

FARMVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
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(The deacons are ministers to the church and are available to the membership and friends for ministry needs. Please call a deacon if you have a need.)

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Worshipping God . . . Growing Together . . . Serving Others

Time for New Beginnings

Taylor Addison, Blue Mountain Arts, 1989

"This is a time for reflection as well as celebration.

As you look back on the past year and all that has taken place in your life,

Remember each experience for the good that has come of it
 and for the knowledge you have gained.

Remember the efforts you have made and the goals you have reached.

Remember the love you have shared and the happiness you have brought.

Remember the laughter, the joy, the hard work, and the tears.

And as you reflect on the past year, also be thinking of the new one to come.

Because most importantly, this is a time of new beginnings
 and the celebration of life."

*A very Merry Christmas
 and Happy New Year to all from the Staff
 Ronnie, Kathy, Mc, Sandy and Mike*

Church Business Meeting, January 19

There will be a regular quarterly church business meeting on Sunday, January 19, 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. The Stewardship Committee will give an end-of-the-year financial report.

Pastor's Column



Opening the cover figuratively and literally of another calendar year is always an exciting experience. It is made even more dynamic this year for me because of so many firsts that I will get to observe and enjoy with my Farmville Baptist family and extended community. In January we will share in the joyous event of a baby dedication service for the families of Lily Schmidt and Lane Cristo. I know that you share my excitement in extra special days in the life of our church like this when families publicly declare their intentions and desires to rear their children in the love and instruction of the Creator. We have been blessed with the birth of four babies in the past year. Rather than waiting for the typical Mother's Day combined dedications we will extend the joy throughout 2014. Mark your calendars for January 12, 2014 as we pledge ourselves to partner with the Cristos and Schmidts in the high privilege of being a community of faith that takes seriously the call to love and instruct children of all ages in the knowledge of The Lord.

Later in January I will preach my first, albeit short sermon series, January 19 and 26. The topic will be Discipleship/Evangelism which I believe are essentially synonymous with one another. Most Christ followers seem to readily embrace the disciple/discipleship component of the faith. Reading about Jesus, study of the Word, tithing, prayer and gathering for corporate worship all qualify as disciplines that followers of "The Way" understand and can see themselves engaging in to varying degrees. Asserting that all disciples have an expectation to evangelize often prompt responses of gulping down discomfort and clearing of throats in hopes of the subject being changed. Evangelism has received bad press over the years. Street corner preachers shouting at passersby while wearing sandwich boards with messages of the end times or zealots knocking on doors handing out religious pamphlets have sullied the impression of what evangelism really is. There is good news for those among us that have a chronic aversion to volunteering for evangelistic efforts. I plan to address both the call to discipleship and evangelism with extra focus on the dates listed above.

Help us get the word out to our community and beyond that the Spirit of God is present and in great abundance at Farmville Baptist Church!

WARNINGhonoring the above request is an act of evangelism! Now that wasn't that hard was it?

Ronnie

Calendar

| | |
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| January 1 | New Year's Day — Office Closed |
| January 4 | Un-Decorate the Church, 10:00 am |
| January 5 | Jail Ministry, 9:00 am Sunday School, 9:45 am Morning Worship, 11:00 am |
| January 7 | Karate, 5:30 pm |
| January 8 | Prayer Meeting, 5:30 pm Junior Choir, 5:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm |
| January 12 | Deacons' Meeting, 8:30 am Sunday School, 9:45 am Morning Worship/Parent/Child Dedications, 11:00 am |
| January 14 | Karate, 5:30 pm |
| January 15 | Prayer Meeting, 5:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm |
| January 18 | Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 am |
| January 19 | Council Meeting, 8:30 am Business Meeting, 9:45 am Sunday School, 9:45 am Morning Worship, 11:00 am |
| January 20 | Newsletter Articles Due |
| January 21 | Karate, 5:30 pm |
| January 22 | Prayer Meeting, 5:30 pm Junior Choir, 6:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm |
| January 23 | Ladies Night Out @ Shogun Japanese Steakhouse, 6:00 pm |
| January 24 | Youth Lock-In Begins, 8:00 pm |
| January 25 | Youth Lock-In Ends, 8:00 a.m. |
| January 26 | Sunday School, 9:45 am Morning Worship, 11:00 am |
| January 28 | Karate, 5:30 pm |
| January 29 | Prayer Meeting, 5:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 pm |

Children's Church Volunteers

January 5

Toddlers/Cribs:Celia Jo Young
 Children's Worship:.....Farrah Schmidt

January 12

Toddlers/Cribs:Lucille Holman

January 19

Toddlers/Cribs:Lucille Holman
 Children's Missions:Edith Ann & Katherine Austin

January 26

Toddlers/Cribs:Lucille Holman

Sunday School Classes

We offer Sunday School classes for all ages spanning preschoolers to senior adults. Classes begin at 9:45 a.m. and end at around 10:40 a.m.

| <u>GROUPS</u> | <u>ROOM</u> | <u>TEACHER(S)</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Children | | |
| Age 3 to K | Preschool Rm. 3 | Celia Jo Young & Mary Jo Chassey |
| Grades 1 to 3: | Rm. 302 | Janie Simpson & Janett Southall |
| Youth | | |
| Grades 6 to 12: | Rm. 304 | Chuck Daniel, Gail Cave |
| College Students | Rm. 306 | |
| Adult | | |
| Median Adults: | Fellowship Hall | Ken Copeland |
| Older Median Adults: | Library | Peggy Cave |
| Senior Adults: | Church Parlor | Dave Landrum |

Worshipping God

UN-Decorate the Chrismon Tree

We will be taking down the Chrismon tree and the decorations in the church on Saturday, January 4. If you can help, please meet in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

Parent/Child Dedication

On Sunday, January 12 we will have a Parent/Child Dedication for David and Farrah Schmidt and their daughter Lily Kate and Tyler and Ashley Cristo and their son Tyler Lane. Please join them and their families in worship for this joyous occasion.

Be a Part of the FBC Music Ministry

The Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Choir are seeking new members. The Sanctuary Choir sings regularly during the Sunday morning worship service and practices on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Handbell Choir plays several times throughout the year and rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sandy Yeatts, 223-2295 or Mary Jo Chassey, 223-7481.

Worship Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to lead in Sunday morning worship in these areas:

- 1) leading the Call to Worship and other responsive readings
- 2) giving the Prayer of Praise, Prayers of the People and Offertory Prayer
- 3) reading Scripture
- 4) doing the Children's Lesson

A schedule is posted on the church's bulletin board for volunteers to sign up. Thank you very much for your help and participation in worship!

2014 Calendar for Flowers in Sunday Worship

The 2014 Flower Calendar is on the bulletin board across from the Sunday School office. Please sign up for the coming year to put flowers in the church in memory/honor of a loved one.

Growing Together

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on:

Wednesday, January 1 — New Year's Day

Ladies Night Out, January 23rd, 6:00 p.m.

All ladies are invited to have dinner at Shogun Japanese Steakhouse (South Main Street next to Arby's) on Thursday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m.. RSVP to Penny Huskey, 392-1050 or pvhuskey1@embarqmail.com no later than Wednesday, January 22nd.

Attention all Men!

We will have a “Men’s” Prayer Breakfast on January 18th at 7:30 am in the fellowship hall at Farmville Baptist Church. Our speaker will be the Reverend Ronnie Kiehm. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for the kick off of this 2014 event. Help us to plan our meal head count by calling the Church office and putting your name on the list. You are also encouraged to bring a buddy!

The Men of the FBC Deacon Board are reviving this old tradition and we ask for your support.

Junior Choir Rehearsal Schedule

The Junior Choir will rehearse Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. on January 8th and January 22nd.

Building Fund Report

As of December 26, \$75,310.00 has been donated toward our roof restoration project. The total cost of the project was \$99,665.00. Any donations toward our building restoration fund will be greatly appreciated! Building Fund envelopes are located on the first floor bulletin board, in the pew racks and at the sanctuary entrances for your convenience.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

Peggy Cave is leading a weekly Wednesday night prayer meeting for adults in the church parlor, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. There will be a brief scriptural meditation followed by updates on those who are on our prayer list. Participants will have an opportunity to add prayer requests, write prayer cards and pray for those on our list. All are invited to attend this time of intercessory prayer and spiritual growth!



Poinsettias given in memory of:

- Marvin & Katie Austin by John Austin Family
- George & Faye Carter by George & Lorraine Carter
- Linwood & Marie Carter by John Austin Family
- Charles & Bessie Cave by Peggy Cave and Family
- Paul Cave by Peggy Cave and Family
- Divers & Edith Brown by Kathryn Copeland
- Harold Covington by L. D. & Nancy Phaup
- Allen H. “Bo” Fowler by Kim & Sandy Yeatts
- Fred Garrett, Sr. by Ernestine Garrett
- Erdman & Nancy Kiehm by Ronnie & Janice Kiehm
- Fred Garrett, Sr., W. A. Watson, III & Betty Watson by Gene & Patsy Watson
- Joseph S. Gills by George & Lorraine Carter
- Hugh & Barbara Moore by Janet, Kerby & Jewel Moore
- J. G. “Pat” Patteson by Ruth Patteson
- Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Cecil Patteson by their children and grandchildren
- Mabel & Leslie Phaup by L. D. & Nancy Phaup
- Isaac David Schmidt & Rachael Catherine Schmidt by David & Farrah Schmidt
- Percy Dewey Shumaker by Docia Shumaker
- Mr. & Mrs. Dee Shupe by Peggy Cave and Family
- L. Leslie Simpson by Janie Simpson
- Charles L. & Georgia Wilkerson by Charles W. Wilkerson
- Raymond Yeatts by Kim & Sandy Yeatts

Poinsettias given in honor of:

- Ernestine Garrett by Gene & Patsy Watson
- Fred Garrett, Jr. & Family by Ernestine Garrett
- Lelia Gills by George & Lorraine Carter
- Wally and Betty Jeffries by Ronnie & Janice Kiehm
- Mildred Moore by Janet, Kerby & Jewel Moore
- Patsy Watson & Family by Ernestine Garrett

Thank You!

To Our Family at Farmville Baptist!

Thank you so very much for your prayers and cards you have sent during this surgery and recovery time. What a blessing you are to so many!

Love & Blessings to all!
Deb Lehman

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Thank you to the Personnel Committee and Congregation of Farmville Baptist Church for the more than generous Christmas gift and dinner on December 15th. I pray the coming year will be as rewarding for you as these past 7 years have been for me as your office manager.

God Bless and Merry Christmas, *Kathy Dunnivant*

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Dear Farmville Baptist Church Members:

Wanda and I deeply appreciate the prayers and prayer cards over the past year. It speaks volumes about our community for you to continue including us in your prayers. It's been a long journey and we have a ways to go, but we have felt your prayers and support. We are enclosing a small token of our appreciation for your building fund. Merry Christmas and God Bless!

Wanda and David Whitus

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Dear Farmville Baptist Church Family,

Just a note to say thank you for all your thoughts and prayers for Gordon during his recovery from his auto accident. He is now home after being in two hospitals and a rehab center for 118 days. Without your faithful prayers he would not have survived. Your lifting him up in your prayers to the Lord and your faith that he would recover made all the difference. Thank you also for your thoughts for us when his mom passed away. Thanks to all of you again!

Love, *Jane and Gordon Davis*

Serving Others

Eat Out At Burger King

Eat out at **Burger King** two nights next week and support two great causes:

Tuesday, January 7th (5-9pm) Habitat for Humanity
Thursday, January 9th (5-9pm) Meals on Wheels

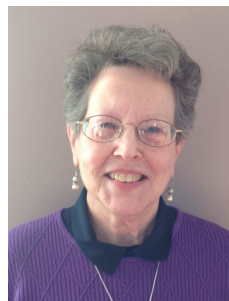
Thank You, Christmas Angels!

Thanks to all for being Christmas Angels for local children in our Community. Your generosity brought a great deal of happiness to 27 boys and girls in Prince Edward County. Missions & Outreach delivered the gifts to Moton Museum last week!

The Jail Ministry Team invites you . . .

On the first Sunday of each month from 9:00a.m. to 10:30 a.m., a small team visits the Piedmont Regional Jail to lead the female inmates in a time of singing, devotion and prayer. We've been committed to this ministry since the fall of 2003 and in three years, we've never failed to put together a team to go. That's how much we enjoy doing this! It has often been said that we receive as much blessing as (or possibly more blessing than) the ladies to whom we are ministering. It requires no specialized talents, just an open and flexible spirit. If you would like to find out more, or possibly join us for a visit, please contact Anita Lynn, 391-3751.

Welcome New Members



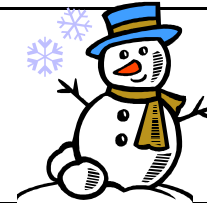
On Sunday, November 24, we welcomed Carolyn Overton into the membership of Farmville Baptist.

Carolyn comes to us through a transfer from Mt. Zion Baptist Church, New Canton, Virginia. Carolyn lives at 304 Maryland Street here in Farmville.

We welcome Carolyn into the membership of Farmville Baptist!



January 2014



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | 1 Barbara Anderson Office Closed 5:30 p Prayer Meeting 6:30 p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 2 | 3 | 4 Sarah Dunning David Landrum 10:00 a Un-Decorate the Church |
| 5 9:00 a Jail Ministry 9:45 a Sunday School 11:00 a Morning Worship | 6 | 7 Tara Bauer 5:30 p Karate | 8 Tori Dunn 5:30 p Prayer Meeting 5:30 p Junior Choir 6:30 p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 9 Bradley Jones Finley Jones Trip Terry | 10 Nancy Vick | 11 Jane Schirmer |
| 12 8:30 a Deacons' Meeting 9:45 a Sunday School 11:00 a Morning Worship/ Parent/Child0 Dedications | 13 | 14 James Druen 5:30 p Karate | 15 Katherine Lynn 5:30 p Prayer Meeting 6:30 p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 16 Toby Towler | 17 Madison Atkins | 18 7:30 a Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| 19 8:30 a Council Meeting 9:45 a Business Meeting 9:45 a Sunday School 11:00 a Morning Worship | 20 Megan Wingo Newsletter Articles Due | 21 Adna Yeatts 5:30 p Karate | 22 Penny Huskey 5:30 p Prayer Meeting 5:30 p Junior Choir 6:30 p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 23 Janice Kiehm 6:00 p Ladies Night Out @ Shogun Japanese Steakhouse | 24 8:00 p Youth Lock-In Begins | 25 8:00 a Youth Lock-In Ends |
| 26 Jay Lynn Drue Martin 9:45 a Sunday School 11:00 a Morning Worship | 27 | 28 Rick Chassey 5:30 p Karate | 29 Alexis Tharpe 5:30 p Prayer Meeting 6:30 p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 30 Doralease Jackson | 31 5:00 p BCM Dinner | |