group (Online)** – This group is led by Rev. Bob Martens (retired ABC pastor). The focus is on the lectionary texts for the following Sunday. It meets for about **one to one and a half hours on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.**

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://tinyurl.com/yyewatk6> Mtg. ID: 180 468362 PW: 518608  
If joining by telephone, the number is 1 312 626 6799 and enter the meeting ID number.

**FBC @ Prayer (Online)** – Pastor Schaefer will lead in prayer. This prayer group lifts up joys and concerns of the congregation. It meets for **half hour on Thursdays at Noon.**

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://tinyurl.com/y2fwu7py> Mtg. ID: 779 383 700 PW: 518608  
If joining by telephone, the number is 1 (312) 626-6799 and enter the meeting ID number.

**Spiritual Renewal Group 1** – **First and fourth Mondays of January at 7 PM.** Please join us! We will complete our reading of Orthodoxy by G. K. Chesterton, (reading on Monday January 24, Chapter 9 - Authority and the Adventurer). **Download from [www.freeclassicebooks.com](http://www.freeclassicebooks.com). There may be other sites as well.**  
**Questions? Please contact Bill Hausler, [hhausler@tds.net](mailto:hhausler@tds.net), 608-231-2890.**

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://tinyurl.com/y2y9vx7u> Mtg. ID: 241 607 232 PW: 518608 If joining by telephone, the number is 1 (312) 626-6799 enter the Mtg. ID and password.

**Spiritual Renewal Group 2 (Online)** – Continues at **4:00 PM the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.** We are reading the book **The Faith Club** by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner. Our goal is to grow in our spiritual journey. We pick books that help us to grow. We have become a support group as well and endeavor to not share with the general public and no one is wrong. We do not discuss church business when we meet.

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://tinyurl.com/y8brxx4e> Mtg. ID: 825 2775 4175 PW: 518608  
If joining by telephone, the number is 1 (312) 626-6799 enter the Mtg. ID and password.

## **Worship at First Baptist Church**

We extend a special greeting to visitors and hope that you will find meaning and fellowship in our worship. If you are searching for a church home and would appreciate a call or visit, please contact the office.

### **Our Purpose**

The purpose of First Baptist Church of Madison is to invite all people, regardless of race, culture, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or marital status, to unite as full participants in this Christian Fellowship.

### **Our Shared Beliefs**

God loves all people unconditionally and seeks a personal relationship with every person.

God offers forgiveness and hope to heal our lives and make us whole.

Jesus shows us who God is and who we can become.

God is present, speaking to us through prayer, the Bible, other people, and creation.

### **Our Core Values**

Inclusive Community ♦ Soul Freedom ♦ Spiritual Growth ♦ Mission

Beyond these shared values and beliefs, a great diversity of personal faith, beliefs, and values is found and treasured within our community.

We expect no conformity to any creed.

### **Keeping In Touch**

Telephone: (608) 233-1880

E-mail: [fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org)

First Baptist Church Madison  
518 North Franklin Avenue, Madison, WI 53705-3699

### **Office Hours | Building Access**

Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL CONTINUE TO BE CLOSED AND LOCKED.  
NO UNAUTHORIZED ADMITTANCE TO THE BUILDING IS PERMITTED.**

**MASKS REQUIRED AND, IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SAFE DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER  
WHILE IN THE BUILDING**