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The gospel of Jesus Christ is not good advice, it is good news. This is an important difference. Advice is something we hear, we consider, and then decide how much of it, if any, we want to follow. If someone says "Let me give you some advice about how you should get weeds out of your yard," or, "You should really see this movie or read this book," I'll listen, consider what they said, and do it or not do it based on what I want to do. No big deal. We do this even with religious advice, "Let me give you some advice on the best way to read your Bible every day, or what church you should go to." Depending on who is giving us the advice we might give it more weight than we otherwise would, but we are still going to make the decision and do what we want to do.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is not good advice, it is good news. The news tells us what is happening, what happened, or what is about to happen. News reports, "A hurricane is about to hit the coast, you need to prepare." "A hurricane has hit, this is what happened, this is what you should do." Of course, we often treat news like it is advice: we decide whether we want to believe a hurricane is coming or not and whether or not we should prepare. But we recognize the difference between news verses advice and know we should treat them differently. We consider advice, but we should respond to news, and it matters how we respond.

When Jesus goes to the Sea of Galilee and tells four fishermen, Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John, to follow him, Mark tells us that they respond instantly (1:18, 20). Mark does not tell us why they responded this way. He just says they dropped their nets, got out of the boat, left everything, and followed Jesus. The accounts in Luke and John fill out this occasion a little more, giving us some background that helps provide a more rational explanation for such a radical decision. Mark, however, doesn't do this, and he does it on purpose. He wants us to see the power of Jesus' call and to understand that the good news of the gospel demands an immediate response and that the right response is to start following Jesus.

When He calls, and He will call, are we ready to drop everything and follow?

You Are Much Loved,

Ronnie

Birth Announcement!

Farmville Baptist would like to announce the birth of Maggie Elizabeth Burruss, born, March 26, 2019, at 11:19 a.m., weighing a healthy 8lbs. 3oz. The parents are Sandy and George Burruss, and her big brother is Michael.



Again, congratulations on your new bundle of joy!

Vacation Bible School

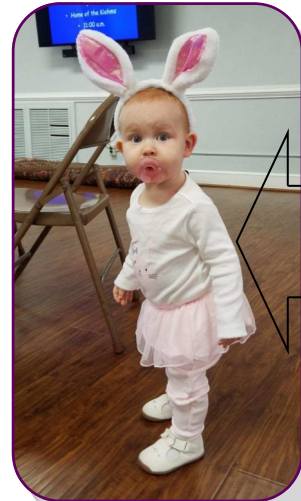
VBS is on the horizon. It will be held June 9-13, 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The theme is *Fruits of the Spirit*. If you wish to be a part of VBS, please contact Janice Kiehm



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Children's Ministry

The children participated in several events in April. They sang with the choir for Easter, had an Easter Egg Hunt, and had a visit from the Easter Bunny. Thank you, Janett Southall, for your leadership in the Children's Ministry!



What? You didn't know I was the real Easter bunny? Oooh, don't let the paci fool ya!



Visioning Process

The following teams have been formed as a result of our visioning process: Koinonia Team, Communications Team, and Faith Expressions Team.

Koinonia Team members are charged with creating and scheduling events. These events and gatherings draw the Farmville Baptist faith community and guests into intentional moments of fellowship and group-building.

Communications Team is tasked with extending our reach in all areas of publicity and information related to Farmville Baptist. They will be enhancing our print, digital, social, and audio platforms.

Faith Expressions Team will assess and upgrade our interior and exterior expressions and symbols of faith. Items such as crosses, banners, scriptures, paintings, sculptures, depictions of biblical stories, and other important Christian faith-related expressions will be implemented throughout our facility.

Should you have interest or questions about where you feel called to serve, contact the office or speak with Ronnie or Janice Kiehm directly.

Faith Expressions Team

Penny Huskey
Joyce Davis
Kim Davis
Janett Southall
Sandy Yeatts

Koinonia Team

Ken & Kathryn Copeland
Jim Davis
Jack & Kim Davis
Gene & Patsy Watson
Chuck Daniel
George Carter

Communications Team

Lorraine Carter
Cindy Cave
Kat Taney
Katherine Austin
Daniel McClemore
Becky Kelly
Tim Trent
Janet Moore, Ex-officio

Prayer Card Ministry

Dear Members of Farmville Baptist Church,

We want to thank you all for the cards and constant prayers as Rob continues to battle his illness. We appreciate your kind words of encouragement.

May God bless each of you.

In Christian Love,

Rob and Debbie Maxey

Dear Farmville Baptist,

My husband and I would like to thank you all for your many cards and prayers that helped us get well and recover, as well as lifted our spirits during our difficult illnesses.

Bill and Peggy Lane (father and mother of Pam Gordon)

Upcoming Events Through June 2019

<i>May 4</i>	<i>Heart of Virginia Festival/Community Vendor Breakfast</i>	<i>6:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>May 12</i>	<i>Mother's Day</i>	
<i>May 22</i>	<i>Fun Bunch Lunch, Merks</i>	<i>Noon</i>
<i>June 9-13</i>	<i>Vacation Bible School</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>June 16</i>	<i>Father's Day</i>	

Monthly Financial Report

For the Month Ended March 2019

YTD Budget Needs	\$51,304.98
March Receipts	\$23,688.67
YTD Receipts-undesignated	\$46,562.17
March Expenditures	\$14, 891.21
YTD Expenditures undesignated	\$46,609.94

Personal Announcements

If anyone has anything to submit for the newsletter, such as events, wedding announcements, births, graduations, showers, etc., we are happy to include the announcement in the newsletter. Please let the church office have this information by the third week in the month.

Worship Volunteers

If you would like to help lead our worship services for May, you may visit our webpage, farmvillebaptist.org, and click on the link Worship Volunteer Sign-Up List "[Click Here to Sign Up](#)". Or, you may contact Janice Kiehm at 478-363-6499. Your participation is always appreciated and needed.

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRIES

Cindy Cave	A-Bh	Kerby Moore	Dr-E	Jack Davis	P-R
Jack Davis	Bi-Coo	Ken Copeland	F-L	Chuck Daniel	S-Tn
Janet Southall	Cop-Dq	Becky Kelly	M-O	George Carter	To-Z

Life Deacons: Peggy Cave, Jack Davis, Jim Davis, Joyce Davis, Gene Watson, Cecil Yeatts