

The Informer

May 2022



Congratulations Class of 2022

“FOR WE ARE HIS
WORKMANSHIP,
CREATED IN CHRIST
JESUS UNTO GOOD
WORKS, WHICH GOD
HATH BEFORE
ORDAINED THAT WE
SHOULD WALK IN
THEM.”



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EPHESIANS 2:10 KJV



*“...what was now
being referred to as
‘the Way.’”*

Acts 19:23b
(The Message)

There is this rather unusual thing that happens in the book of Acts: while the early Jesus movement is gathering and beginning to grow and spread, there is confusion over what the people who are part of that movement are called. Sometimes, they are called the church. Other times, they are called Jews, or a sect of Jews. Often, they are considered troublemakers and rabble-rousers. Eventually, in Antioch, they are called Christians, or ‘little Christs.’ But from fairly early on, all the way through to near the end of Acts, there are folks who call those who are part of the early church ‘followers of the Way,’ and the early church movement itself as ‘the Way.’

It’s interesting to note that, of the six explicit references to the early church as ‘the Way’ in the book of Acts, at least five of them (and maybe all six) are coming from the perspective of an outsider. Those outside the fellowship of Jesus people didn’t know (or particularly care about) the specific beliefs of those who gathered in the name of Jesus or the ways they differed from other Jews or Gentiles. They simply knew what they saw – the way of life these groups of people lived together. And by those practices, those general ways of living, these early churches were known.

That’s why, during the Easter season in worship, we are getting little snapshots of the Way.

You may have noticed that in our worship service, we usually have two Scripture readings: a sermon text that I (or whoever is preaching) explore, and a second, earlier text that gets our minds focused along certain trains of thought and enhances our worship of God. But for the six Sundays between Easter and Pentecost, during the portion of the service where we consider what our calling is as a church to respond to God’s grace and vision of the world, we are also getting a snapshot of the Way, a glimpse into how the early church lived out its new identity as the people of God in Jesus Christ.

In these snapshots, we see the early church gathering together and sharing meals. We see them listening to the teachings of the apostles – those who had been with Jesus – and learning more about what the resurrection life and God’s kingdom mean, here and now. We see them caring for the poor and serving the sick. We see them bringing their resources together – money, food, time, effort – to help the needy and serve the church and community. We see the church doing the things Jesus did.

I don’t know about you, but I hope these snapshots of ‘the Way’ help me to be a more faithful follower of Jesus, so that those around me can see the things I do and notice that they are the sorts of things Jesus did. I am grateful to be part of a church that wants the same thing. I pray a snapshot of Farmville Baptist Church will look something like those early snapshots of the Way.

In Christ,

Children's Easter Egg Hunt



The Towler Family
Juby, Toby, Suzanne and McKinley



The Southall Family
Mason, Addison, Melissa and Ellison



The Taney Family
Madison, Ryan, Kat and Garrison



Janett Southall and
Mary Jo Chasey



Jonathan and
Phoebe Tyler





On Saturday, April 16th, the children gathered for an afternoon full of Easter fun! They had an Easter egg hunt, enjoyed a visit from the Easter bunny, challenged each other in an egg race, shared snacks, and learned details of Jesus' death and resurrection from Cadance.



Pastoral Installation Service



The welcome and introduction to the service was given by Janett Southall.



Toby Towler led the congregation in the Call to Worship.



Kim Yeatts provided the First Scripture Reading from 1 Peter.



I want to extend a tremendous "thank you" to the congregation for a wonderful installation service. The worship service was meaningful, the reception was delightful, and the welcome by the congregation was incredibly warm. I am so excited for how God is forming us together into a family of faith, and I am grateful for the chance to be part of what God is doing here at Farmville Baptist Church.

In Christ,
Adam



Our Sanctuary Choir, led by Sandy Yeatts, provided wonderful accompaniments during the Anthem and Hymns sung throughout the service.

It was truly a beautiful afternoon.



Adam provided a message entitled *A Towel with My Name on It* from the pulpit.

Becky McKinney, chair of the BGAV Executive Board, gave the charge and litany of Installation during the service.



On behalf of the church, Ken Copeland, gifted Adam with a wood walking staff that has a compass embedded in the top and a cross engraved on one side.



Adam signs the Pastor-Church covenant with Deacon chair, Chuck Daniel. Chuck then led congregation in the Installation Prayer.



Kathryn Copeland provided the second Scripture reading from John chapter 13.






FBC is blessed to have Adam, and his family, as a part of our church family. We look forward to the journey and future of FBC!



MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45am—Bible Study 11:00am—3rd Sunday of Easter Worship Service 12:00pm—First Sunday's Family Luncheon	2 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	3 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	4 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	5 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	6 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	7 Happy Birthday Kal Taney
8 HAPPY <i>Mother's</i> DAY 9:45am—Bible Study 11:00am—4th Sunday of Easter Worship Service	9 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	10 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	11 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	12 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	13 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	14
15 9:45am—Bible Study 11:00am—5th Sunday of Easter Worship Service	16 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 6:30pm : Virtual Deacons Meeting via Zoom	17 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	18 Happy Birthday Charlotte Haskins	19 Happy Birthday Mary Jo Chassey 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Church Council Meeting via Zoom	20 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	21
22 Happy Birthday Kinley Ross	23	24 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	25 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	26 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	27 Happy Birthday Ken Copeland & Lyla Ross	28 Happy Birthday Bonnie Ramsey & Margaret Ann Stombeck
29 9:45am—Bible Study 11:00am—6th Sunday of Easter Worship Service	30 Happy Birthday Russell Chassey 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	31 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	1 Happy Birthday John Copeland 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	2 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	3 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	4

Notes:

A green rectangular poster with a floral background. The background features large green leaves and a red flower on the right side. The text is centered on the green background.

Virginia Street Community Garden Work Day

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 | 3:30 PM

Corner of South Virginia
and Blanton Streets

A poster with a background of a stained glass window. The window features various shades of blue, white, and brown. The text is overlaid on a dark blue rectangular box on the left side.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Gathering in-person EVERY Sunday morning at 9:45 am in the Church Parlor.
Gathering Virtually EVERY Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

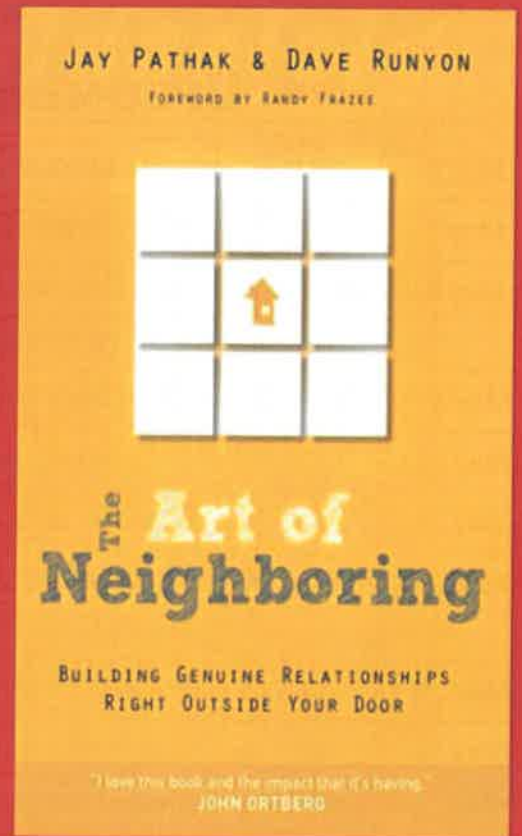
New Discipleship Opportunity! Spring/Summer 2022

Join us this spring and summer as we put our faith into action by connecting with the people around us. In *The Art of Neighboring*, we'll consider how to live out Jesus's Great Commandment, to "love our neighbor as ourselves."

This will be a hybrid group, with both online and in-person opportunities, as well as chances to reflect with others after putting the lessons into practice.

If you are interested, let Pastor Adam know by Easter so we can get you a book.

We hope you can join us!



DEACON FAMILY MINISTRIES

Tim Trent	A—Bh	Jordan Whiley	Dr—E	Jim Davis	P—R
Janett Southall	Bi—Coo	Kathryn Copeland	F—L	Chuck Daniel	S—Tn
Cindy Cave	Cop—Dq	Chuck Daniel	M—O	Joyce Davis	To—Z

LIFE DEACONS

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

The deacons will gather for their monthly meeting virtually this month on Monday, May 16th at 6:30pm. Please check your email for specific Zoom meeting information and details.

Monthly Financial Report Through April 30, 2022	April Receipts	\$11,293.50
	April Expenditures	\$15,133.57
	YTD Budget Needs	\$64,000.00
	YTD Receipts	\$46,692.50
	YTD Expenditures	\$52,784.12

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

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

May 8	All Day	Happy Mother's Day
May 8	9:45 AM	In-Person Bible Study in the Church Parlor
May 8	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Sunday Worship Service in Church Sanctuary and via Zoom Mtg. ID 626-833-551 and passcode 592659
May 11	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. ID 721-659-616 and passcode 688863
May 14	10:00 AM	Hampden-Sydney College Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony
May 15	9:45 AM	In-Person Bible Study in Church Parlor
May 15	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Sunday Worship Service in Church Sanctuary and via Zoom mtg. ID 626-833-551 and passcode 592659
May 16	6:30 PM	Virtual Deacon's Meeting via Zoom Mtg. ID 991-234-5509 and passcode FBC2022
May 18	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. ID 721-659-616 and passcode 688863
May 19	7:00 PM	Virtual Church Council Meeting via Zoom Mtg. ID 860-5653-9873 and passcode FBC2022
May 21	9:30 AM	Longwood University Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony
May 22	9:45 AM	In-Person Bible Study in Church Parlor
May 22	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Sunday Worship Service in Church Sanctuary and via Zoom mtg. ID 626-833-551 and passcode 592659
May 25	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. ID 721-659-616 and passcode 688863
May 26	9:00 AM	Last Day for FBC Preschool Students
May 26	6:30 PM	Prince Edward County Public High School Senior Graduation Ceremony
May 27	6:00 PM	Fuqua School Senior Graduation Ceremony
May 29	9:45 AM	In-Person Bible Study in Church Parlor
May 29	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship Service in Church Sanctuary and via Zoom mtg. ID 626-833-551 and passcode 592659
June 1	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. ID 721-659-616 and passcode 688863
June 5	9:45 AM	In-Person Bible Study in Church Parlor
June 5	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship Service in Church Sanctuary and via Zoom mtg. ID 626-833-551 and passcode 592659
June 5	12:15 PM	First Sunday's Family Luncheon in Fellowship Hall directly following Worship