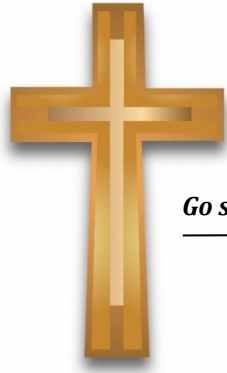


Sunday, July 19, 2020



Welcome to
**First Baptist Church
of Endicott**

*Know the love of God in Jesus Christ;
Grow as followers of Him;
Go share the love of God in our community and world.*

Interim Pastor • Rev. Dr. Keith Marlett
Worship Leader • Pastor Keith
Praise Team Leader • Bill Starring

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Praise & Worship

Opening Song	Praise Team
Opening Prayer	Worship Leader
Announcements	Worship Leader
Children's Message	Nancy Marlett
Praise Music	Praise Team
Scripture Reading	Acts 7: 1-16 Linda O'Neill
Special Music	<i>Shout to the Lord</i> Zschech/Keveren Colin DeLap & Angel Zdimal, Piano
Message	"At The Right Place At The Right Time" Pastor Keith
Closing Song	Praise Team
Benediction	Pastor Keith

Today's Scripture

¹ Then the high priest asked Stephen, "Are these charges true?" ² To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran. ³ 'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.' ⁴ "So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Harran. After the death

of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living. ⁵ He gave him no inheritance here, not even enough ground to set his foot on. But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child. ⁶ God spoke to him in this way: 'For four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated. ⁷ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and afterward they will come out of that country and worship me in this place.' ⁸ Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs. ⁹ "Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him ¹⁰ and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt. So Pharaoh made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace. ¹¹ "Then a famine struck all Egypt and Canaan, bringing great suffering, and our ancestors could not find food. ¹² When Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our forefathers on their first visit. ¹³ On their second visit, Joseph told his brothers who he was, and Pharaoh learned about Joseph's family. ¹⁴ After this, Joseph sent for his father Jacob and his whole family, seventy-five in all. ¹⁵ Then Jacob went down to Egypt, where he and our ancestors died. ¹⁶ Their bodies were brought back to Shechem and placed in the tomb that Abraham had bought from the sons of Hamor at Shechem for a certain sum of money.

Prayers, Concerns & Celebrations

Health Concerns: Dale Peloke; Al McFall; Dan Marlett; Pat McFall;
Church family, friends, and our homebound members;
All victims and families of COVID-19; and
All those on the front lines battling and protecting;
The Pastoral Search Committee;
Our virtual worship service;
God's direction during this time of transition.

Prayer requests of a personal nature will not be shared during the virtual worship service.

Announcements

NYS Safety Requirements for Sanctuary Worship:

- Face coverings are required at all times unless seated;
- A hand sanitizer station is located in the back of the sanctuary;
- Ushers will guide attendees to the pews available to maintain social distancing;
- A collection plate station is located in the back of the sanctuary;
- For the safety of others, if you have a fever, cough, or are not feeling well, please do not attend.

Childcare *will not* be provided and children need to remain with their parents at all times.

- We recommend bringing items for your children to use during the service (coloring books, quiet toys).
- Rooms will be available for you and your children if you need to remove yourself during the service. See an usher if you need an available room.

The Board of Ministries requests:

- Please enter using the front doors (volunteers/employees may use the back entrance);
- If possible, please limit the use of the church building to the sanctuary and main floor restrooms when possible to minimize the amount of cleaning/sanitizing needed after the service;
- Coffee, snacks and our drinking fountain will not be available during the service;
- After service, please dismiss yourselves in an orderly fashion and congregate outside if you wish.

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Virtual Bible Study: Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM. Pastor Keith is leading a time of Bible study and prayer via ZOOM. He will send an email invite and all you need to do is click on that invite to join.

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Pastor Keith is offering a **time of prayer** at the end of the morning worship service (following the benediction), after the live feed has been turned off. If you have a prayer request that you would

like shared at that time, please email the church office by no later than Friday morning so that they can be passed on to Pastor Keith.

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Special Congregational Vote: Our church has re-enacted the Nominating Committee to fill a vacancy and review the Board positions with expiring terms. The electronic vote will be released Monday 7/20 to all eligible voting members and all responses must be submitted by Friday 7/24, with the results being announced Sunday 7/26 during regular worship. Copies will be mailed to those without computer access. If you have any questions or comments regarding the slate of officers, please address them to Becky Mellander as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

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Looking for fun and meaningful activities for your children and grandchildren this summer? Check out "**Camping Outside the Box**" at VPCCMinistries.org!

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Deadline for submissions to the **August Tower Topics** is Monday, July 20th.

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Remember to remain faithful in your giving:

1. By check made payable to First Baptist Church and mailed to:

First Baptist Church
1406 Monroe Street
Endicott, NY 13760

OR

Kay Hollister
6021 Day Hollow Road
Endicott, NY 13760

2. By using your bank "billpay" with "payment" sent to:

First Baptist church of Endicott
1406 Monroe Street
Endicott, NY 13760

3. By using "Online Giving" feature through our website.

Go to www.firstbaptistendicott.com

Please consider giving to the **Diaconate Fund** by designating on your on-line giving or at the place provided at the back of sanctuary.

Financial Update

Year Goal	Weekly Goal	YTD Given
\$110,600.00	\$2,126.92	\$61,084.28
YTD Goal	Given 07-12	%
\$59,553.76	\$1,012.00	102.57
Capital Campaign	\$16,355.00	

We are collecting school supplies for the children in Dodoma, Tanzania.

Please drop off your donations at the church **by July 30th** (a box will be in the church lobby) or you can mail them to:

Village to Village Care Inc.
1994 Donna Ave.
Endicott, NY 13760

Items for collection:

- Children's Books
- Notebooks
- Pencils
- Pens
- Erasers
- Pencil Bags
- Water bottles
- Bar Soaps
- Band-aids
- Antibacterial ointments
- Alcohol pads
- Socks (white)
- Plain white children's t-shirt
- Children's underwear (boy & girl)
- Cloth face masks (small & medium)



The CARES Act

Good News for Donors



The COVID-19 crisis has produced many unprecedented situations in our nation. While many of those situations are adverse, you may not know that with the CARES Act, there are great benefits and incentives that can stretch your charitable giving.

Gifts up to \$300 are now 100% deductible even for those using the standard deduction. This means you can deduct up to \$300 whether you itemize your deductions or not. Contributions by cash, credit card, or check are eligible; however, gifts of stock are not.

Maximum deduction is raised to 100%. Previously, individuals could deduct up to 60% of their adjusted gross income (AGI) for charitable deductions of cash (not gifts of stock). The stimulus package allows individuals to deduct up to 100% of their AGI in 2020. This is helpful for donors making major gift donations and makes it possible to eliminate federal tax burden entirely. In addition, donations in excess of AGI may be carried over for up to five additional years.

Corporations have greater incentive to make charitable gifts. Previously charitable giving for a corporation has been limited to 10% of taxable income. The limit has been increased to 25% of taxable income, making charitable gifts more attractive to business donors.

Mail Check To:
Child Evangelism Fellowship
P.O. Box 348
Warrenton, MO 63383

Donate Online:
cefonline.com

Contact Kay Hollister with any questions.
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