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We observe Pentecost Sunday, June 9. Pentecost is often considered the birthday of the church. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." I have been considering what I know about Pentecost. I know we are supposed to wear red, we hear the story about the flame coming down, the big wind, and speaking in tongues. Like other major occasions in the church calendar, we listen to the scripture, we sing, we hear a sermon, and we think we understand about the significance of Pentecost.

Do you remember when you first believed - when you first knew God? We all heard the stories from our parents and our Sunday School teachers, but when did you realize you *believed* in Jesus and when did the Holy Spirit come into your life? Do you remember the day - the time - where you were? Think about that for a minute. Was there a moment when your heart was "strangely warmed" as John Wesley said? Do you remember the moment when you were filled with the Holy Spirit? I hope you have had such an opportunity. If you're having trouble remembering the time, I would strongly recommend spending some quiet time communing with God and seeking to relive that moment.

I remember two things: One, was what my senior minister said to me in my *Preparing for Baptism* class when I was 10. He said that your conscience is the voice of God speaking to you in your heart. I'd always wondered whose voice that was - this explanation turned on a light. That was the first time I thought about God speaking to me every day, and it felt comforting. And the second time was when I was 19. I remember sitting in a concert in Jefferson City, Tennessee, and I know the Holy Spirit said to me, "go to your dorm room and ask Buddy (my roommate) if he knows the Heavenly Father". I could feel it, I just knew, the light that was turned on at 10 was burning much brighter in me. I also knew at that time, that God expected things from me - that I was walking with God - He had expectations of me, but I just didn't know exactly what. (By the way, Buddy asked Jesus into his heart that night.)

We are not all asked to do big things like form a church and change the world dramatically, but we are empowered to do the every day things that spread God's love in the world. Pentecost is the church's birthday - and we the church are the disciples - you and I are the church - Happy Birthday to you!

In celebration of the church's Pentecost birthday, June 9, let's all wear something red, which just happens to be the liturgical color for the day. There will be a fellowship gathering in the fellowship hall during the second half of the Sunday School period. We'll have a collection of treats available accompanied by coffee, juices, and tea.

You are much loved,

Ronnie



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 @janicejkiehm@gmail.com.

Mission Opportunity

From July 1—July 5, the First Baptist Goldsboro Mission group will be visiting the area on a mission trip. They will be working on home improvement projects in the community. These projects are run through the Department of Social Services. They will be staying in the BCM at night. Church Council agreed to feed the group one night in our social hall. The Social Committee will look into the specific details. If you are willing to help the Social Committee with food, please let Chuck Daniel know. You may contact him at chuckdaniel08@shentel.net or 434-392-3488.

Thank You

Dear Friends of Farmville Baptist,

Thank you so much for the wonderful meal you provided for our last Connections night! As always, the food was delicious. We appreciate all you do for us here at BCM throughout every year. And, we are enjoying our exam care packages! What a way to encourage us during these days of finals!! We hope you have a great summer. See you in August!

Longwood and HSC BCM Students

Prayer Card Ministry

Farmville Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your flowers, prayers, and general support during my medical issue. Also, thank you for your support and encouragement of Joyce.

Without the church's prayers, visits, and prayer cards, my recovery would have been harder and longer. Knowing my church family was with me, I also knew God was with me.

Thanks to all,

Jim Davis

Congratulations Graduates!



Charlotte Cave graduated from Appalachian State in Boone, NC, with a Masters of Arts in Mathematics with a 4.0 GPA. Also, she was inducted into Pi Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society.

Charlotte will begin her professional career in August teaching mathematics at Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke.

In January 2020, Charlotte will marry the love of her life, Larry Haskins.

Congratulations, Charlotte! You did it!

John graduated from the University of Virginia with a major in Philosophy and a minor in English. He plans to stay in the Charlottesville area. Currently, he is interviewing for a job.

Ken and Kathryn appreciate all the love and support shown to him throughout his life and his academic pursuits.

Congratulations, John! You did it!



Jewel Moore graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, PA. She received a Bachelors in Music and Vocal Performance with a minor in creative writing. Jewel is currently working two part-time jobs, but is looking for full-time employment and researching graduate schools.

Thank you for your support over the years and your involvement in her life and spiritual guidance, which has been invaluable to her and her parents.

Congratulations, Jewel Bug! You did it!



Children's Morning Out: A Visit to the Alpaca Farm!



Looks as if the children are enjoying the Alpacas.



That dog is big enough for me to ride. Wonder if any one would mind?



Upcoming Events Through June 2019

<i>June 1</i>	<i>Coffee Chat, Fellowship Hall</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
<i>June 2</i>	<i>Deacons' Meeting, Parlor</i>	<i>12:15 p.m.</i>
<i>June 6</i>	<i>Team Meetings (Faith Expression, Koinonia, and Communications), Fellowship Hall, light refreshment served</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>June 9</i>	<i>Fellowship Sunday, Fellowship Hall</i>	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>
<i>June 9-13</i>	<i>Vacation Bible School, "Fruits of the Spirits"</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>June 16</i>	<i>Father's Day, Joe Stanley will preach</i>	
<i>June 26</i>	<i>Fun Bunch Lunch, Merk's</i>	<i>Noon</i>

Monthly Financial Report	
For the Month Ended April 2019	
YTD Budget Needs	\$68,406.64
April Receipts	\$12,692.92
YTD Receipts-undesignated	\$59,255.09
April Expenditures	\$15,183.89
YTD Expenditures undesignated	\$61,792.93

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 June, 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