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IN CHRIST.

"If God is not the center of your life, then something else is." -Timothy Keller

FARMVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

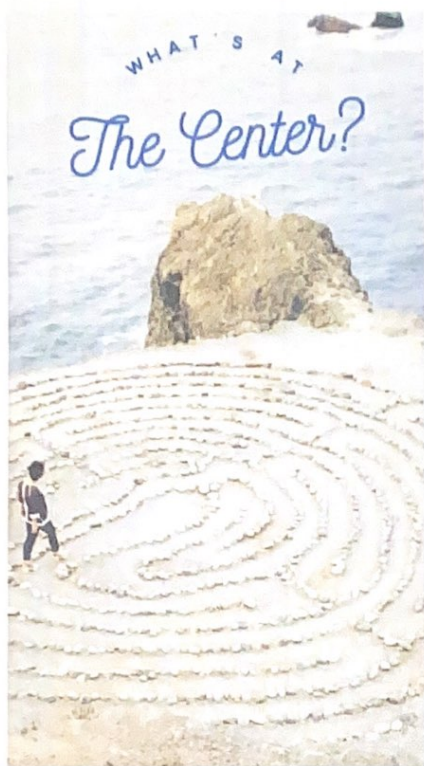
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"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

In 2020, Robert Putnam and Shaylyn Romney Garrett released a study on current American culture seen through the lens of history. Tracking economics, politics, community involvement, and social cohesiveness, they saw the country improving in all areas over the first half of the twentieth century and falling back to the doldrums in the second half. Their perspective was that we had gotten out of those doldrums before and could do it again.

I was introduced to this writing through John Upton, our just-retired Virginia Baptist Executive Director. He had been in a meeting with Putnam and Garrett, alongside several other religious leaders, and he mentioned one of their key insights: for several generations, faith was at the center of the lives of many families, and it had positive repercussions in the community and

beyond. In more recent years, that central role of faith had disappeared; what replaced it? The studies show political polarization and individualistic consumerism – with the result that our culture has become more divided and people more isolated from one another.

My takeaway from all of this is simple: what we put at the center of our lives matters. If it is life-giving and loving, that affects every part of our lives – every relationship, every transaction, every calendar decision, every conversation. But if what we have at the center of our lives is divisive or competitive or judgmental or selfish – well, then that will affect every other relationship, decision, and perspective, too.

For the follower of Jesus, the choice for what is at the center is, or at least should be, simple. Jesus himself says, "I am the way and the truth and the life." (John 14:6) Paul points to Jesus as the model when he tells his friends, "You are to imitate me, just as I imitate Christ." (1 Cor. 11:1) And an early Christian hymn proclaims, "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created...and in him all things hold together." (Col. 1:15-16, 17) Or, as Catholic theologian Hans Kung says, Jesus Christ is the center of Christian faith and, thus, the center of the life of the Christian.

It is good for us, then, to think about the question often: what is at the center of my life? Is it life-giving and loving, or is it divisive, isolating, or even destructive? As followers of Jesus, we should strive to make the answer to that question, "The center of my life is Jesus Christ." When we can honestly say that, our lives will reflect it in our actions being loving, our perspective being unselfish, and our decisions being consistent with the way of Jesus.

In Christ, Adam

OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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SAVE THE DATE: Church Business Meeting will be held directly following Worship on Sunday, November 20, 2022.

→ FYC ←

A SAFE SPACE FOR FAITH,
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FRIENDS, FOOD, AND FUN!

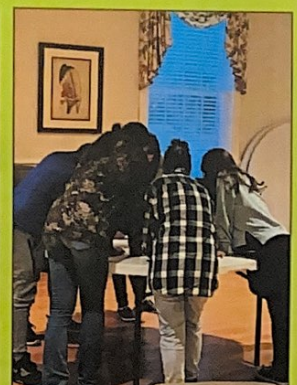
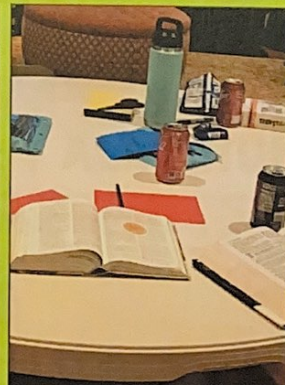
GATHERING AT JOHNS MEMORIAL PARISH HOUSE THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

SUNDAYS AT
SIX

→ GRADES ←
6-12

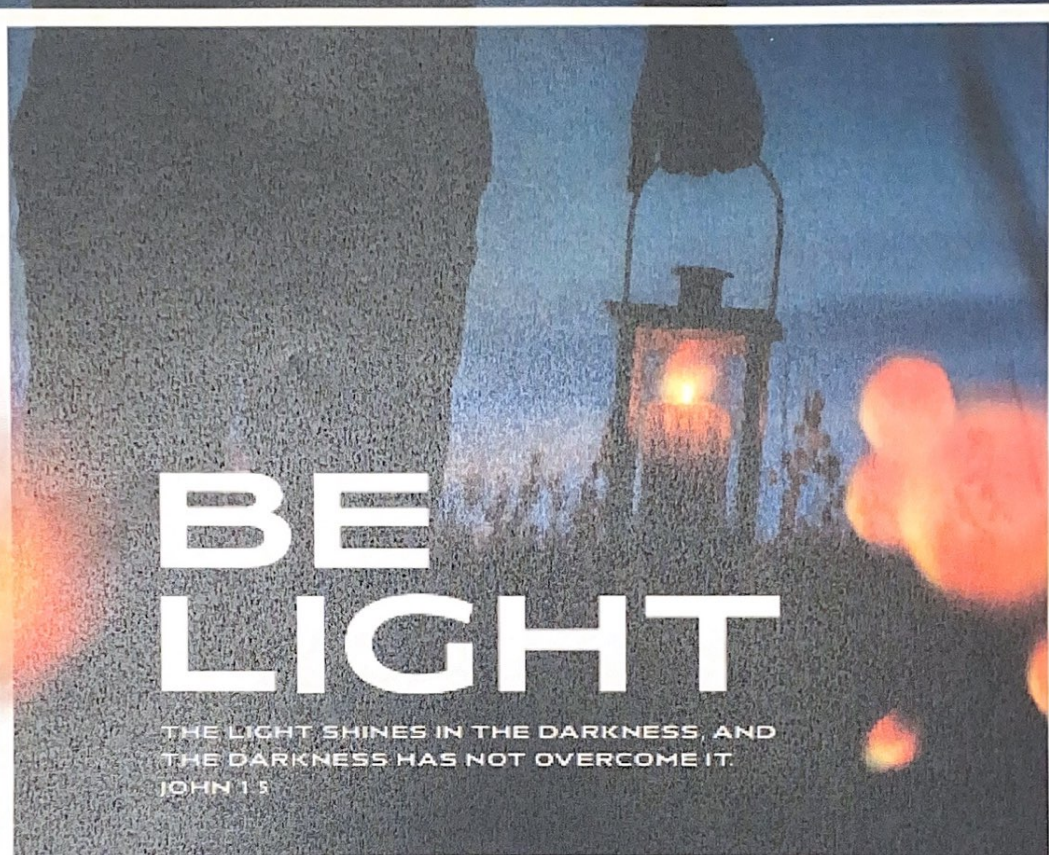
→ FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA ←

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Farmville Baptist Church is part of the family of churches in Virginia that support the work of the Baptist General Association of Virginia and the Women's Missionary Union of Virginia. The joint mission offering for these two organizations is the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions.

This offering goes to support a wide variety of ministries of the BGAV and the WMUV, including: - Disaster Relief - Youth Missions - Church Planting around the world - Feeding Ministries - Prison Ministries - Leadership Initiatives for young women - and many more!



BE LIGHT

THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT
JOHN 1:5

ALMA HUNT OFFERING *for Virginia Missions*

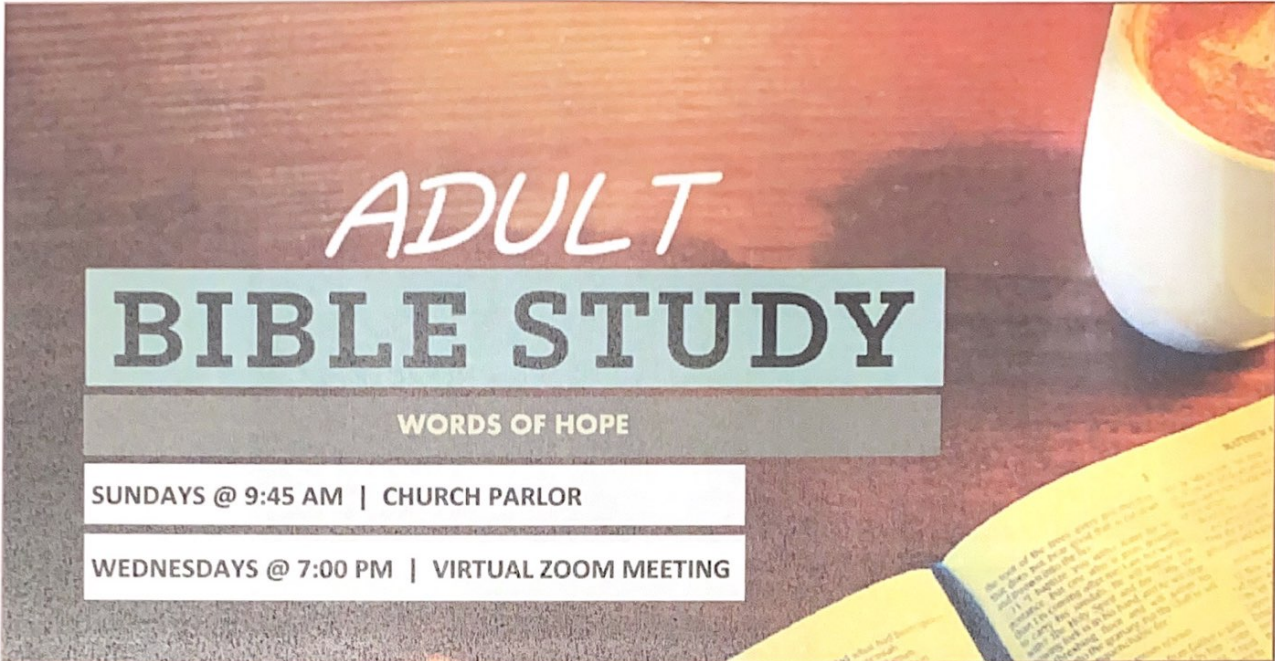
SEPTEMBER 11-18, 2022 | ALMAHUNT.ORG



OUR CHURCH GIVING GOAL:

\$1000





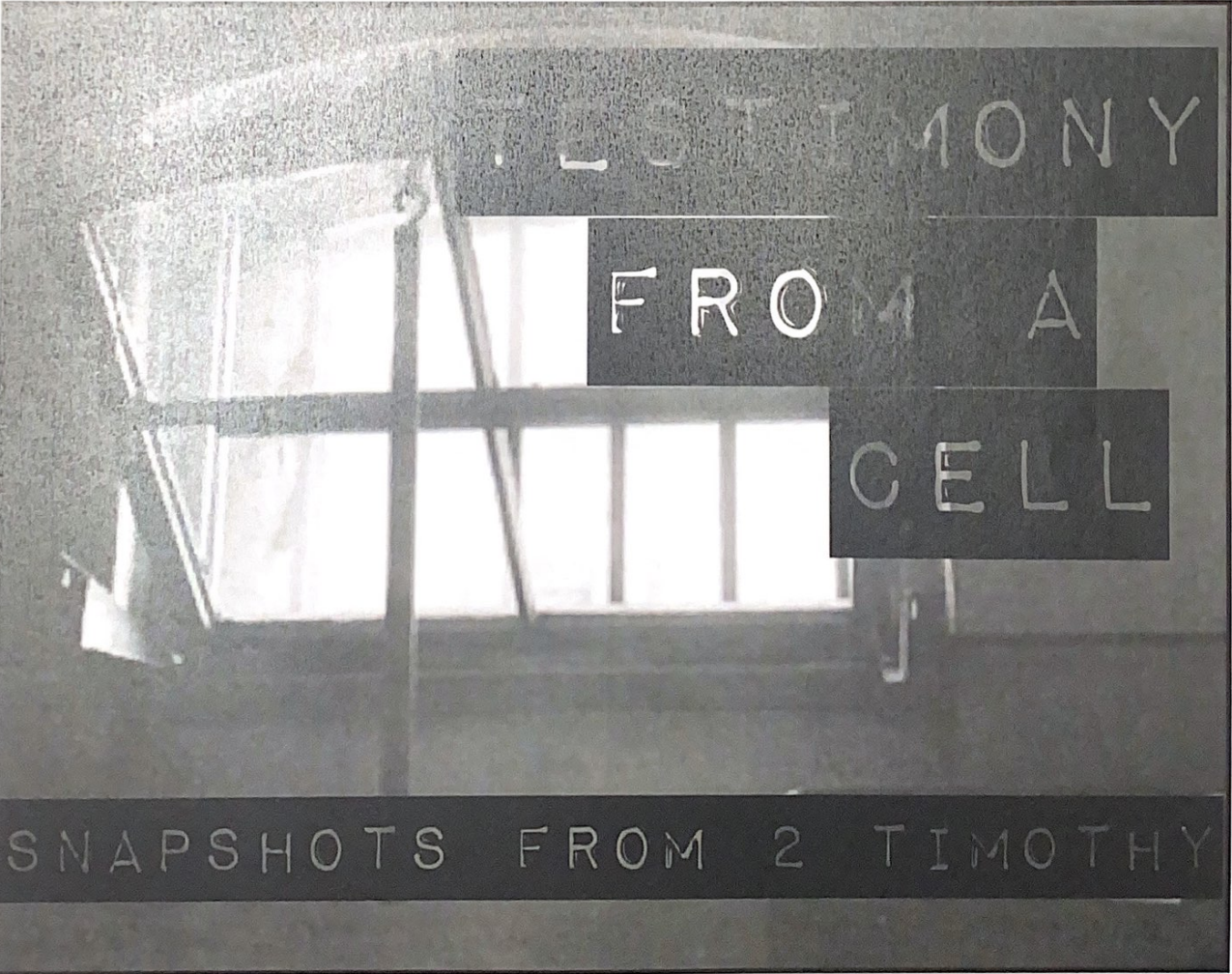
ADULT

BIBLE STUDY

WORDS OF HOPE

SUNDAYS @ 9:45 AM | CHURCH PARLOR

WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00 PM | VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING



TIMOTHY

FROM A

CELL

SNAPSHOTS FROM 2 TIMOTHY



ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

Sunday, October 30th
11:00 AM

Ways to Give

DURING WORSHIP



Giving Envelopes are placed in the Offering Plate during Worship on Sunday Mornings

MOBILE




ONLINE



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"ONLINE GIVING"
or
"DONATE" button on our Facebook page

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DEACON FAMILY MINISTRIES

Tim Trent	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	Chuck Daniel	M—O	Joyce Davis	To—Z

LIFE DEACONS

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

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

September 2022 Receipts	\$11,274.00	September 2022 Expenses	\$18,297.47
YTD Receipts	\$105,409.69	YTD Expenses	\$122,570.37



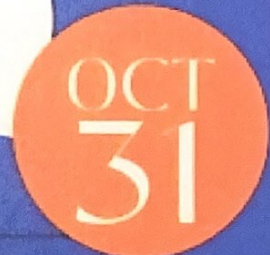
HALLOWEEN

COSTUME PARADE

Children ages 12 & under

TRICK OR TREAT

with the Farmville Recreation Department, and local Downtown Merchants at the annual Halloween Costume Parade on Main Street in Farmville!



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST AT 4:00 PM
(MAIN STREET SHUTS DOWN AT 3:15 PM)
PARADE BEGINS AT CRUTE STAGE ON MAIN STREET**

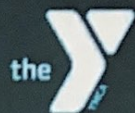
WE NEED FBC MEMBERS TO HELP DISTRIBUTE BOTTLED WATER AND FESTIVE STICKERS DURING THE PARADE. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FROM 3:30—5:30 PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST. PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILBE TO VOLUNTEER!

VOLUNTEERS AND CHURCH FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO GATHER FOR DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE COSTUME PARADE!
DINNER WILL BE READY AT 5:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.



HEALTHY HARVEST

SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA FAMILY YMCA



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT™
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

JUMP INTO THE FALL SEASON!

food vendors

family fun activities

music for everyone

costume contest

raffled prizes

fresh lineup of Y programs

Open to the community!

Free Admission

BRING THE FAMILY!

October 29th | 10am - 2pm

Southside Va Family YMCA

www.southsidevafamilyymca.org

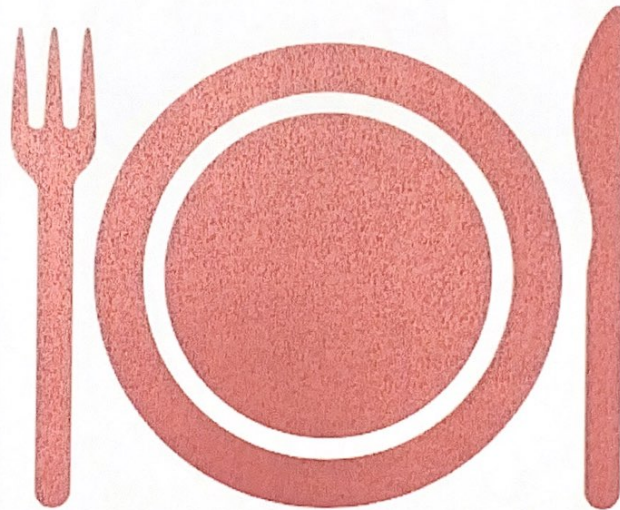
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INTERFAITH MEAL

October 22, 2022. Downtown Plaza



Gathering begins at 5:30 PM with the meal at 6:00 PM.

Please join the Interfaith Collective for a Community Covered Dish Meal to reignite the group after the long COVID pause. Bring your favorite holiday or celebratory food with enough for eight for sharing. Cutlery, plates, and cups will be provided.

ROOF REPAIR CAMPAIGN

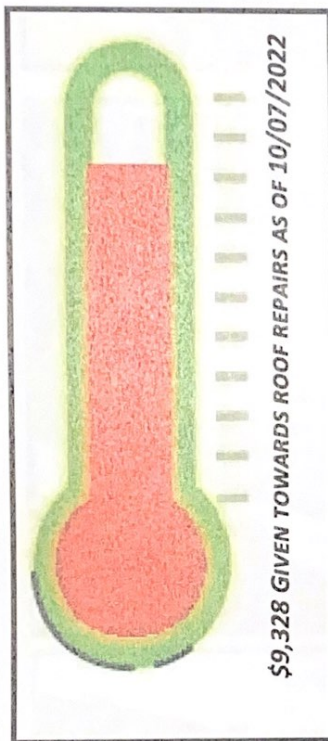
Want to join in supporting a good cause? We're raising money for necessary roof repairs needed here at Farmville Baptist Church. The property committee and trustees have recently met and are currently reviewing quotes on a variety of options that will repair our roof, as well as provide long term solutions.

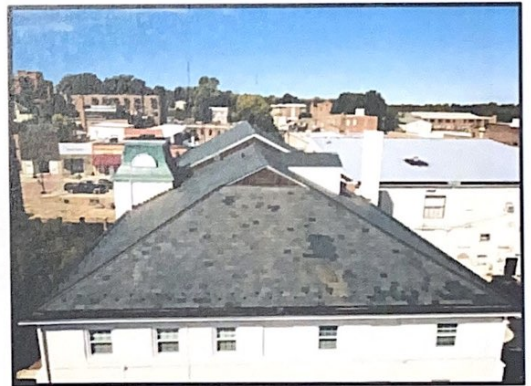
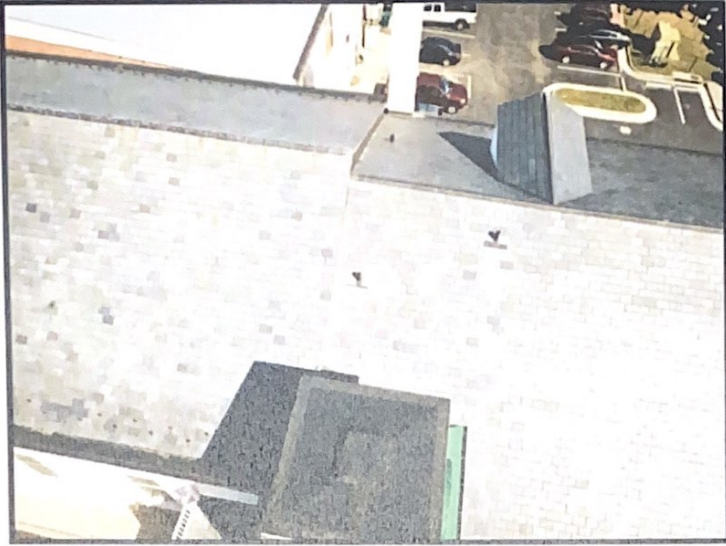
All contributions make an impact, whether it's \$5 or \$500 or \$1,000.

Thank you to those who have already supported this campaign!

Please be in prayer for our church, and if you are able to contribute please do so either through online giving, Facebook donate, placing a check in the mail, or by placing your gift in the offertory plate on Sunday.

A sincere thank you to Joyce Eggleston and Brock Robinson for providing us with these recent images of our church building and roof.





BAPTISMS AT YOUNG LAKE

| 09.10.2022

On Saturday, September 10th church and community members gathered together to witness the outward profession of faith through baptism. Pastor Adam baptized Jack Burger, Troy Hill, Violet Hill, Chelsi Robeson, Addison Southall and Mason Southall in the Young family lake. Following the baptisms there was a time of fellowship to share refreshments, fish off the dock, play in the sand and even play in the cool shallow waters. Photos captured by Teddy Hodges.





UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

October 9	9:45 AM	In-Person Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
October 9	11:00 AM	In-Person & Virtual Sunday Worship Service in Church Sanctuary and via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551 and Passcode 592659
October 11	5:45 PM	Bell Choir Practice in Church Sanctuary
October 11	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
October 12	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Meeting ID : 271 659 616 and Passcode 688863
October 16	9:45 AM	In-Person Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
October 16	11:00 AM	In-Person & Virtual Sunday Worship Service in Church Sanctuary and via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551 and Passcode 592659
October 18	5:45 PM	Bell Choir Practice in Church Sanctuary
October 18	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
October 19	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Meeting ID : 271 659 616 and Passcode 688863
October 22	5:30 PM	Interfaith Community Covered Dish Meal at Downtown Plaza
October 23	9:45 AM	In-Person Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
October 23	11:00 AM	In-Person & Virtual Sunday Worship Service in Church Sanctuary and via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551 and Passcode 592659
October 23	12:15 PM	Deacon's Meeting directly following Worship in the Church Parlor
October 24	7:00 PM	Virtual Stewardship Committee Meeting via Zoom
October 25	5:45 PM	Bell Choir Practice in Church Sanctuary
October 25	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
October 26	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Meeting ID : 271 659 616 and Passcode 688863
October 27	7:00 PM	Virtual Church Council Meeting via Zoom
October 29	7:30 AM	Prepare & distribute food bags at F.A.C.E.S. Food Pantry, located next door to the YMCA
October 30	9:45 AM	In-Person Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
October 30	11:00 AM	All Saints Sunday In-Person & Virtual Sunday Worship Service in Church Sanctuary and via Zoom with Meeting ID : 626 833 551 and Passcode 592659
October 31	4:00 PM	Costume Parade & Trick-or-Treating down Main Street in Farmville
October 31	5:00 PM	Halloween Meal & Fellowship for Volunteers & Families in the Fellowship Hall
November 1	5:45 PM	Bell Choir Practice in Church Sanctuary
November 1	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
November 2	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Meeting ID : 271 659 616 and Passcode 688863