

# *The Informer*

May 2020



## ***We're here for you.***

We thank you all 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 directly at 804-928-8695 or [pastor@farmvillebaptist.org](mailto:pastor@farmvillebaptist.org). You may also email the church office at [office@farmvillebaptist.org](mailto:office@farmvillebaptist.org).

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

**Romans 15:13**

## Pastor's Column

As of this writing, we have been worshipping, praying, and studying online together for six weeks now. Like you, I miss worshipping in our sanctuary, I miss hearing the choir sing, giving (and receiving) hugs, and so many other things during this time of social distancing. I have to remind myself often, in the midst of our grief and frustration with all things related to COVID-19, we have much to be thankful for. Reminding ourselves of these things helps sustain us as we continue to navigate these challenging days. Here are three of the things I am grateful for:

**1.** I am grateful for you and your continued commitment to BEING the church. This season reminds us that the church is the people, not the building, and you are modeling that in powerful ways. I am thankful to our deacons for the many ways they are keeping us connected right now. From phone calls and letters, to delivering Sunday School material and copies of the sermon and bulletin to your homes, from stocking prayer cards in their businesses to checking on our building, making bank deposits, and paying bills, so many of you are stepping in to make sure that our ministries go on uninterrupted. Others of you are volunteering with Farmville Cares, helping neighbors, tutoring children and countless other things while working from home and caring for family members young and old. Thank you, Farmville for BEING the church.

**2.** I am grateful for the technology that is helping us stay connected. As difficult as this has been, I cannot imagine navigating these weeks without cell phones, internet, Zoom and social media. They are imperfect to be sure, but I am grateful that we can utilize these platforms to gather for worship, prayer, and study.

**3.** I am most grateful these days that God is ever at our side. Jesus promised that He would never leave us or forsake us, and the Holy Spirit dwells within us. Although much remains uncertain, these promises remain sure. Thanks be to God that we do not face these days alone.

### So What's Next?

So what's next? Everyone wishes they knew the answer to this question! The Governor and other state officials are developing a plan to reopen churches and businesses. This will likely happen slowly and in stages. As soon as we have information to guide us, I will be working with the deacons to determine how quickly and to what extent we can reopen our doors. CBF is also developing resources to help churches emerge from this season. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for all of us as we seek to balance our desire to be together with the health and safety of our church family and our community. In the meantime, we will continue to gather together online and be the church in the world.

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  
Password:  
592659

**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  
Password:  
688863

*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](mailto:pastor@farmvillebaptist.org) or [office@farmvillebaptist.org](mailto: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.

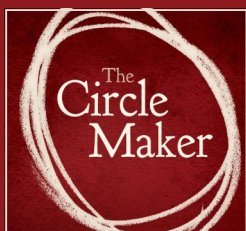
## Prayer Card Ministry

Throughout the pandemic we are still strongly encouraging all to participate in our Prayer Card Ministry. If you are able to participate, please pick-up blank prayer cards at either **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, drop them back off at either W.A. Watson & Sons or Taylor Forbes, or mail them back to the church, and we will ensure they reach the recipient.

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



## Circling the Church in Prayer



Although we are unable to gather together in person each Sunday, we encourage you to spend some time each Sunday morning praying for our church. God honors bold prayers and bold prayers honor God!

## Face Masks

It is likely that we will all need to be wearing masks when we are able to re-open our building for Bible Study and worship. Several of our members have volunteered to make masks for anyone who needs one. If you need a mask, please email or call Tracy and let her know at 804-928-8695 or [pastor@farmvillebaptist.org](mailto:pastor@farmvillebaptist.org).

## Church Communications

With virtual worship services, studies, and meetings we want to ensure everyone is receiving all corresponding communications in a timely manner and by the desired delivery method.

If you have not been receiving our emails please email the church office at [office@farmvillebaptist.org](mailto: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 you may also email the church office at [office@farmvillebaptist.org](mailto:office@farmvillebaptist.org) and we will work with your Church Deacon to get the materials to you.

## Stewardship during COVID-19

We thank everyone for their continued support in being good stewards during these challenging days, and encourage you to please do your part to help us meet our obligations. You are welcome to pay your tithe online at our website, [www.farmvillebaptist.org](http://www.farmvillebaptist.org), or by mailing 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.

# MAY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	2
3 9:30am-Circle the Church 11:00am-Worship Service	4  12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	5  12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	6 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman 7:00pm : Sunday School Class Via Zoom with Ken Copeland	7 Happy Birthday National Day of Prayer Kat Taney 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	8 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	9
10  9:30am-Circle the Church 11:00am-Worship Service	11 Happy Birthday Cecil Yeatts 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	12  12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	13 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman 7:00pm : Sunday School Class Via Zoom with Ken Copeland	14 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	15 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	16 
17 9:30am-Circle the Church 11:00am-Worship Service	18 Happy Birthday Charlotte Cave 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	19 Happy Birthday B.A. Klein & Mary Jo Chassey 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	20 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman 7:00pm : Sunday School Class Via Zoom with Ken Copeland	21 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	22 Happy Birthday Kinley Ross 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	23
24 9:30am-Circle the Church 11:00am-Worship Service	25  12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	26 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	27 Happy Birthday Ken Copeland & Lyla Ross 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman 7:00pm : Sunday School Class Via Zoom with Ken Copeland	28 Happy Birthday Bonnie Ramsey & Margaret Ann Stombeck 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	29 12:15pm : Daily Devotional Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman	30 Happy Birthday Russell Chassey
31 9:30am-Circle the Church 11:00am-Worship Service						

Notes:

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

May 3	11:00am	Worship Service Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551
May 6	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study with Ken Copeland via Zoom—Meeting ID : 271 659 616
May 10	11:00am	Worship Service Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551
May 13	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study with Ken Copeland via Zoom—Meeting ID : 271 659 616
May 17	11:00am	Worship Service Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551
May 17	12:15pm	Deacon's Meeting Virtually via Zoom directly following Worship Service
May 20	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study with Ken Copeland via Zoom—Meeting ID : 271 659 616
May 24	11:00am	Worship Service Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551
May 27	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study with Ken Copeland via Zoom—Meeting ID : 271 659 616
May 31	11:00am	Worship Service Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551

<b>Monthly Financial Report Through April 30, 2020</b>	April Receipts —Undesignated—	\$13,855.12
	YTD Receipts —Undesignated—	\$43,236.60
	YTD Expenditures —Undesignated—	\$40,126.22
	YTD Receipts vs. Expenditures —Undesignated—	\$3,110.38
	YTD Receipts —Designated—	\$5,460.00

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

[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/farmvillebaptist.org)

[farmvillebaptist.org](http://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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