

The Informer

April 2020



Oh that we
MIGHT KNOW

THE LORD!

LET US PRESS ON

TO KNOW HIM.

He will respond
TO US AS SURELY

**AS THE ARRIVAL
OF DAWN
OR THE COMING
OF RAINS IN
EARLY SPRING.**

Hosea 6:3 ESV

COVID-19 Update : In compliance with the governor's stay-at-home order, and in order to contribute to the health and wellness of our community, all FBC events will take place digitally or be postponed, and our building will be closed until **June 10th**. In the meantime we are worshipping, studying, and staying connected digitally. Please do not hesitate to reach out via email to either pastor@farmvillebaptist.org or office@farmvillebaptist.org.

For details on how to join our virtual worship services on Sunday mornings at 11:00am, our Bible Study gathering on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm, and our daily devotion meeting Monday through Friday at 12:15pm please visit the "Virtual Gatherings" page under the Ministry menu on our church website.

STAYING CONNECTED DURING COVID-19

I am grateful for your cheerfulness and adaptability, as we have made the shift to online worship this month. The joy of seeing each other on Zoom and the fellowship before and after the services have reminded me that the church is indeed the people! Our State government has extended the physical distancing guidelines through June 10th, so we will continue to gather via Zoom in the next month. Here are the ways we are staying connected

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Join us Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom for worship using meeting number 626-833-551. Each week we are adding new features to improve our worship time. Last week we welcomed several visitors, feel free to share the link with friends and neighbors near and far. We will send you the bulletin and children's bulletin each Friday afternoon via email so that you can fully participate in the service. If you haven't joined us on Zoom yet, the directions to get set-up are enclosed on the next page – you can join us via phone or the internet. Prefer to receive a hard-copy of the bulletin and the sermon? Just ask your deacon and they will deliver a copy to your home each week or drop one in the mail. Not on our email list? Check our Facebook page each Sunday morning for a copy of the worship bulletin.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS WITH TRACY

I am offering a daily devotional every weekday at 12:15. Join us for ten minutes as we hear a Scripture and a brief devotional thought and pray for one another. The meeting number for these Zoom sessions is 844-110-379.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAYS

Ken Copeland is offering Sunday School on Wednesday evenings. Join us at 7:00 pm each week at Zoom meeting 271-659-616. We will be using the Formations curriculum and will try to email everyone a copy in advance of the class.

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

Thank you for the many ways that you are caring for each other in these challenging days. If you have a need, or become aware of a need, please contact Tracy at 804-928-8695 or pastor@farmvillebaptist.org. You may also email the church office at office@farmvillebaptist.org.

I encourage us all to remember the words of 2 Timothy 1:7 in these challenging days: *"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."* God indeed walks with us, empowers us, and gives us peace.

On the journey with you,

Tracy

Zoom Instructions

If you haven't joined us on Zoom yet, here are the very simple instructions to get started.

If you are logging in via the **internet** follow the below steps.

1. Go to zoom.us.
2. Click on the tab labeled "Join a Meeting".
3. Click the box that says "Meeting ID or Personal Link Name". Type in corresponding meeting ID for either Worship Service, Daily Devotions, or Wednesday Night Sunday School listed below and click "Join".
4. Your computer screen will then alert you "A download should start automatically in a few seconds" and you should see an orange box with an arrow pointing towards a small box in the lower left hand corner of your screen labeled Zoom followed by a string of numbers.
5. Click on this small box and follow the instructions to download the application. At the end of the download, click "Join" to enter the meeting.

If you are calling in via **phone**, you do not need to follow these steps; just simply dial +1 253 215 8782 or +1 301 715 8592 and enter the corresponding meeting ID for either Sunday Worship Service, Daily Devotions, or Wednesday Night Sunday School listed below followed by #.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

AT 11:00 AM

Meeting ID :

626 833 551

DAILY DEVOTIONS (MONDAY—FRIDAY)

**WITH TRACY AT
12:15 PM**

Meeting ID :

844 110 379

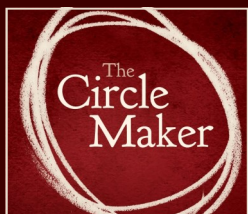
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

**WITH KEN COPELAND
AT 7:00 PM**

Meeting ID :

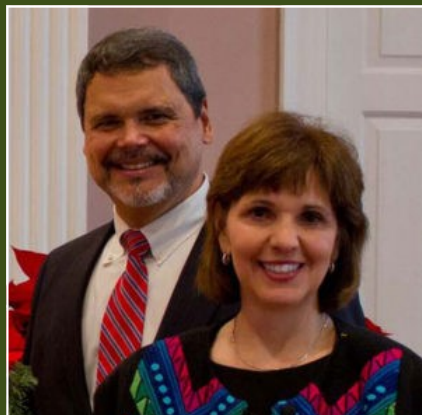
271 659 616

Circling the Church in Prayer



Although we are unable to gather together in person each Sunday, we encourage you to spend each Sunday morning at 9:30am praying for our church. During this time we pray for discernment—What is God's plan for our church? How will God use our church within our community now, and in the future? God honors bold prayers and bold prayers honor God!

Thank You to both Rev. Ronnie Kiehm & Rev. Janice Kiehm



Both members of FBC and the Farmville community thank **Ronnie and Janice Kiehm** for the service as Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor for the past 5 years. We thank them for being so faithful and so true to God's word. We know they will continue to be in our prayers as God uses them wherever He calls. May they have many blessings in the years to come and may both of them always remain our hearts.

STEWARDSHIP DURING COVID-19

Closures related to COVID-19 are expected to have a significant financial impact on churches and non-profits. In a recent article, Bill Wilson predicted that many churches will see a 30-50% decrease in giving as people are laid off and increasingly cautious about their spending. In response to this news, the trustees, treasurer, assistant treasurer, and the chair of the personnel committee met with Tracy during the last week of March to discuss ways that FBC can be the best possible stewards of your tithes and offerings during the pandemic. The following measures are now in place, and will be lifted as soon as we are able:

In the building: We have adjusted the HVAC, lights and hot water for maximum utility savings.

Our Staff: Please take a moment to express your appreciation to our staff. Janice Kiehm has concluded her service with us, and the other salaried staff have opted to volunteer their services or take a reduction in salary. We are grateful for the sacrifices they are making during these challenging days.

Please do your part to help us meet our obligations. You may pay your tithe online or mail a check to the church office at 132 N. Main Street, Farmville, VA 23901.

If you have questions about anything related to our budget adjustments, please feel free to reach out to Gene Watson.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 10, 2020

12:00 PM Noon

We will be hosting a virtual service via Zoom and hope you will join us!

The Zoom Meeting ID is 991-234-5009.

Prayer Card Ministry

During this time, if you would like to participate in our ongoing ministry of writing personalized prayer cards, they are available for pick-up either at **W.A. Watson & Sons** (106 N. Main Street in Farmville) or at **Taylor Forbes Equipment Company** (1102 E Third Street in Farmville). Once you have written your personalized note please drop them in the church mailbox, which is located by the handicap ramp at the front of the church building, and we will ensure they reach the recipient.

If you need further details please reach out to Gene Watson or the church office.

We also ask that you keep the church office updated on any persons on our Prayer Concerns list by letting them know of any changes, or upcoming appointments or procedures. You may either call and leave a voicemail on the main mailbox at (434)392-5041, or you may email the office at office@farmvillebaptist.org.



TOWN HALL MEETINGS & PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Due to the Governor's most recent Stay-At-Home order, all in-person church gatherings and functions have been cancelled until June 10th, 2020. Because of this order that includes our Town Hall and Pastor Search Committee Meetings.



Both of these important gatherings and meetings will resume as soon as it is safe to do so, but until that day comes we ask you still faithfully be in prayer for our church and community.

Now that all of our worship services and gatherings are occurring virtually we want to ensure you are receiving all corresponding communications in a timely manner and by the desired delivery method that works best for you.

If you have not been receiving our emails please email the church office at office@farmvillebaptist.org to be added to the email list.

If you would like to receive printed copies of the worship bulletins and other communications please also email the church office at office@farmvillebaptist.org and we will work with your Church Deacon to get the materials to you.

APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<div>1</div> <div>Happy Birthday Noah Arauz</div> <div>12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman</div> <div>7:00pm : Sunday School Class Via Zoom with Ken Copeland</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Happy Birthday Linda Overton</div> <div>12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Happy Birthday Linda Saxtan</div> <div>12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman</div>	<div>4</div>
<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Happy Birthday Abigail Swanberg</div> <div>12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Happy Birthday Meredith Schmidt</div> <div>12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman</div> <div>7:00pm : Sunday School Class Via Zoom with Ken Copeland</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <div></div> <div>12:00pm : Good Friday Service via Zoom</div>	<div>11</div>
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<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Happy Birthday Goldie Wallace & Robin Atkins</div> <div>12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Happy Birthday Mc Amoss</div> <div>12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman</div> <div>7:00pm : Sunday School Class Via Zoom with Ken Copeland</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Happy Birthday Martin Barnett</div> <div>12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman</div>	<div>25</div>
<div>9:30am-Circle the Church 11:00am-Worship Service</div>	<div>12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman</div>	<div>12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman</div>	<div>7:00pm : Sunday School Class Via Zoom with Ken Copeland</div>	<div>12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman</div>		
<div>26</div> <div>Happy Birthday Kevin Dunn Jr.</div> <div>9:30am-Circle the Church 11:00am-Worship Service</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Happy Birthday Ellie Mclemore</div> <div>12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div> <div>12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman</div>		

Notes:

Meal Options Update During COVID-19 Closure

Prince Edward County Schools will utilize the USDA Summer Food Service Program to provide bagged breakfast and lunch meals during the COVID-19 school closure. Meals will be available to all children up to age 18 regardless of income level. Meals will be served “drive through style” so no need to get out of the car. Any questions feel free to call the middle school cafeteria at 434-315-6111.

There will only be distribution of meals on Tuesday April 7th so our staff can get much needed rest. Bags will have enough meals for seven days. We will begin Tuesday and Thursday only meal pick up the week of April 14th. This is a change from the five days a week, Monday through Friday pick up. Meal service will end on Thursday May 21 at all locations.

Pick up times will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at all six locations.

ALL LOCATIONS ARE LISTED BELOW:

Prince Edward Middle School Bus Loop

1603 Zion Hill Road Farmville
10:00am-12:00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays

Park View Gardens Community Center Parking Lot

204 Parkview Drive Farmville
10:00am-12:00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays

Hampden Sydney Volunteer Fire Department Parking Lot

108 S. Boundary Road Hampden Sydney
10:00am-12:00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays

Rice Volunteer Fire Department Parking Lot

948 Rice's Depot Road Rice
10:00am-12:00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays

Meherrin Volunteer Fire Department Parking Lot

102 Moores Ordinary Road Meherrin
10:00am-12:00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays

Prospect Volunteer Fire Department Parking Lot

45 Campbell Hill Road Prospect
10:00am-12:00pm Tuesdays and Thursdays

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

April 10	12:00pm	Good Friday Worship Service—Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 991-234-5009
April 12	9:30am	Circling the Church in Prayer from our homes
April 12	11:00am	Easter Sunday Worship Service—Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551
April 15	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study with Ken Copeland via Zoom—Meeting ID : 271 659 616
April 19	9:30am	Circling the Church in Prayer from our homes
April 19	11:00am	Worship Service Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551
April 22	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study with Ken Copeland via Zoom—Meeting ID : 271 659 616
April 26	9:30am	Circling the Church in Prayer from our homes
April 26	11:00am	Worship Service Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551
April 29	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study with Ken Copeland via Zoom—Meeting ID : 271 659 616

Monthly Financial Report Through March 31, 2020	March Receipts —Undesignated—	\$8,547.00
	YTD Receipts —Undesignated—	\$29,346.48
	YTD Expenditures —Undesignated—	\$35,217.90
	YTD Receipts vs. Expenditures —Undesignated—	(\$5,781.42)
	YTD Receipts —Designated—	\$190.00

Remember you can also stay informed by following our Social Media Pages, and by checking the church website calendar!

www.facebook.com/farmvillebaptist.org



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DEACON FAMILY MINISTRIES

Chuck Daniel	A—Bh	Chuck Daniel	Dr—E	Jack Davis	P—R
Jack Davis	Bi—Coo	Kathryn Copeland	F—L	Chuck Daniel	S—Tn
Janett 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



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