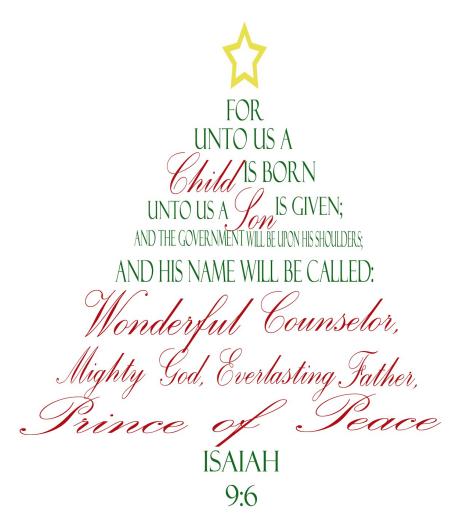




December 2020





### **DEACON FAMILY MINISTRIES**

Chuck Daniel A—Bh Jordan Whiley Dr-E **Joyce Davis** P-RJanett Southall 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

### **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

If you are able to volunteer for our upcoming services please sign up on our webpage at <a href="www.farmvillebaptist.org">www.farmvillebaptist.org</a>, contact the church office at (434) 392—5041, or contact Janice Kiehm directly at (434) 363—6499.

### RECEIVING GOD'S DEEPEST GIFTS

Our theme for Advent this year is Receiving God's Deepest Gifts: the gifts of Hope, Love, Joy, Peace and of course the coming of Immanuel, God with us. It will be a different Christmas this year, one without shopping in crowded malls, concerts, caroling, Christmas parties, and large family gatherings. In many ways, we have the rare opportunity to focus on the true meaning of Christmas and to deepen our faith.

This week, the children in our congregation will receive gift bags lovingly prepared by Janett Southall. The bag will contain the items needed to assemble an Advent wreath and a devotional guide designed for children and families to read together as they light Advent candles each day (along with some other special treats). The guide also suggests simple but meaningful service projects to do each week.

Adults, you have the choice of two different Advent devotionals. One, entitled *A Wonderful Life in Christ,* helps us rediscover the joy and blessings of daily life. Rooted in God's Word, each daily Advent devotion includes a scripture passage, a reflection interwoven with scenes from the classic movie, and a brief prayer. The second option is entitled *And the Word was God.* This booklet, which contains Scripture readings and reflections by theologian Henri Nouwen, will inspire you to practice a focused, prayerful and reflective Advent Season. These two guides will be available for pick up at church, or please call Chuck Daniel or the church office if you would like one dropped off or mailed to you.

In worship each week, we will be focusing on receiving God's deepest gifts in the midst of these challenging days. I trust you will join us each Sunday via Zoom or in person as we move together through this meaningful time of year.

### **ZOOM Upgrade**

Thank you to Jordan Whiley who has been doing research on how to improve our Zoom capabilities. After meeting with a tech person in our sanctuary, researching options, and gaining approval from the building committee this week, he will be ordering and installing a camera, dedicated laptop, and speakers that will be installed in the balcony. Thank you also to three families who have volunteered to cover the cost of this new equipment. Even after the pandemic, Zoom will allow us to share important services and events such as weddings,

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Our church packed a total of 38 shoeboxes for this outreach, which were dropped off for shipping the week before Thanksgiving!!! The outpouring of love and

support is truly
remarkable. Thank you to
each and every person who
was involved in these
shoeboxes ~ so many hands
were involved through
collecting donations,
organizing the donated



items, assembling shoeboxes for packing, packing shoeboxes, transporting shoeboxes to the collection site, and praying for the shoeboxes.



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Candlelight Services**

Thursday, December 24, 2020

We encourage all to join us on Christmas Eve at 5:00pm & 7:15pm for our beautiful candlelight worship services.

These services will be held both in-person and virtually via Zoom.us. In-person maximum capacity for each service is 75 people, so we need *all* to register on our church website for which service they will be attending. If you are not comfortable registering via the link on our website please contact the church office either via email at <a href="mailto:office@farmvillebaptist.org">office@farmvillebaptist.org</a> or via phone at (434)315-5041, and Kat will register you.

Dear FBC Friends,

What a blessing it is to be a member of the Farmville Baptist Church family! You exemplified Christian love and care in so many ways following my accident. It was heartwarming to know you were there and followed through as I have recovered. Your prayers, food, cards, flowers, visits and phone calls meant so much and I really appreciate everything you did. I am grateful to God for FBC and each of you.

With many thanks and much love,

Becky Kelly

### CHURCH RE-VISIONING & PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the Town Hall meetings on November 15th, and 18<sup>th</sup>, Tracy led us through a presentation of where we are now as a congregation. The presentation, which focused on the areas of membership, our building, and our finances, highlighted things that are going well and the challenges we face in each of these three key areas. Tracy also listed the cultural challenges all churches are facing in today's world. She pointed out that all churches must choose whether to try to maintain the status quo, and likely face continued decline, or whether to re-vision and embrace new models of mission and ministry going forward. She asked if we, as individual members and as a congregation, had both the commitment and energy to choose the second path. Those in attendance broke into small groups to discuss this question, with the knowledge that our answer to this question would inform not only the future of the church, but the type of leader we will need to call to shepherd us forward. Members of the search committee, who facilitated each discussion group, reported that we do indeed, wish for the church to move forward and thrive.

At our next Town Hall meetings, we will begin the process of seeking what new vision and mission God wishes to reveal to Farmville Baptist Church. Instead of beginning these conversations from a position of deficit or scarcity (focusing on what we don't have or need), we will utilize the tools of Appreciative Inquiry and Asset Mapping to begin with what we DO have. We will look at the needs in our community that God might be calling us to meet, then we will dream together about how we might use all of our individual and congregational gifts and assets to be God's hands and feet in our community and our larger world. We have been given many talents, how might God be calling us to step out in faith and use them? These will be lively and exciting conversations, and everyone is encouraged to attend and contribute. In the meantime, please be in a season of deep prayer that God will show us next steps as we continue to move forward.

## Join us as we Receive God's Deepest Gifts this advent season at Farmville Baptist Church

**NOVEMBER 29** 

Hanging of the Greens Service
& 1st Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM

DECEMBER 6

2nd Sunday of Advent 10:00 AM

**DECEMBER 13** 

3rd Sunday of Advent 10:00 AM

**DECEMBER 20** 

4th Sunday of Advent 10:00 AM

**DECEMBER 24** 

Candlelight Christmas
Eve Services
5:00PM & 7:15PM

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10am-Worship Service			Via Zoom with Tracy Hartman			
<b>10:45am</b> -Town Hall	12:15pm : Daily Devotional	12:15pm : Daily Devotional	7:00pm : Bible Study via Zoom	12:15pm : Daily Devotional	12:15pm : Daily Devotional	
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Notes:						

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER				
November 29	10:00am	Hanging of the Greens & 1st Sunday of Advent Worship Service In-Person & Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551		
November 29	10:45am	Special Called Business Meeting to Vote & Approve 2021 Budget In-Person & Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID: 626 833 551		
December 2	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study with Ken Copeland via Zoom with Meeting ID : 271 659 616		
December 6	10:00am	2nd Sunday of Advent Worship Service—Hope & Peace In-Person & Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551		
December 6	10:45am	Town Hall Meeting held In-Person & Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID: 626 833 551		
December 9	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study with Ken Copeland via Zoom with Meeting ID: 271 659 616		
December 9	7:45pm	Town Hall Meeting held Virtually via Zoom with Zoom Meeting ID: 271 659 616		
December 13	All Day	Pledge Sunday—Please bring your Pledge Cards to Worship with you		
December 13	10:00am	3rd Sunday of Advent Worship Service—Love In-Person & Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID: 626 833 551		
December 16	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study with Ken Copeland via Zoom with Meeting ID : 271 659 616		
December 20	10:00am	4th Sunday of Advent Worship Service—Joy In-Person & Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551		
December 24	All Day	Christmas Eve—Church Office <b>CLOSED</b>		
December 24	5pm & 7:15pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service In-Person & Virtually via Zoom		
December 25	All Day	Merry Christmas—Church Office <b>CLOSED</b>		
December 27	10:00am	Worship Service held In-Person & Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID: 626 833 551		
December 30	7:00pm	Virtual Bible Study with Ken Copeland via Zoom with Meeting ID : 271 659 616		
December 31	All Day	New Year's Eve—Church Office <b>CLOSED</b>		
January 1	All Day	Happy New Year—Church Office <b>CLOSED</b>		

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Through November 22, 2020		November Expenditures	\$6,899.48
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