

Sunday, September 13, 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 • Kay Hollister  
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 11:1-18 NIV	Linda O'Neill
Special Music	<i>I Asked the Lord</i>	Lange/Duncan
	Steve Foulk, vocal; Joanne Foulk, piano	
Message	"No More Division"	Pastor Keith
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Pastor Keith

*Scripture Reading*

<sup>1</sup> The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him <sup>3</sup> and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them." <sup>4</sup> Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a

vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. <sup>6</sup> I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. <sup>7</sup> Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. <sup>11</sup> "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. <sup>14</sup> He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup> "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

*Announcements*

**Church Website Volunteers Needed!!!** Pastor Keith is looking for a couple of volunteers who will help 'manage' our current website as well as help build a new one that will be replacing the current one. Please let him know if you are interested.

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**Ladies Bible Study** will resume on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The study topic will be Joshua.

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**Church Family Picnic:** Join us for an informal get together on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-12:00, at Greenwood Park. We will meet at the pavilion near the boat rentals. It will be an opportunity to fellowship, pray face to face, and prepare to kick off the new season of Sunday school, all while maintaining social distancing. Please bring camping chairs to help spread out in

small groups if you would like. There are restrooms, hiking trails, a playground, and lots of picnic tables and grills if you would like to bring a picnic lunch for after. Swimming may be open depending on staffing. Please RSVP to the church office if you are able to attend. We hope to see you there!

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**Wednesday Evening Bible Study:** Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM in the Baraca Room. For those who wish to participate from home, the study will also be hosted on ZOOM.

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**Prayer March 2020 with Franklin Graham on September 26<sup>th</sup>.** Please take a moment to pray for the believers who will march on our Nation's Capital as they stop at key locations to ask God to heal the divisions in our nation, guide our leaders, protect our religious freedoms, and pour out His Spirit on America.

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#### **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.
- Please enter using the front doors (volunteers and employees may use the back entrance).
- 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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#### **Remember to remain faithful in your giving:**

##### **1. Check 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. Using your bank "billpay" with "payment" sent to:**

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

##### **3. Using "Online Giving" feature through our website.**

Go to [www.firstbaptistendicott.com](http://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.



## **Sunday School and Rally Day**

**September 20<sup>th</sup> – 9:30AM**



### **Adult Sunday School**

**Lower elementary (Kindergarten- 4<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**Upper Elementary/Middle School (5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**Middle School/ High School (8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

We will be meeting in the sanctuary this year to fellowship together as we kick off a new year for Sunday School. Come join us and celebrate a new beginning in many ways of worshiping our ever-loving God.

## It is time to prepare for Operation Christmas Child!!

We have been gathering together, sharing a lunch, and packing shoeboxes the past 3 years. This year, because of social distancing requirements and safety of our congregation, we will not be able to gather to pack the shoeboxes. We will have 2 options for preparing the boxes:

1. You can take shoeboxes to fill and return to FBC for delivery.
2. You can give money to purchase items for your shoeboxes.

In addition, because of the urgent needs of all children we want to expand FBC's shoebox to serve both:

1. International Operation Christmas Child
2. Local Christmas Child Shoeboxes for children in our local community

### International Operation Christmas Child

- Deadline to donate money for a volunteer to purchase items for your international shoeboxes is Sunday 11/1/20.
- All International Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes need to be at church by Sunday 11/15/20.
- The shoeboxes will be taken to the drop-off location on Monday 11/16/20.
- International OCC requests a \$9 shipping fee be included with each shoebox.

### Local Christmas Child Shoeboxes

- Deadline to donate money for a volunteer purchase items for your local shoeboxes is Sunday 12/6/20.
- All Local Christmas Child Shoeboxes need to be at church by Sunday 12/13/20.

### General Information

- Shoeboxes will be available in the sanctuary starting on Sunday 9/27/20
- Lists of gift ideas for the 6 different groups will be provided  
Boys—2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, 10-14 years old  
Girls—2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, 10-14 years old
- The gift lists for the international and local boxes will be the same
- Local shoeboxes can also include liquid items (i.e. shampoo, glue, bubbles, etc.)

We have 120 plastic shoeboxes to be used. Each shoebox may contain donated items already received such as cloth grocery bags, matchbox cars, small blankets, water bottles, face masks and tennis balls. These items will be placed in shoeboxes before they are given out.

Children both internationally and locally so need our help to learn the wonderful love of our Lord. We aren't able to gather together this year to pack these boxes, but we still can provide much needed shoeboxes for these children.

If you wish to donate money, want to volunteer to help, or have any questions, please contact:

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