



HAPPY  
*New Year*

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

PHIL 4:4

## 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	Becky Kelly	M—O	Joyce Davis	To—Z

## LIFE DEACONS

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

# A Note from Pastor Adam

*The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood. – John 1:14 (The Message)*

What a Christmas we have had! It was a fun season to enter into life with Farmville Baptist Church and celebrate the coming of Christ with this great congregation. The decorations, the songs, the warm conversations and general air of excitement that the season of Advent and Christmas brings is incredible to experience, and it made me want to celebrate all month long.

Yet, as we get ready to take down the tree and pack away the decorations, as the radio station shelves the Christmas music for another year, we as followers of the child born in Bethlehem would do well to remember something: its not just about Christmas. Or, rather, Christmas isn't a season. The Gospel of John tells us that "the Word became flesh and dwelled among us," or, as Eugene Peterson's paraphrase puts it, "The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood."

Maybe it's because my family and I are in the process of moving, but that phrase really stands out to me this year. There is a big difference, you see, between a visit and moving into the neighborhood. When I visit family or friends, it's temporary. Nothing about life really changes; I can overlook their eccentricities, and they can overlook mine. I can ignore their demands or, at worst, grudgingly go along knowing I can escape soon. I smile, I chat, I laugh at their jokes, and then I can leave it behind without any ongoing claim on my life. It was a visit.

But Jesus didn't visit us. He moved in. So we have to wrestle with the implications of that – he came and put down roots in our lives, in our world. And he did it his whole life long: he didn't hold evangelistic crusades, he invested in disciples; he didn't ask people for a one-time donation of time or money, he asked for their whole lives and all they had.

Now, he invites us to do the same. He doesn't invite us to hole up in a bastion of Christian refuge and only make occasional sorties into the world "out there" with token expressions of love and grace and good news. He invites us to move into the neighborhood – to do the hard work of connecting with people and investing in their lives the way Jesus invested in our lives, to walk with them through good times and bad, to be the tangible expression of God's presence in an ongoing way.

Howard Thurman, a pastor and teacher of the way of the Spirit, captures well what this looks like in his book, *The Mood of Christmas*. May his wise words inspire us as we step into a new year, together, as the people of God living in the incarnate, neighborly way of Jesus.

In Christ,

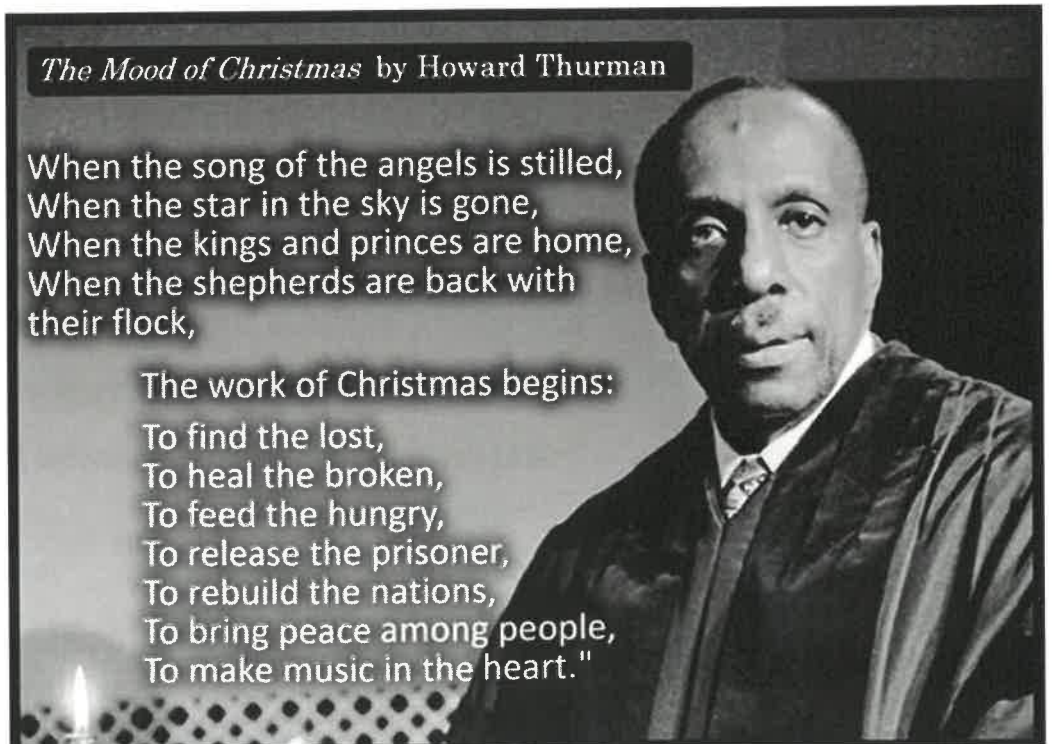
Adam

*The Mood of Christmas* by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with  
their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart."



# God Isn't Finished With Us Yet

God Is Still Gathering Us  
God Is Still Delivering Us  
God Is Still Working on Us  
God Is Still Challenging Us  
God Is Still Calling Us

In-Person Bible Study EVERY *Sunday Morning* at **9:45 AM**

Virtual Bible Study EVERY *Wednesday Evening* at **7:00 PM**

Zoom Meeting ID 271-659-616 with passcode 688863

## Children's Knit Knight

Friday, January 21, 2022

6:00 PM

FBC children, and friends, are invited to fellowship for dinner and a Knit Knight! Following dinner the children will have a demonstration and then knit a scarf, by hand! There will also be a few other activities they can do that evening.

Families ~ Save the Date for a Family Fun Saturday in early February!!

2022 Pledge Campaign Report	2022 Pledge Total	\$99,404.00
	2022 Approved Operating Budget	\$191,990.00

Thank you to all who have either returned their pledge cards via mail or the offertory plate. If you have not yet returned your pledge card we kindly ask that you do so as soon as you can.

Additional pledge cards are available within the window stands at the entrances to the church sanctuary, or one can be mailed to you. If you need one mailed to you please contact the church office by phone at (434) 392-5041 or by email at [office@farmvillebaptist.org](mailto:office@farmvillebaptist.org).

# December Calendar Highlights

## Downtown Farmville Christmas Parade

2021 Parade  
Winners

Non-Commercial Floats	Commercial Floats	Bands
1st- Virginia Childrens Book Festival	1st- A+Plus Electrical/ The Fishin' Pig	1st-Prince Edward
2nd- Rayah Edelson	2nd- Motion Gymnastics	Marching Eagles
Miss Five County Fair	3rd - Smiles & Giggles	2nd-Cumberland County
3rd - Farmville Baptist Church		High School
		Marching Band

*Merry Christmas*  
*And Happy New Year from the...*

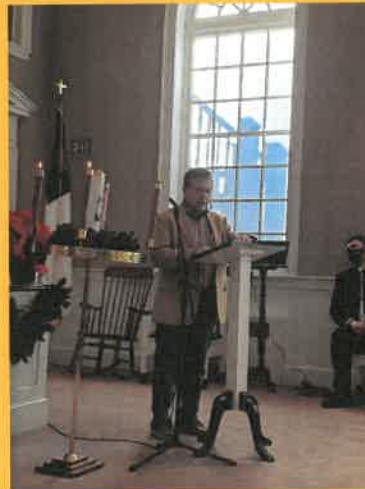
**Farmville JAYCEES** *living here - playing here - giving back*



At the beginning of the Holiday Season, we were happy to participate and have a float in this year's Christmas Parade. Our float represented the birth of baby Jesus and included Mary, Joseph, wise men, sheep, and wise men.

We had a wonderful afternoon and look forward to participating again next year!

## Children's Skit




During Worship on Sunday, December 12th, some of the children put on a short skit about the birth of Jesus, which was narrated by Chuck Daniel.

### WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

If you are willing and able to volunteer for any of our upcoming services please contact the church office or Sandy Yeatts by phone at (434) 392-5041 or by email at [office@farmvillebaptist.org](mailto:office@farmvillebaptist.org).

# JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday Madison Taney</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday Madison Taney</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday Melody Ramsey</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday Barbara Anderson</p> <p><b>8</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday Tori Dunn</p> <p>9:30am-De-decorate Church</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday Georgia Holman</p> <p>9:45am-Sunday School 11am-Worship Service 12:15pm-Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday Nancy Vick</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday James Dunn</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday Toby Towler</p> <p>8:30am-Church Council Meeting 9:45am-Adult Bible Study 11am-Worship Service</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>  <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions FBC Church Office and FBC Preschool <b>CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday Ryan Holman &amp; Penny Huskey</p> <p>5:00—7:00pm : Kid's Movie Night at Church</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>8:30am-C.C. Mtg. 9:45am-Adult Bible Study 11am-Worship Service</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday Bryan Saxtan</p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday Ryan Taney</p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday Rick Chassey</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday Harley Holman</p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday Doreasee Jackson</p> <p>9:45am-Adult Bible Study 11am-Worship Service</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday Garrison Taney</p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>12:15pm : Virtual Devotions</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>

**Notes:** Save the Date : Deacon's Valentines Luncheon following Worship Sunday, February 13th

# UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1	All Day	Happy New Year!
January 2	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
January 2	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship Service streamed Live on our Facebook Page
January 3	All Day	Church Office CLOSED
January 5	7:00 PM	Virtual Adult Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. #271-659-616 with code 688863
January 8	9:30 AM	Remove & Pack Advent Decorations from the Church and Sanctuary
January 9	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
January 9	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship Service via Zoom Mtg. #626-833-551 with code 592659
January 9	12:15 PM	Deacon's Meeting in the Church Parlor directly following Worship
January 12	7:00 PM	Virtual Adult Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. #271-659-616 with code 688863
January 16	8:30 AM	Church Council Meeting in the Church Parlor
January 16	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
January 16	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship Service via Zoom Mtg. #626-833-551 with code 592659
January 19	7:00 PM	Virtual Adult Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. #271-659-616 with code 688863
January 23	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
January 23	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship Service via Zoom Mtg. #626-833-551 with code 592659
January 26	7:00 PM	Virtual Adult Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. #271-659-616 with code 688863
January 30	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
January 30	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship Service via Zoom Mtg. #626-833-551 with code 592659
February 2	7:00 PM	Virtual Adult Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. #271-659-616 with code 688863

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Monthly Financial Report Through December 27, 2021	December Receipts	\$10,679.00
	2021 YTD Receipts	\$132,159.64
	2021 YTD Budget Needs	\$182,400.00
	December Expenditures	\$18,333.05
	2021 YTD Expenditures	\$137,305.67

