

As Christmas carols  
fill the air with joy  
and merriment, as  
the chime of church  
bells echoes all  
around, and prayers  
reach out to God, we  
wish you a joyous  
Christmas and a  
Happy New Year.

# PASTOR'S COLUMN

*Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." [...] "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior"*

Luke 1:38, 46

What a joy it is to join this amazing congregation of God's people – and to do it in the season of Advent! The season of Advent is that time of the church year when we do one thing: we wait. We wait with great anticipation and remembered joy for Christmas, bolstered by our memories of Christmases past and our hopes for Christmas coming soon. We long for the smells and tastes of Christmas back home, we look forward with gleeful anticipation for the joy of children, we rejoice when we turn the radio dial and hear the strains of favorite carols and songs.

As followers of Jesus, Advent-waiting has more depth to it, with stakes greater than gifts under the tree or food on the table or even family gathering together. Advent-waiting is wrapped up in the Good News, the very Best News, possible: Jesus is coming! We hear the stories of Christ coming and celebrate that it happened – and we hear the stories of Christ coming and anticipate how it will happen again.

But in between, we wait.

In our time of waiting, this Advent season, we would do well to consider the person of Mary. Mary is often a prop in our celebration of Advent and Christmas, someone who experiences events without much agency. She's God's servant, Joseph's betrothed, Jesus' mother. Things happen to her, and we think of her as "gentle Mary, meek and mild." There's nothing wrong with those descriptors – but they don't really "fit" Mary. Mary, who chose to accept the angel's word with no fuss, no avoidance, no complaint. Mary, who travelled to her cousin Elizabeth's house and broke out into a revolutionary song of expectation. Mary, who gave birth on her own, far from home, and even in the midst of that painful, joyous, difficult event was able to take in the incredible things happening and ponder them in her heart. Mary, who would be an influence in her son's life right up until the end and who would help the church get going in the first chapter of Acts.

Mary was no shrinking violet; she was an agent of God. And her superpower may well have been her ability to wait – to see what God was doing and to let it develop, to let it grow, to nurture it and protect it and believe in it and then, when the time was at hand, to step forward in faith and release it. Jesus would change the world in all the ways that Mary envisioned in her song in Luke 1 (and in so many more), but she had to wait to see it happen.


Are we looking to God's future with joyful expectation of God's kingdom come? Are we nurturing God's blessing and Christ's power – not to hoard it for ourselves, but to release it into the world? Are we, this Advent, choosing to wait with intention for the coming of Jesus in the daily work of his people – and in the ultimate work of history?

This Advent, let's wait...together.

In Christ,







Join us this advent season  
at Farmville Baptist Church

**NOVEMBER 28**

**Hanging of the Greens Service & 1st Sunday of Advent**

*9:45 AM Bible Study & 11:00 AM Worship Service*

**DECEMBER 5**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

*9:45 AM Bible Study & 11:00 AM Worship Service*

**DECEMBER 12**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

*9:45 AM Bible Study & 11:00 AM Worship Service*

*12:00 PM Welcome Luncheon for Pastor Adam & Family*

**DECEMBER 19**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

*9:45 AM Bible Study & 11:00 AM Worship Service*

**DECEMBER 24**

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

*5:30PM*



# ADVENT SEASON

The gorgeous Poinsettia's decorating our Sanctuary and church building were given in memory or honor of the following below. As with our Easter Lilies, the Poinsettia's are purchased from B&M Greenhouse.

We encourage the family who purchased the poinsettia's to bring them home following our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, so they may be enjoyed throughout the remainder of the holiday season.

## POINSETTIAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

**John M. Austin by Edith Ann Austin & Family**

**Divers & Edith Brown by Ken & Kathryn Copeland**

**Kimberly Virginia Cave by Cindy & Peggy Cave**

**Kimberly V. Cave by Joyce Eggleston**

**Paul Winfrey Cave by Cindy & Peggy Cave**

**Lena Forrester by Bobby & Penny Huskey**

**Fred & Ernestine Garrett by Gene & Patsy Watson**

**Charlotte Huskey by Bobby & Penny Huskey**

**Beverley Anne Patteson Klein by The Powers Family**

**Mildred A. Moore by Janet & Jewel Moore**

**L. Leslie Simpson by Janie C. Simpson**

**Bill & Betty Watson by Gene & Patsy Watson**

## POINSETTIAS GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

**Mavin & Frances Bryant by Crystal Barnett**

**K.C. & Harriett Copeland by Ken & Kathryn Copeland**

**Becky Kelly by Joyce Eggleston**

**Bill & Peggy Lane by Pam & Ed Gordon**

**Harold & Mary Saxtan by Crystal Barnett**

**Our Children by Ryan & Kat Taney**




## Preparing for Advent

Thank you to everyone who came and helped decorate and prepare the church for the Advent Season on Saturday morning, November 28th. We are looking forward to a blessed Advent Season.





# DECEMBER 2021

| Sunday |                                                                                                                       | Monday |                              | Tuesday |                                                                                                                             | Wednesday |                                                                                                 | Thursday |                                                              | Friday |                                                                             | Saturday |                                                                                                                         |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 28     | 9:45am—Adult Bible Study<br>11am—Praising of the Christmas Worship Service                                            | 29     | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional | 30      | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional<br>5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice<br>6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal                                    | 1         | Happy Birthday<br>Vanessa Arauz<br>12:15pm : Virtual Devotional<br>7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study | 2        | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional                                 | 3      | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional                                                | 4        | Happy Birthday<br>Cindy Cave                                                                                            |
| 5      | 9:45am—Adult Bible Study<br>11am—Worship Service<br>2pm—Town Christmas Parade                                         | 6      | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional | 7       | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional<br>5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice<br>6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal                                    | 8         | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional<br>7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study                                    | 9        | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional                                 | 10     | Happy Birthday<br>Jewel Moore                                               | 11       |                                                                                                                         |
| 12     | Pledge Sunday<br>9:45am—Adult Bible Study<br>11am—Worship Service<br>12pm—Welcome Luncheon for Pastor Adam and family | 13     | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional | 14      | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional<br>5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice<br>6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal                                    | 15        | Happy Birthday<br>Sandy Burruss<br>12:15pm : Virtual Devotional<br>7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study | 16       | Happy Birthday<br>Jim Huskey<br>12:15pm : Virtual Devotional | 17     | Happy Birthday<br>Phyllis Tyler                                             | 18       |                                                                                                                         |
| 19     | 9:45am—Adult Bible Study<br>11am—Worship Service                                                                      | 20     | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional | 21      | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional<br>5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice<br>6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal                                    | 22        | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional<br>7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study                                    | 23       | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional                                 | 24     | 5:30pm : Candlelight<br>Christmas Eve Service<br>FBC Preschool Winter Break | 25       | Happy Birthday<br>Walter Addleman<br> |
| 26     | 9:45am—Adult Bible Study<br>11am—Worship Service                                                                      | 27     | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional | 28      | Happy Birthday<br>Blake Wallace<br>12:15pm : Virtual Devotional<br>5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice<br>6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal | 29        | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional<br>7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study<br>FBC Preschool Winter Break      | 30       | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional<br>FBC Preschool Winter Break   | 31     | 12:15pm : Virtual Devotional<br>FBC Preschool Winter Break                  |          |                                                                                                                         |
| Notes: |                                                                                                                       |        |                              |         |                                                                                                                             |           |                                                                                                 |          |                                                              |        |                                                                             |          |                                                                                                                         |

# CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



**A CREATIVE Christmas Parade**  
 A PARADE CENTERED ON GRATEFULNESS & LETTING YOUR MIND WONDER  
 - PRESENTED BY THE FARMVILLE JAYCEES -  
**DECEMBER 5TH: 2PM**

ALCOVA MORTGAGE TONY MARKLAND

THE TAPESTRY NETWORK

Join us on the sidewalks of Main Street in downtown Farmville on Sunday, December 5th as we enjoy floats and presentations from businesses around the area. Starting at 2:00 PM grab a spot on our church steps and be on the look-out for our FBC float!

Hope you see you there!

## FBC Preschool Fun



## Kid's Night



On Friday night, November 12th the children gathered in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a pizza dinner and pack care packages for individuals battling cancer. Kim Davis leads this outreach and delivered these care packages to the hospital.

## Trunk —or— Treat





# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Candlelight Service

Friday, December 24, 2021

**We encourage all to join us on Christmas Eve at 5:30 PM for our beautiful candlelight worship service!**

This service will be held both in-person and virtually via Zoom.us.

For the health and safety of our congregation and community members we are setting a maximum capacity of 125 people for this service. We encourage *all* to register on our church website, or by contacting the church office either via email at [office@farmvillebaptist.org](mailto:office@farmvillebaptist.org) or via phone at (434)315-5041.

Dear Farmville Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful card, love offering and picture. Even more, thank you for your love and friendship and the chance to walk alongside you. I look forward to returning home to FBC often.

Much love,  
Tracy



## Operation Christmas Child

Our church packed a total of 86 shoeboxes for this outreach. The shoeboxes 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 this outreach.



Monthly Financial  
Report Through  
November 30, 2021

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| November Receipts          | \$13,034.00  |
| YTD Receipts               | \$117,965.64 |
| YTD Budget Needed Receipts | \$167,200.00 |
| November Expenditures      | \$7,726.17   |
| YTD Expenditures           | \$118,972.62 |

Remember you can also stay informed by following our Social Media Pages!

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

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## DEACON FAMILY MINISTRIES

|                 |        |                  |      |              |      |
|-----------------|--------|------------------|------|--------------|------|
| Chuck Daniel    | A—Bh   | Jordan Whiley    | Dr—E | Joyce Davis  | P—R  |
| Janett Southall | Bi—Coo | Kathryn Copeland | F—L  | Chuck Daniel | S—Tn |
| Janett Southall | Cop—Dq | Becky Kelly      | M—O  | Joyce Davis  | To—Z |

## LIFE DEACONS

Peggy Cave, Jack Davis, Jim Davis, Joyce Davis, and Gene Watson

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

|             |          |                                                                                                                                |
|-------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| December 1  | 7:00 PM  | Virtual Bible Study via Zoom with Meeting ID : 271 659 616 and Passcode 688863                                                 |
| December 5  | 11:00 AM | In-Person Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor                                                                               |
| December 5  | 11:00 AM | 2nd Sunday of Advent Worship Service—Peace<br>In-Person & Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551 and Passcode 592659 |
| December 5  | 2:00 PM  | Town of Farmville Christmas Parade down Main Street                                                                            |
| December 8  | 7:00 PM  | Virtual Bible Study via Zoom with Meeting ID : 271 659 616 and Passcode 688863                                                 |
| December 12 | All Day  | <b>Pledge Sunday</b> —Please bring your Pledge Cards to Worship with you                                                       |
| December 12 | 9:45 AM  | In-Person Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor                                                                               |
| December 12 | 11:00 AM | 3rd Sunday of Advent Worship Service—Love<br>In-Person & Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551 and Passcode 592659  |
| December 12 | 12:00 PM | Welcome Luncheon for Pastor Adam and his family in the Fellowship Hall                                                         |
| December 15 | 7:00 PM  | Virtual Bible Study via Zoom with Meeting ID : 271 659 616 and Passcode 688863                                                 |
| December 19 | 9:45 AM  | In-Person Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor                                                                               |
| December 19 | 11:00 AM | 4th Sunday of Advent Worship Service—Joy<br>In-Person & Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551 and Passcode 592659   |
| December 21 | All Day  | <i>First Day of Winter</i>                                                                                                     |
| December 24 | All Day  | <i>Merry Christmas Eve</i>                                                                                                     |
| December 24 | 5:30 PM  | Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service<br>In-Person & Virtually via Zoom                                                    |
| December 25 | All Day  | <i>Merry Christmas</i>                                                                                                         |
| December 26 | 9:45 AM  | In-Person Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor                                                                               |
| December 26 | 11:00 AM | Worship Service held In-Person & Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551 and Passcode 592659                          |
| December 29 | 7:00 PM  | Virtual Bible Study via Zoom with Meeting ID : 271 659 616 and Passcode 688863                                                 |
| December 31 | All Day  | <i>New Year's Eve</i>                                                                                                          |
| January 1   | All Day  | <i>Happy New Year</i>                                                                                                          |
| January 2   | 9:45 AM  | In-Person Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor                                                                               |
| January 2   | 11:00 AM | Worship Service held In-Person & Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551 and Passcode 592659                          |
| January 5   | 7:00 PM  | Virtual Bible Study via Zoom with Meeting ID : 271 659 616 and Passcode 688863                                                 |
| January 9   | 9:45 AM  | In-Person Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor                                                                               |
| January 9   | 11:00 AM | Worship Service held In-Person & Virtually via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551 and Passcode 592659                          |

The **FBC Preschool** Winter Break will be Monday, December 20th through Friday, December 31st. Classes will resume Monday, January 3rd.

The **Church Office** will be on Winter Break from Monday, December 27th through Monday, January 3rd. Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, January 4th.