

*Farmville Baptist
Church*

*The Informer
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From the Pastor's Desk

"At our core, what we all want, I believe, is pretty simple. We want to be alive. Scripture speaks about an abundant life and being indeed free. The acquired baggage that we deem necessary to exist actually bogs us down. Brian McLaren says in his book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, "We want to feel alive, not just to exist but to thrive, to live out loud, walk tall, breathe free. We want to be less lonely, less exhausted, less conflicted or afraid, more awake, more grateful, and more energized and purposeful." I couldn't agree more.

Canoeing the Mountains is a book written by Tod Bolsinger that was highlighted during the Annual Baptist General Association of Virginia meeting this past November. It uses the search for the Northwest Passage by Lewis and Clark as a metaphor for finding a new way to do church. We do not live in a society that always seeks spiritual experience, solace, or vision in churches anymore. Yet the community of faith, "the church," is still being used by God to inspire, to bring comfort, and to celebrate our relationship with the forever living, loving, master of the universe.

Few churches use the yellow pages anymore and it is rare not to find a church that has its own website. We can not depend on word of mouth or a denominational address book to let people know we are a vital part of living a full life (John 10: 110). We need to be a witness of what it truly means to be a follower of Jesus, and that means to be alive.

McLaren says we all long for "aliveness," that is what it means when people say they are spiritual, which 70% of the people in our country say. I really believe people long to do good, long to have a purpose, and long to have hope and meaning in their life. And that is what Farmville Baptist is striving to provide for its members and our community. We are about finding ways we can encourage people to discover what makes them feel alive and how we can support, encourage, and challenge them in their daily lives.

FBC is exploring how we can provide new ways to inspire you, to equip you, and to challenge you (by providing opportunities to help you discover your current calling). We are finding that to venture into uncharted territory, like Lewis and Clark, we may need to change up some things. It may sound scary and uncomfortable at first, but we believe God wants us to try new things. Are you ready for this?? I am not sure I am, but I think God has great plans for us; I look forward to celebrating 2019 with you as God provides us with ways in which we can be truly "alive." Glad to be on the journey with you.

You are Much Loved!



Ronnie

Congratulations!

Congratulations go out to Cindy Cave for being selected as our new Trustee. Cindy will do an excellent job, and will round out an already excellent group of Trustees.

Some of Cindy's qualifications are:

- **She grew up in Farmville Baptist Church.**
- **She has served tirelessly on numerous committees: Stewardship Committee, Pastor Search Committee, Personnel Committee, Missions and Outreach Committee, Constitution Committee, several terms as Deacon, Deacon Chair, Sunday School teacher, and VBS Director.**
- **She has managed a small business.**
- **She was director of a successful non-profit (Meals on Wheels).**
- **She served ten years as an Economic Development Director, and is a graduate of the Economic Development Institute in Oklahoma City.**
- **She has a BS in business from Virginia Tech.**

Again, congratulations to Cindy Cave, and thank you for your willingness to serve the members of Farmville Baptist Church.

Prayer Card Ministry

Thank you so very much for all of your love and prayers.

In Christ,

The Maxine Childress family

Thank you so much for the numerous prayer cards I have received. The cards are greatly appreciated. It is good to know that there are so many praying for me.

Sincerely,

Shirley W. Rickman

Farmville Baptist Church Sunday School Class,

Thank you so much for remembering my mother. I read her your cards, and she sometimes remembers things about your class. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

May the new year bring each of you good health and great happiness.

Sincerely,

Wanda Wallace Durham (daughter)

Thank you!

Thank you all for being so kind and thoughtful. It was a blessing to me to help me through the holidays. (Turkey dinner recipient.)

Many Thanks,

Sarah Dupuy



SWEETHEART VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON

On February 17, directly after the worship hour, the Deacons will hold its annual Sweet-heart Valentine's Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your best gal, best guy, or your best friend to the luncheon. In order to plan the food, please let the office know how many will be in your party.

The Deacons will host the luncheon and will provide deep fried turkey for the main course. Attendees are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. All are invited!

We look forward to seeing you at the luncheon and serving you.



Children's Paint Party



On February 23, there will be a children's paint party at Red Door. Meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. and we will walk up there. Let Janett Southall know if you will attend. We will come back to the church for dinner and other activities. The children should be picked up at the church at 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Sunday

Fellowship Sunday is February 10 at Farmville Baptist Church. Join us for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; Fellowship at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall; and, Worship Service & Communion at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.



Caregiver Support Group



Centra Pace is sponsoring a caregiver support group. Topics to be covered are: Achieving Life Balance; Principles of Caregiving; Becoming A Resilient Caregiver; and, 10 tips for Family Caregivers. Call 434-315-2890 for more information and to register. A flyer with detailed information is on the bulletin board between the steps.

Children's Ministry

On January 26, FBC held a children's movie night. Fourteen (14) children were in attendance. The best thing was the popcorn popper. They watched *Ferdinand*, had lots of good food, and decorated the tree in snow flakes. They can't wait til the next children's night out!



Shhhh! Quiet, I'm trying to hear the movie!

Looks like fun to me! I bet they can't wait til the next event.



A tree is not only for Christmas. A winter tree is pretty and fun to decorate as well!



Upcoming Events Through April 2019

<i>February 3</i>	<i>Deacons' Meeting—Parlor</i>	<i>8:30 a.m.</i>
<i>February 17</i>	<i>Sweetheart-Valentine's Luncheon—Fellowship Hall</i>	<i>Noon</i>
<i>February 27</i>	<i>Fun Bunch Lunch—Merks</i>	<i>Noon</i>
<i>March 6</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>March 10</i>	<i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i>	
<i>April 14</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
<i>April 14</i>	<i>Quarterly Church-wide Business Meeting</i>	<i>9:45 a.m.</i>
<i>April 17</i>	<i>Maundy Wednesday with Service of Shadows</i>	
<i>April 19</i>	<i>Good Friday—Noon Services at FBC</i>	
<i>April 20</i>	<i>Easter Egg Hunt at the home of the Kiehms</i>	
<i>April 21</i>	<i>Easter</i>	
<i>April 24</i>	<i>Fun Bunch Lunch—Merks</i>	<i>Noon</i>

Monthly Financial Report	
For the Month Ended December 2018	
YTD Budget Needs	\$ 203,470.00
December Receipts	\$ 14,169.50
YTD Receipts-undesignated	\$ 168,989.59
December Expenditures	\$ 22,382.74
YTD Expenditures	\$ 181,938.84

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 February, 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					