

The Informer

February 2023



*We love because he
first loved us.*

1 John 4:19

A Note from Pastor Adam

ANALOG IN A DIGITAL WORLD



And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

In a storage closet in my house, there are boxes and totes of clothes and boots and old books and canvas webbing. A few years ago, I started reenacting as a soldier and airman from World War II. The gear in my storage closet includes a Bible with a metal cover, purported to protect against a bullet, hymnals that chaplains used in the field, and a navigator's stopwatch nestled in a shock-proof case.

I started reenacting because I was looking for a new hobby, something combining my love of history with a chance to meet new people and go new places. It's done that, but it's also given me a deeper understanding of the realities of life for soldiers and airmen in World War II. Though only an approximation—no one is trying to kill anyone else at a reenactment, and we all go home to warm houses and full bellies after the reenactment is over—the lived physical experience of digging a foxhole, wearing scratchy wool uniforms, or sitting in a cramped aircraft seat lend a fuller perspective and greater appreciation. The lived experience grants a clearer picture.

Today, of course, we live in an increasingly digital world. We send e-mails and share pictures on social media networks; we also watch movies and TV shows online. Our grocery orders and doctor's visits can be done on our computer or our smartphones. Cadance and I communicate with our child's teacher through texts much more than face-to-face. And during the pandemic our church, like many churches, dipped our toe into online ministry through Zoom worship and prayer times and Facebook announcements and online giving. We live in a digital world, and that isn't changing anytime soon, so it is good to get better at navigating the virtual landscape.

In the process, though, let's not abandon our physicality. God created us as embodied creatures, with physical senses for social interaction and communal activity that exist in a physical place and in physical time. We seem to be designed to experience the world, and to interact with one another, as physical creatures...and that includes how we are wired to experience God. This is why so many of the practices of faith (prayer, generosity, communion, worship) have physical expressions in the Scriptures (bowing, kneeling, giving coins, breaking bread, lifting hands, singing). The physical expression helps guide our hearts and minds and souls toward God.

Here at Farmville Baptist, we are striving to be faithful stewards of our influence and witness, and so we are taking digital expressions of ministry seriously. I hope we become even more inviting and more effective at fostering spiritual growth through our online footprint. But I also hope that we will not give up meeting together, because when we get together, when we share not just the songs or the sermon, but also the joy of a handshake, the comfort of a smile, the sound of a word of encouragement around the table, we experience the presence of God in our midst. Online is good—but there are some parts of faith that are more helpful and more fulfilling face-to-face. It gives us a greater, richer, and deeper experience of Christian community, because we are living the life of following Jesus together.

So let's get together! Let's gather for worship and for fellowship! Where it is most important, let's hold onto a bit of the analog in this digital world!

Pastor Adam

GOD'S

Gifts

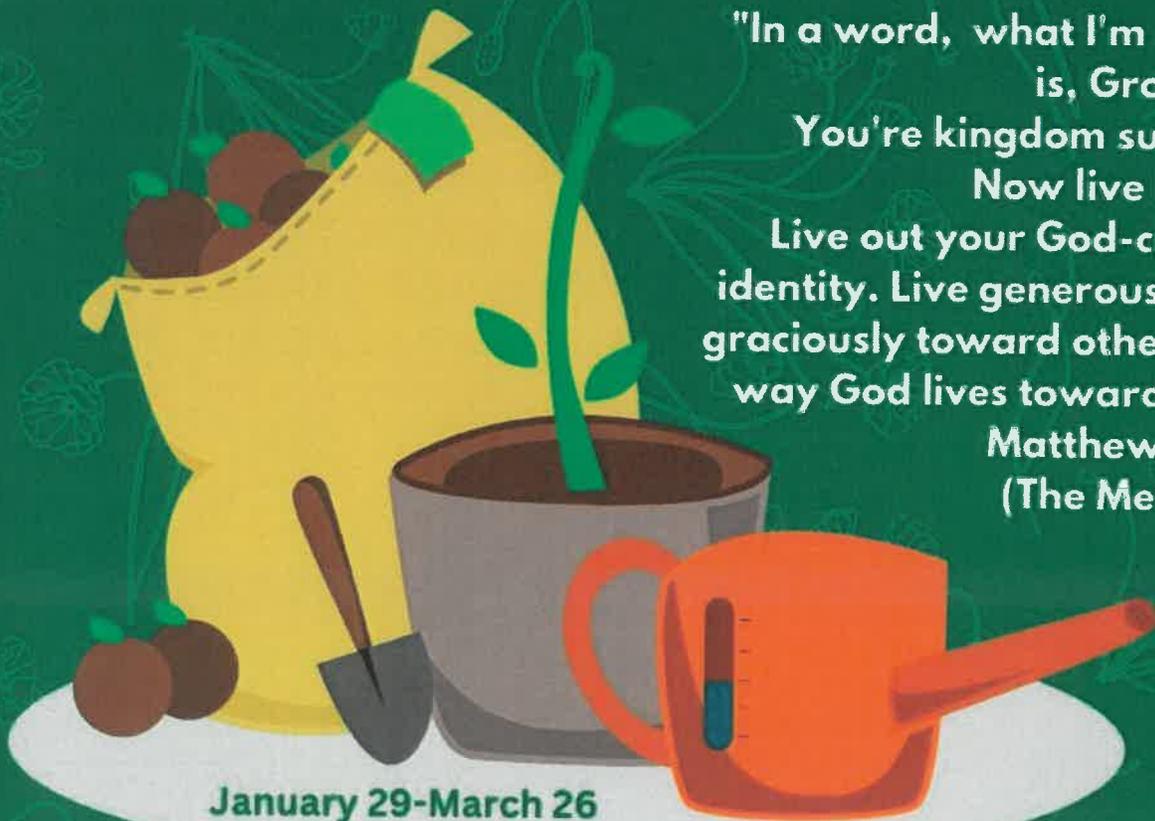
In-Person Bible Study EVERY
Sunday Morning at 9:45 AM

Virtual Bible Study EVERY
Wednesday Evening at 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting ID 271-659-616
with passcode 688863



Growing Up A Sermon Series in Matthew 5

"In a word, what I'm saying
is, Grow up.
You're kingdom subjects.
Now live like it.
Live out your God-created
identity. Live generously and
graciously toward others, the
way God lives toward you."
Matthew 5:48
(The Message)

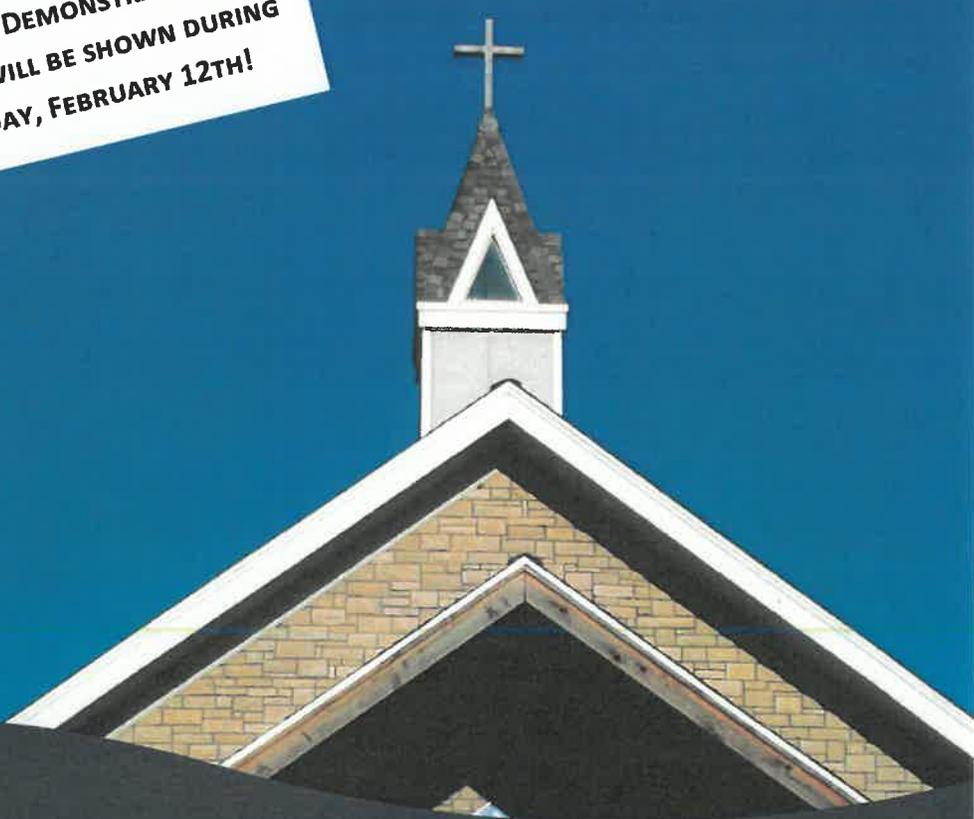


January 29-March 26

FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:45am-Sunday School 11am-Worship Service 6pm-FYC Gather at FBC	30 Happy Birthday Doralease Jackson 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	31 Happy Birthday Garrison Taney 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	1 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	2 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	3 Happy Birthday Carter Chassey	4
5 9:45am-Sunday School 11am-Worship Service 12:15pm-Deacon's Meeting 6pm-FYC Gather at FBC	6 Happy Birthday Suzanne Towler & Sandy Yeatts 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Church Council Meeting via Zoom	7 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	8 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	9 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	10	11
12 9:45am-Sunday School 11am-Worship Service 12:15pm-Valentine's Lunch hosted by Deacons 6pm-FYC Gather at FBC	13 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	14 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	15 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	16 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	17	18
19 9:45am-Sunday School 11am-Worship Service 5:30pm-FYC Soup for the Soul Meal Fundraiser in FBC Fellowship Hall	20 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	21 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice	22 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	23 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	24 Happy Birthday Terri Atkins Wilson	25 11:00am—1:30pm : Mother & Daughter Day at Church
26 9:45am-Adult Bible Study 11am-Worship Service 6pm-FYC Gather at FBC	27 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	28 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	1 Happy Birthday Bruce Dunn 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	2 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	3	4 Happy Birthday Margaret Ann Hargrove

Notes:

A photograph of a church steeple with a cross on top, set against a clear blue sky. The steeple is white with a grey roof and a small window. The roof of the church is made of brown shingles.

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Ladies' Luncheon Recap

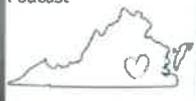
On January 21 the youth Girls and their mothers or grandmothers had a Mother Daughter luncheon!

Joyce Davis taught us how to make a fresh floral arrangement and we also had Nail Art by Elizabeth Whiley –in many colors and designs! As lunch was served, we talked about some of the women in the Bible-how brave, wise and Godly they were.

Gift bags full of goodies were taken home.



The Farmville Baptist Podcast



Following Jesus in the Heart of Virginia

Tuesday · Episode 12 · 25 min left

Episode 010 - Sermon - When Christmas Gets Real (Matthew 2:1-

The Farmville Baptist Church Podcast >

Pause

Happy New Year from Farmville Baptist Church and the Farmville Baptist Podcast!

In this episode, recorded on New Year's Day 2023, Pastor Adam leads a contemplation of the stories of the Magi, Herod, and the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt. He



Episode 010 - Sermon - W...
January 3, 2023



Coming up on the Podcast

These community & ministry partners will be highlighted soon!

- ◆ FACES with Paul Baker
- ◆ Moton Museum with Cameron Patterson
- ◆ CLASP/Community Garden with Dr. Erica Brown-Meredith

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SIX

GRADES
6-12

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FARMVILLE YOUTH
COLLECTIVE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19
PICK-UP FROM
5:30—7:00 PM



EACH MEAL INCLUDES:
Choice of Soup
Garden Salad
Dinner Roll
Dessert

Proceeds benefiting
F.A.C.E.S. Food Pantry

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

February 5	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
February 5	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship Service via Zoom Mtg. #626-833-551 with code 592659
February 5	12:15 PM	Deacon's Meeting in the Church Parlor directly following Worship
February 5	6:00 PM	FYC gathering at FBC—All students in grades 6 through 12 are welcome!
February 7	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice in the Church Sanctuary
February 7	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
February 8	7:00 PM	Virtual Adult Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. #271-659-616 with code 688863
February 12	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
February 12	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship Service via Zoom Mtg. #626-833-551 with code 592659
February 12	12:15 PM	Valentine's Luncheon hosted by the Deacons directly following Worship
February 12	6:00 PM	FYC gathering at FBC—All students in grades 6 through 12 are welcome!
February 14	All Day	Happy Valentine's Day!
February 14	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice in the Church Sanctuary
February 15	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
February 15	7:00 PM	Virtual Adult Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. #271-659-616 with code 688863
February 19	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
February 19	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship Service via Zoom Mtg. #626-833-551 with code 592659
February 19	5:30-7:00 PM	FYC Soup for the Soul Fundraising Dinner—Pick-up Soup Dinner Meal from FBC Fellowship Hall—Students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to attend!
February 20	All Day	Happy Presidents' Day — FBC Church Office & Preschool CLOSED
February 21	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice in the Church Sanctuary
February 21	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
February 22	5:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service in the Church Sanctuary
February 26	9:45 AM	Adult Bible Study in the Church Parlor
February 26	11:00 AM	In-Person and Virtual Worship Service via Zoom Mtg. #626-833-551 with code 592659
February 26	6:00 PM	FYC gathering at FBC—Students, and their families, in grades 6 through 12 welcome!
February 28	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice in the Church Sanctuary
February 28	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
March 1	7:00 PM	Virtual Adult Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. #271-659-616 with code 688863

CHURCH DEACONS

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

LIFE DEACONS

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