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February 5 is the official “Souper Bowl of Caring” day. Our youth will collect monetary and food donations for FACES, our local food pantry at the end of our worship service that day. Please come to worship with cash or non-perishable food items to support this cause!

Ash Wednesday Service

Lent is a forty-day period in our church calendar that is set aside for reflection and repentance. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. For contemporary Christians, this is a season for prayer, penitence, and preparation for Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs forty days before Easter (excluding Sundays). Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance and as a reminder of our mortality.

This year, we will have our Ash Wednesday service on **Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary**, immediately after our Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting.

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Mc Amoss.....Ruth Patteson
George Carter.....David Schmidt
Cindy Cave.....Janet Southall
Ken Copeland.....Tim Trent
Jack Davis.....Doris Weaver
Joyce Davis.....Sandy Yeatts
David Landrum

(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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“A Season of *Kairos*”

During these past few Sundays, I’ve been preaching about *kairos* moments. *Kairos* is a Greek word used in the New Testament to signify not chronological time, but an opportune or right time. One could say that in the Bible, *kairos* is the term used for God’s time, a decisive time ushering the in-breaking of God’s presence into our lives and our world.

I feel that Farmville Baptist Church is entering a season of *kairos* time. First and foremost, I’m excited that, after a long hiatus, we are planning a summer mission trip to the eastern shores of Virginia on July 8 through 13. We are partnering with Habitat for Humanity that week to help build a Habitat home. We are looking to send a group of around fifteen people who are older than sixteen years of age (Habitat’s age limit). There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, February 19, after worship, and I encourage anyone who is interested in this project to attend.

Secondly, I anticipate a season of *kairos* as Jay Lynn continues to consult with us to help us discern where God is leading the church in its vision, purpose and mission. A series of discussion meetings and surveys are being planned right now, both for the congregation and for our community. I encourage all our members to participate in this process so that we will more clearly see God’s in-breaking vision for Farmville Baptist.

Thirdly, on February 5 in worship, we will celebrate Mc Amoss’ twentieth anniversary as our church organist! What a gift and treasure Mc is to our congregation! For two decades, week in and week out, Mc has blessed us with his gifts by leading our worship through music. So, on February 5, we are not only acknowledging the chronological time of Mc’s service, but also the *kairos* time, the opportune time, to express our thanks and appreciation to God for Mc’s ministry among us.

Fourthly, on February 5, Joyce Davis will be our worship speaker. Joyce has been a member of Farmville Baptist for fifty-seven years (she was baptized into membership at a young age!), and she will share what God is teaching her about the promises and faithfulness of God. What an opportune time to hear from Joyce and for us as a church to affirm the promises and faithfulness of God!

“The *kairos* time has come, and Kingdom of God is near!” said Jesus. That was true over two thousand years ago when Jesus was beginning his earthly ministry, and that is just as true today here at Farmville Baptist!

Yours in Christ, *Michael*

Calendar

February 1	Prayer Meeting, 5:30 pm
February 2	BCM Dinner, 5:00 pm
February 5	Souper Bowl of Caring Jail Ministry, 9:00 am Worship at Holly Manor/Ruth-Blair Class, 10:00 am Soup & Bread Lunch Passport Fundraiser, 12 noon Youth Super Bowl Party @ Copelands, 6:00 pm
February 8	Prayer Meeting, 5:30 pm
February 11	Reclaiming Our Lives, 10 am—12 pm Sr. Adult Valentine’s Dinner, 5:00 pm
February 12	Worship at Holly Manor/Median Adult Class, 10:00 am Children’s Choir, 6:00 pm
February 15	Prayer Meeting, 5:30 pm
February 16	Missions & Outreach Committee, 6:30 pm
February 19	Worship at Holly Manor/Elisabeth Class, 10:00 am Youth-Family Dinner @ Kleins, 5:00 to 7:00 pm
February 20	Newsletter Articles Due Office Closed — President’s Day
February 22	Prayer Meeting, 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 pm
February 26	Worship at Holly Manor/Youth Class, 10:00 am Children’s Choir, 6:00 pm
February 29	FAMA Lenten Service/Farmville UMC, 12 noon Prayer Meeting, 5:30 pm

Thank You!

How can I ever adequately express my appreciation to the FBC family for your love. The cards, notes, phone calls, hugs, thoughts and prayers during my illness and surgery in November and December have touched me deeply. Michael, thank you for your visits to the hospital and words of comfort and support during this difficult time. The Christian heart can tough those in need in such special ways. All of us are truly fortunate to be a part of such a loving church family.

Thank you again, *Chuck Daniel*

Dear Farmville Baptist Church, Kathryn Copeland, Cecil & Phyllis Yeatts, Cindy Cave, George Carter, Doris Weaver, Nancy & Clinton Vick and Ruth Patteson. Your prayer and cards meant so much while I was in The Woodland. I am home and doing good. Thank you all so much. God Bless you all, and keep up the good work!

Sincerely, *Edna Clements*

Serving Others

Volunteers Needed for February Services at Holly Manor

During the month of February, Farmville Baptist Church will be leading a worship service consisting of hymn singing, prayer and a short devotion each Sunday at Holly Manor from 10:00 to 10:35 a.m. We need volunteers to sign up to go with the following Sunday School classes that will be organizing and leading the worship services.

- Feb. 5...Ruth/Blair Class: contact Doris Weaver (392-8538)
- Feb. 12...Median Adult Class: contact Ken Copeland (392-4765)
- Feb. 19...Elisabeth Class: contact Peggy Cave (392-4422)
- Feb. 26...Youth Class: contact Chuck Daniel (392-3488)

Summer Mission Trip to Eastern Shore

Our Missions and Outreach Committee is organizing a summer mission trip on July 8 through 13 to the eastern shore of Virginia to work with Habitat for Humanity in building a home. We are looking to recruit a team of around 15 members ages 16 and up to go on the trip. There will be an informational meeting after worship on Sunday, February 19.

FBC Food Pantry

At the January 26th meeting the Missions and Outreach Committee, the members voted to dissolve the food pantry and distribute "non-expired" food items to FACES and therefore place the distribution of food to the needy in the hands of those who have that expertise & discernment. In the event that a client requests food from Farmville Baptist, that person will be referred to FACES. For clients who need immediate assistance, they will be given gift cards to either McDonald's or Kroger's.

Local Rescue Mission for the Homeless

There is a movement afoot to solicit help from local churches to provide temporary overnight shelter for the homeless during very cold nights this winter. When a need arises, Farmville Baptist *may* be contacted to provide Personal Care Kits (1 towel, 1 washcloth, 1 small bar soap/bottle of body wash, 1 small bottle shampoo, 1 toothbrush, 1 small tube of toothpaste) and Lunch Bags (1 non-perishable main dish (for example: vienna sausages, tuna salad kit, etc.), 1 package of crackers or something similar, 1 pudding, fruit cup, jello, etc., 1 snack cake, cookie, etc., and 1 bottle of water or juice. Right now, all we're asked to do is *to be ready* to provide these care kits and lunch bags. The church will be notified when an actual need arises.

Worshipping God

Farmville Baptist Worship Services

- Feb. 5 – "Standing on the Promises" – Joyce Davis, guest speaker
- Feb. 12 – "Healed for Community" – Mark 1:40-45 – (Communion)
- Feb. 19 – "Let Christ Shine!" – Mark 9:2-9. (Transfiguration Sunday)
- Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 26 – "The Way of the Wilderness" – Mark 1:9-15

Joyce Davis to Speak in Worship, February 5



On February 5, Joyce Davis (pictured left with her mother Alma Lewis) will be our speaker in our Sunday morning service in honor of Baptist Women in Ministry's Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching. Joyce has been a member of Farmville Baptist since July 18, 1954! She is a long-time member of the Sanctuary Choir, and she is currently serving as a Deacon. Joyce is married to Jim Davis, and has one son, Todd.

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Normally, our Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by our Bell Choir, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. But on Wednesday, February 22, our Sanctuary Choir will rehearse after the Ash Wednesday service (around 7:15 p.m.) and the Bell Choir will not meet.

Children's Choir Schedule

- Feb. 12 - Practice at 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 19 - Sing "Venid, Cantemos al Señor" in morning worship
- Feb. 26 - Practice at 6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service, February 22

On Wednesday February 22, at 6:30 p.m., we will have our Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. During the service, ashes from palms used last year for Palm Sunday will be imposed on our foreheads as a way to acknowledge our sin and our need for God's salvation.

2012 Calendar for Flowers in Sunday Worship

The 2012 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.

Announcements

Mc Amoss Celebrates 20th Anniversary!

On Sunday, February 5, we will recognize Mc Amoss at the end of the worship service for his 20th Anniversary as organist and accompanist here at Farmville Baptist Church! Mc began his service here as organist on Sunday, February 16, 1992. Thank you, Mc, for sharing your gifts and talents with us!

Congratulations to Toby and Suzanne Towler!

Congratulations to Toby and Suzanne Towler on the birth of their first son, Michael Juby Towler on December 31, 2011!

Habifest 2012

Farmville Habitat for Humanity invites you to Habifest 2012! Come out for an evening of music at four locations on High Street on Saturday, February 11 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Music styles include opera, rock, blue grass, jazz and more. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, free for children 5 years and younger. Purchase tickets online at www.farmvillehabitat.org.

FAMA Wednesday Lenten Services

The Farmville Area Ministerial Association invites you to attend their Wednesday Lenten Services at 12 noon followed by a free soup lunch at 12:30 p.m. The following is a schedule of churches hosting these services:

Wednesday, February 29 – Farmville United Methodist
Wednesday, March 7 – College Presbyterian, Hampden-Sydney
Wednesday, March 14 – Johns Memorial Episcopal
Wednesday, March 21 – First Baptist
Wednesday, March 28 – St. Theresa Catholic

On **Friday, April 6**, FBC will host a community-wide Good Friday Service at noon. A soup lunch will be served after the service.

Mark Your Calendars!

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events in March.

On Saturday, **March 10, at 3:00 p.m.**, Farmville Baptist will be hosting a concert by the Tuskegee University Golden Voices Concert Choir as part of their spring concert tour that includes singing at the Lincoln Center in New York.

On Sunday, **March 18, at 10:00 to 10:20 a.m.**, Principal Craig Reed of the Prince Edward County High School will give a presentation in the Fellowship Hall to all those interested in hearing about the developments at the school and how we may partner with the school in the education of our young people.

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.

GROUPS	ROOM	TEACHER(S)
Children		
Age 3 to Kindergarten:	Preschool Rm. 3	Celia Jo Young, Mary Jo Chassey
Grades 1 to 3:	Rm. 302	Janie Simpson, Janett Southall
Grades 4 to 5:	Rm. 303	Beth Cheuk
Youth		
Grades 6 to 12:	Rm. 304	Chuck Daniel, Gail Cave
Adult		
College Students	Rm. 308	Michael Cheuk
Median Adults:	Fellowship Hall	Ken Copeland
Older Median Adults:	Preschool Rm. 5	Clinton Vick
Senior Adults:	Church Parlor	Dave Landrum

Children's Church Volunteers

Sunday Schedule for Children's Church Volunteers

February 5

Toddlers/Cribs: Sandra Covington & Volunteer Needed
Toddlers: Katie Keller
Children's Worship: Carter Family & Kevin Dunn

February 12

Toddlers/Cribs: College Student & Erin Copeland
Toddlers: Lucille Holman
Children's Worship: Doris Weaver & Thea Cheuk

February 19

Toddlers/Cribs: Charlotte Cave & Lindsey Davis
Toddlers: Lucille Holman
Children's Missions: Edith Ann & Katherine Austin

February 26

Toddlers/Cribs: Chuck & Debbie Daniel
Toddlers: Lucille Holman
Children's Worship: Beth Cheuk

Stewardship Report

Budget Receipts through 1/30.....	\$19,232.01
Budget Disbursements through 1/30.....	\$15,800.98
Budget Needs through 1/30.....	\$18,800.06

Stewardship Report

The year 2011 was a challenging one financially for FBC. Our budgeted expenses ran about \$8,000 more than our offering income forcing us to turn to our reserves to make ends meet. Additionally we were unable to fully fund our state missions at the level listed in our budget. Therefore, we are going to report to you more often to keep everyone informed as we go through 2012. We encourage everyone to pitch in and give as they are able to give allowing the Church to serve this community and beyond.

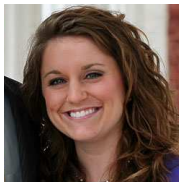
Social Committee Needs Your Help!

We are looking for additional helping hands, and for someone to chair. This is a reminder that the social committee is NOT a standing committee, and you don't have to cook, unless you wish. You can serve as long or as short a time as you desire. But we do need as many hands as possible to help. Please contact Penny Huskey (392-1050 or pvhuskey1@embarqmail.com).

Collegiate "Double the Fun" Dinners

During the month of February, our adopted college students and their families will be organized into seven dinner groups. They will meet either at the church or at homes, and our college students will be making a dinner for their host families! A schedule of the dinners this February is posted on our bulletin board.

Welcome New Members!



On Sunday, January 22, **Ashley Cristo** (pictured left) joined the church by transfer of membership letter from a sister Baptist church in Richmond. Ashley and Tyler live at 2727 New Bethel Road, Meherrin, 547-8099.

On Sunday, January 29, **Katie Keller** (pictured right), a Longwood, student joined the church by statement of faith.



We welcome these two into the membership of Farmville Baptist!

Office Closed

The office will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of President's Day.

Building Fund Report

As of January 25, **\$41,253.25 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! Special "Building Restoration Fund" envelopes can be found on our "Raise in Praise" bulletin board on the main floor.

Youth Group Schedule

- Sun., Feb. 5 Souper Bowl Lunch Fundraiser, 12 noon
Super Bowl Party @ Copelands, 6:00 pm until end of game
- Sun., Feb. 12 "No Holds Barred" @ FBC, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
- Sun., Feb. 19 Youth-Family Dinner @ Kleins, 360 Via Sacra, Hampden-Sydney, VA, 5:00 to 7:00 pm
- Sun., Feb. 26 "No Holds Barred" @ FBC, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

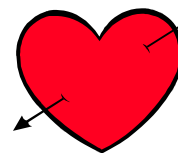
Children and Youth Camp Fundraiser

After the service on February 5, our children and youth will sponsor a **Soup & Bread lunch** to raise money for Passport summer camp. We invite **everyone** to attend and make a donation for lunch comparable to a restaurant lunch (or more). Donations help defray the cost of the camp for every participating child or youth. RSVP with the church office 392-5041 for the lunch by February 3.

Youth Super Bowl Party, February 5, 6:00 p.m.

All youth are invited to attend a Super Bowl Party on Feb. 5, at the home of John and Erin Copeland, 310 Briarwood Dr., 392-4765. Parents can drop their youth off at 6:00 p.m. and parents can return to pick up their youth at the end of the game. Please bring snacks and drinks!

Senior Adult Valentine Dinner, Saturday, February 11





On Saturday, February 11, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, all senior adults are invited to Farmville Baptist Church's annual Valentine's Dinner hosted by our Deacons. **Please RSVP with the church office by Wednesday, February 8 to let us know you are coming.**



February 2012



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:30 p Prayer Meeting	2 5:00 p BCM Dinner 5:30 p Karate 	3 Carter Chassey	4
5 Howard Ferguson 9:00 a Jail Ministry 9:45 a Sunday School 10:00 a Worship Service at Holly Manor/Ruth Blair 10:55 a Morning Worship 12:00 p Soup & Bread Lunch/ Passport Fundraiser 6:00 p Youth Souper Bowl Party @ Copelands	6 Suzanne Towler Sandy Yeatts	7	8 5:30 p Prayer Meeting 6:30 p Choir Rehearsal	9 5:30 p Karate	10 Ceile Dunlap	11 Alesha Jackson John Powers 10:00 a Reclaiming Our Lives 5:00 p Sr. Adult Valentine Dinner
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19 9:45 a Sunday School 10:00 a Worship Service at Holly Manor 10:55 a Morning Worship/ Elisabeth 5:00 p Youth-Family Dinner @ Kleins (5-7 pm)	20 PRESIDENT'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED Newsletter Articles Due	21	22 5:30 p Prayer Meeting 6:30 p Ash Wednesday Service 7:15 p Choir Rehearsal	23 Phyllis Yeatts 5:30 p Karate	24 Terri Wilson	25 Lenwood Jackson
26 9:45 a Sunday School 10:00 a Worship Service at Holly Manor/Youth 10:55 a Morning Worship 6:00 p No Holds Barred 6:00 p Children's Choir	27	28 Aileen Crowder	29 12:00 p FAMA Lenten Service/ Farmville UMC 5:30 p Prayer Meeting 6:30 p Choir Rehearsal			