

The Informer

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FARMVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH



**FOLLOWING JESUS IN THE
HEART OF VIRGINIA**

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The Gift of Time

For everything there is a season...

Ecclesiastes 3:1a

"Treasure them while they're young."

"Blink and you'll miss it."

"Time is slipping through my fingers."

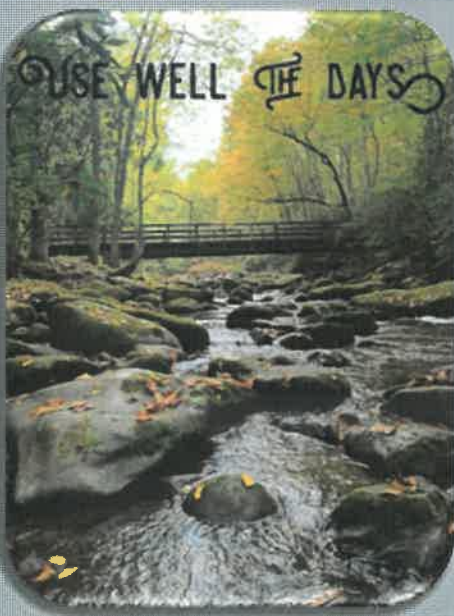


As a pastor, and as a parent, I hear things like this all the time. Many of us, and I include myself here, are very aware of the tick of the clock in life, that moments that have come will not return and that seasons of life that we have experienced are gone. Sometimes, that's a good thing – I know more than one person who is grateful to have moved past the uncertainty or even trauma of high school – but other times it is sad to realize that a treasured part of life has been experienced for the last time. In those moments, we can wonder why God would create us as mortal creatures, bound by the seasons and the years of life, stuck in a river of time that only travels forward.

Yet when we turn to Scripture, we find that the very nature of time, and the nature of human experience being encapsulated in moments, hours, days, and more, is woven into the very fabric of the universe. Ecclesiastes teaches us that "for everything there is a season," but time is there at the beginning (when God created the heavens and the earth), at the end (with Revelation's talk at many points of "time, times, and half a time"), and at every point in-between. Even the core event of the Christian faith – the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus – is grounded in time, or, as Galatians puts it, "when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son" (Gal. 4:4).

So it appears time is no accident, it is part of God's design – for the creation, for the creature, for us.

We, then, must discern how God encourages us, and empowers us, to live as creatures in the flow of time. What does it mean to be people who have a past, both our own and that of those from whom we come? What does it mean to find, not just value, but increased value, in the moments we inhabit given our knowledge that they are unique, never to be repeated? Where can we find worth in the discipline of waiting for the Spirit of God to move in a life that is always moving forward? How can we be animated by hope for a future that we do not yet know?



These are all questions for us to ponder as people of faith living our one precious, unique, and irreplaceable *lifetime*. I don't pretend to have answers to these questions – indeed, I ask them myself. But I do think that one piece of wisdom, one biblical writers from Solomon to Paul would echo, is what I found in the writings of my favorite author, JRR Tolkien. Near the end of his epic, *The Lord of the Rings*, Tolkien describes the mortal man Aragorn, one of the heroes of his tale, achieving all of his goals: an evil enemy defeated, a kingdom regained, an ethereal beloved to marry. As the story leaves Aragorn behind, his kinswoman tells him, "Use well the days!"

That strikes me as good advice for all of us mortal men and women, created by a good God and invited into the tale he is telling in **time**: **use well the days**.

In Christ,
Adam

Mission Sunday | July 16, 2023

Farmville Baptist Church

The congregation of FBC gathered for Mission Sunday on July 16, 2023. During the morning hours of that day some members went to complete work projects at the BCM building near Longwood's campus, in preparation for the college students when they arrive in mid-August.

Other members stayed at the church building and completed some housekeeping projects. The third floor conference room was cleaned out and dusted, making it ready for a community shared space. The Fellowship Hall storage closet was cleaned out and organized, making room for Farmville Youth Collective and other storage needs. The nursery classrooms on the basement floor were disinfected and tidied some in preparation for Sunday school.

Everyone gathered back in the Fellowship Hall about 12pm noon for a lunch of make-your-own sandwiches and more!



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Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM)

Thank you so much for the hard work that everyone put in at the BCM during our mission Sunday. We accomplished so much, and the students will be excited to see the progress when they arrive in August!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023



Vacation Bible School was held at our church on the evening of July 7, and the morning of July 8, 2023.

Our theme was "Pets Unleashed" and ten children attended!

We had Bible story, crafts, music, and a special visit and highlight from "Scout" and Mr. Ken on Saturday!

Our mission was to serve our local SPCA; so we made dog treats, chew toys, and seed bombs. The treats and toys were delivered to the SPCA and they were so happy to receive these!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023





ICE CREAM on the Steps of FBC



Members of FBC joined in the Downtown Farmville July 3rd festivities by serving ice cream from the church's front steps.

As the temperatures reached 85 degrees over 200 children & adults lined up for the cool, refreshing, free treat.



Open House

See the building &
pray for the students!



LONGWOOD & HAMPDEN-SYDNEY

August 10 – 4-7 PM
August 11 – 9AM-1PM

Rev. Cadance Tyler invites our congregation to visit the BCM Center at 303 Griffin Blvd on August 10 or August 11. This is a chance to see the revamped Center and to lift prayers for the ministry and its students as the school year begins.



Church Council Report

Earlier this summer, the Church Council received a request from a member to consider making a statement on the 60th Anniversary of the civil rights protests in Farmville in 1963, including one that occurred on the front steps of Farmville Baptist Church. The Council discussed this request and prayerfully considered the record of history, determining that an appropriate way for the Council to mark the 60th Anniversary was to issue A Lament of the Clergy and Lay Leadership of Farmville Baptist Church. That lament was provided to the church at the business meeting of July 23, and released in *The Farmville Herald* on July 28, 2023.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY @ FBC

SUNDAYS @ 9:45 AM in the Church Parlor

WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00 PM virtually on Zoom

Meeting ID 6271-659-616 & Code 688863



PROVISION



LIKE CHRIST

a sermon series in philippians

august 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:45am-Bible Study 11:00am-Worship Service	31 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	1 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	2 Happy Birthday Ellison Southall 7:00pm : Bible Study via Zoom 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	3 Happy Birthday Joyce Davis & Katie Trent 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	4 Happy Birthday Becky Kelly 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	5 Happy Birthday Janie Simpson
6 9:45am-Bible Study 11:00am-Worship Service	7 Happy Birthday Mason Swansberg 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	8 Happy Birthday Chuck Daniel 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	9 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Bible Study via Zoom	10 Happy Birthday Janet Moore 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	11 Happy Birthday Violet Holman 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	12 Happy Birthday Debbie Duval
13 Happy Birthday Gary Atkins & Doris Weaver 9:45am-Bible Study 11:00am-Worship Service	14 Happy Birthday Eleanor Ross 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	15 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	16 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Bible Study via Zoom	17 Happy Birthday Michelle Emanuelson 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	18 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	19 Happy Birthday Brenda Rawlings & L.D. Phaup
20 Happy Birthday Peggy Cave 9:45am-Bible Study 11:00am-Worship Service	21 Happy Birthday Debbie Daniel & David Klein 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	22 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	23 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Bible Study via Zoom	24 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	25 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	26
27 Happy Birthday Lorraine Carter 9:45am-Bible Study 10:00am-College Class 11:00am-Worship Service	28 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	29 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	30 Happy Birthday Adam Southall 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Bible Study via Zoom	31 Happy Birthday Jack Davis 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	1 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	2

Notes:

BACK TO SCHOOL

Appomattox County Public Schools : Monday, August 7th
Buckingham County Public Schools : Thursday, August 10th
Central Virginia Christian School : Wednesday, August 16th
Cumberland County Public Schools : Wednesday, August 9th
Charlotte County Public Schools : Monday, August 7th
Fuqua School : Tuesday, August 15th
Prince Edward County Public Schools : Monday, August 7th

**"Whatever you do, work at
it with all your heart, as
working for the Lord, not
for men...."**

-Colossians 3:23

Longwood University : August 19th (Graduate Semester Begins) August 21st (Undergraduate Semester Begins)
Hampden-Sydney College : August 21st

STORIES JESUS TOLD

**College Class @
FBC**

**Sundays at 10 AM
Upstairs Classroom**

This semester, we'll be discussing the parables of Jesus. Join us as we explore lost sheep, stubborn sons, helpful travelers, taking care of vineyards, and more!

Starts August 27th

For more info, get in touch with
Cadance (cadance.tyler@bgav.org)

or
Adam (pastor@farmvillebaptist.org)

Join Us For Our Annual

CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 24 | Wilck's Lake Island



Schedule of Events

10:00 AM | Lakeside Worship

Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating

11:30 AM | Lunch and Fellowship

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share

After Lunch | Fun & Outdoor Games

**SAVE
THE DATE**

**Heart of Virginia Festival
9.16.23**

- 5K/10K Race
- Music
- Food
- Crafts
- Arts



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DEACON FAMILY MINISTRIES

Mc Amoss, Cindy Cave (Chair), Chuck Daniel, Jim Davis, Joyce Davis and Janett Southall

LIFE DEACONS

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

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

July 30	9:45 AM	In-Person Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
July 30	11:00 AM	In-Person & Virtual Worship Service in the Church Sanctuary Zoom Meeting ID : 626 833 551 and passcode 592659
August 1	5:45 PM	Bell Choir Practice in the Church Sanctuary
August 1	6:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
August 2	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Meeting ID : 271 659 616 and passcode 688863
August 6	9:45 AM	In-Person Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
August 6	11:00 AM	In-Person & Virtual Worship Service in the Church Sanctuary Zoom Meeting ID : 626 833 551 and passcode 592659
August 8	5:45 PM	Bell Choir Practice in the Church Sanctuary
August 8	6:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
August 9	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Meeting ID 271 659 616 and passcode 688863
August 13	9:45 AM	In-Person Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
August 13	11:00 AM	In-Person & Virtual Worship Service in the Church Sanctuary Zoom Meeting ID 626 833 551 and passcode 592659
August 15	5:45 PM	Bell Choir Practice in the Church Sanctuary
August 15	6:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
August 16	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Meeting ID 271 659 616 and passcode 688863
August 20	9:45 AM	In-Person Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
August 20	11:00 AM	In-Person & Virtual Worship Service in the Church Sanctuary Zoom Meeting ID 626 833 551 and passcode 592659
August 22	5:45 PM	Bell Choir Practice in the Church Sanctuary
August 22	6:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
August 23	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Meeting ID 271 659 616 and passcode 688863
August 27	9:45 AM	In-Person Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
August 27	10:00 AM	College Class in the Upstairs Classroom led by Pastor Adam & Pastor Cadance
August 27	11:00 AM	In-Person & Virtual Worship Service in the Church Sanctuary Zoom Meeting ID 626 833 551 and passcode 592659
August 29	5:45 PM	Bell Choir Practice in the Church Sanctuary
August 29	6:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
August 30	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Meeting ID 271 659 616 and passcode 688863