

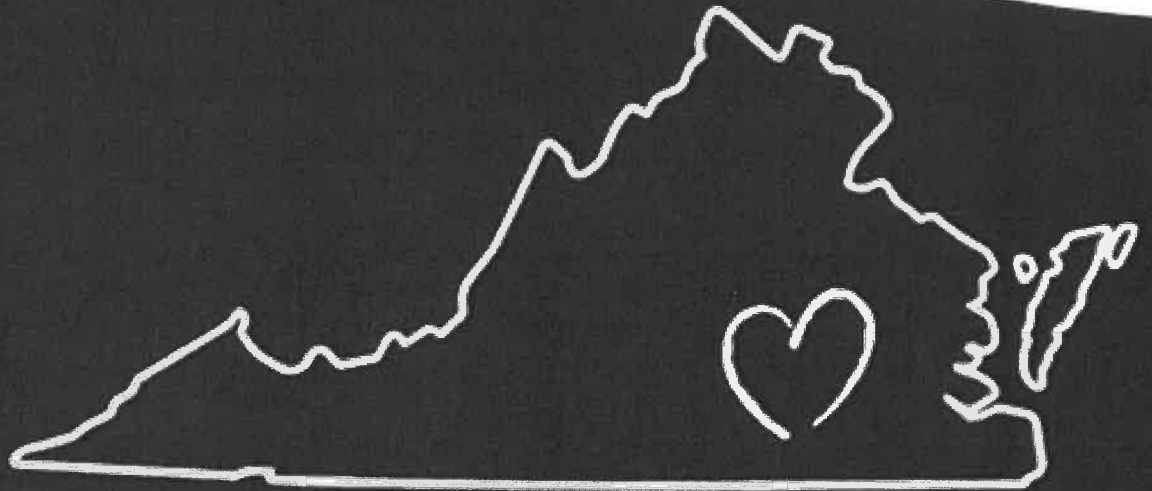
T H E I N F O R M E R

Farmville Baptist Church

132 North Main Street

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MAY 2023



**FOLLOWING JESUS IN THE
HEART OF VIRGINIA**

The Family of Faith

Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. (Galatians 6:10)



On a recent Sunday, I sat in my chair near the pulpit and looked out over the congregation. We were spread out around the sanctuary, but I took stock of who was with us that day. I saw (and heard!) children as young as a few weeks old, and I saw respected elders who could have been great-grandmothers of those children. I



noticed our college students. I recognized folks who have been here for decades sitting next to newcomers who have arrived since I began my pastorate (and I'm still a newcomer!). And I knew that on Zoom, we had more of our congregation, some shut-in or living too far away to come in-person, others simply away from home on a trip, but all still connecting with us for worship.

That Sunday, and each Sunday since that I look out, I've seen *family*.

That's good, because that's what Jesus had in mind for his collection of disciples when he was walking the dusty roads and eating around the table. In Mark 3:34-35, he points to the men and women gathered around him and says, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." The early church took that to heart, living as a family of faith. And Paul, perhaps more influential than anyone else other than Jesus on the direction of Christian thought and practice, referred to those who were part of the church in all its many places and expressions as "the family/household of faith." The Scriptural expectation is that the people of God, the church or congregation, be family to one another, united by our common identity in Christ.

This month, we're going to have one of those moments that reinforces our family connection: child dedication. On Mother's Day, we have several of our young families bringing children to dedicate to God. As part of their commitment, the parents will pledge to receive the child as a precious gift from God, promise to be faithful to their child in love, and seek the church's support in raising their child to love Jesus. Those are some weighty pledges, promises that I remember making when we dedicated Jonathan a few years ago.



But the parents won't make promises alone; the congregation will pledge a few things, too. We will promise to surround the children with love, accept responsibility for our part in caring for these children, and tell these children the good news of Jesus. We will also promise to be for these parents and children a family in Christ, whose love for them cannot be broken.

A family in Christ. I like the sound of that! I can't wait to see the family get together that day – and every Sunday.

In Christ,

Adam



2023 *class of*

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Buckingham County High School Graduation
Cumberland County High School Graduation

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Hampden-Sydney College Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies
The Governor's School of Southside Virginia Graduation

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Charlotte County High School Graduation
Longwood University Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies
Prince Edward County High School Graduation

FRIDAY, MAY 26

Fuqua High School Graduation

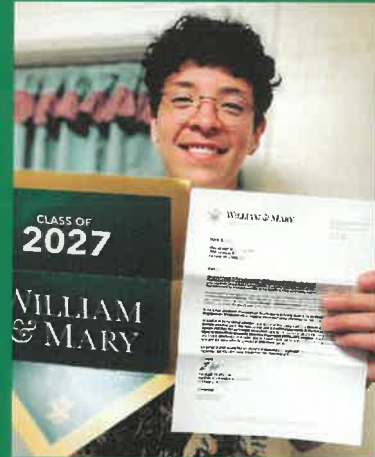


GRADUATION WISHES

Marwell Arauz will graduate from Cumberland County High School on Friday, May 12th.

His graduation from The Governor's School of Southside Virginia will be on Saturday, May 13th.

Marwell will continue his studies by attending The College of William & Mary majoring in Computer Science.



Kathryn Trent will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Longwood University's Cook-Cole College of Arts & Sciences on Saturday, May 20, 2023.

The picture included here is of Kathryn and her father, Tim, at her Senior Degree Recital that was held on Monday, April 24, 2023 at Molnar Recital Hall.

COLLEGE EXAM CARE PACKAGES

As the spring semester comes to a close for our local college students, members of our church came together and put together exam care packages. These packages included snacks, pens, pencils, prayers and other items of encouragement. Twenty-five packages were given to the CLASP organization at Longwood University for its students, and a dozen packages were distributed to the students who attend Bible Study and/or Worship with us here at Farmville Baptist. In addition to the care packages, Farmville Baptist will be sponsoring a "Breakfast on the Go" at the BCM building one of the mornings during exam week (May 1–May 5).



FYC WEEK OF FUN

JUNE 4–8, 2023

FARMVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 4—SUNDAY SERVICE

JUNE 5—MOVIE MONDAY

JUNE 6—TIE DYE AND TACOS

JUNE 7—WAY BACK WEDNESDAY

JUNE 8—GLO PARTY

SCAN HERE TO FILL OUT
REGISTRATION FORM



Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Farmville Baptist held our Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 2023 at the church since the weather was a bit cold! There were 12 children who attended with their families, including one family from our Preschool! We had a wreath craft for our older girls, a treasure box for the older boys, and several great crafts for the younger ones! The Easter Egg Hunt was the BEST ever – there were about 350 eggs for the children to find! Along with all of this we had plenty of food and prizes in the eggs to share.



Children's Skate Party

On Saturday, March 25, 2023, Farmville Baptist Church youth, their families and guests had a skating party at AJ's Skateworld in Appomattox, VA. There were a total of 30 participating in this month's Youth event. Farmville Baptist Church holds a monthly youth event which varies from skating trips, movie nights, mission months and more. Students ages 6-13 are invited to join these activities.



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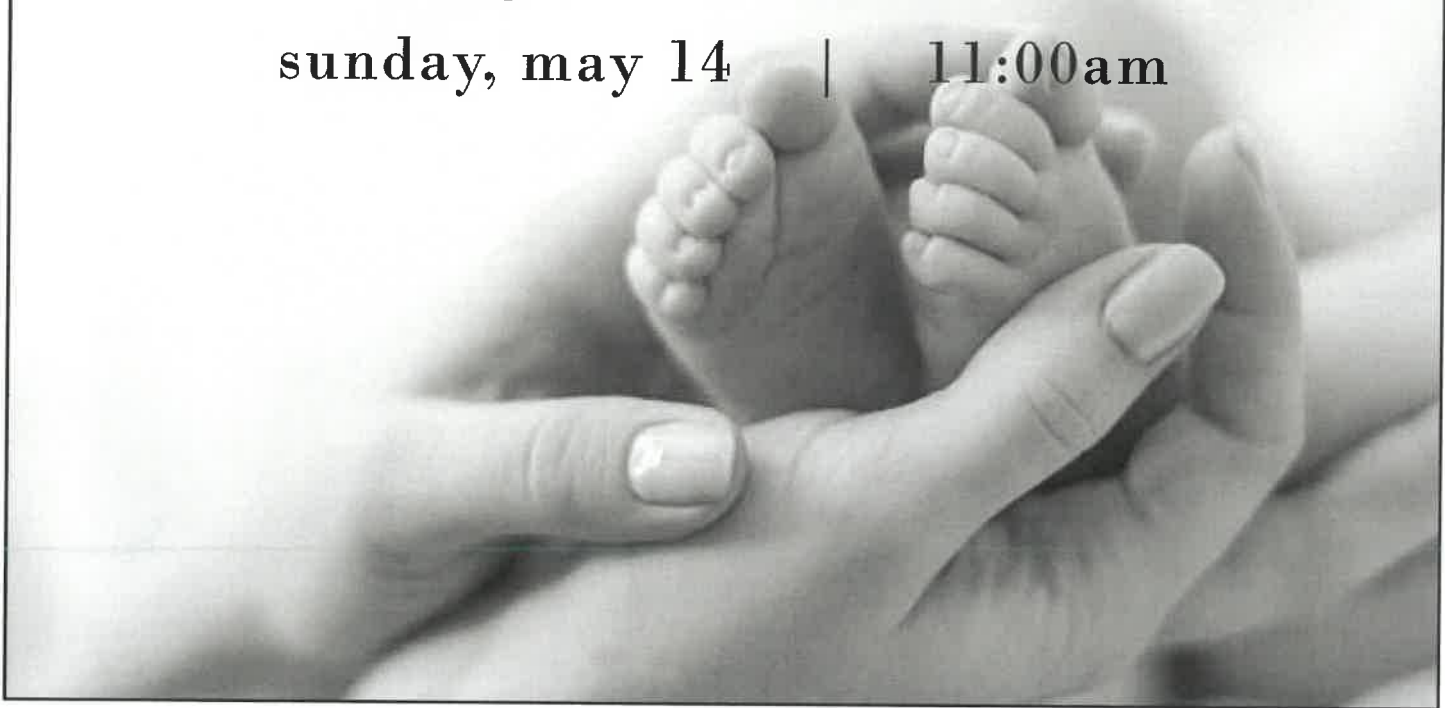
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:45am—Bible Study 11:00am—Worship Service 6pm—FYC @ FUMC	12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Happy Birthday Aal Taney 9:45am—Bible Study 11:00am—Worship Service 12:00pm—First Sunday's Family Luncheon 6pm—FYC @ FUMC	12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	FBC Preschool CLOSED		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 9:45am—Bible Study 11:00am—Child Dedication Worship Ser- 6pm—FYC @ FUMC	12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	Happy Birthday Charlotte Haskins	Happy Birthday Mary Jo Chassey	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Happy Birthday Kinley Ross	12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	Last Day of Classes for FBC Preschool		Happy Birthday Ken Copeland & Lyla Ross
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Happy Birthday Bonnie Ramsey & Margaret Ann Stombork 9:45am—Bible Study 11:00am—Worship Service 6pm—FYC @ FUMC	FBC Office CLOSED 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	Happy Birthday Russell Chassey 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	Happy Birthday John Copeland		

Notes: FYC Week of Fun is June 4 through June 8 gathering each evening from 6:00-8:00 PM

child dedications

committing our children to the Lord

sunday, may 14 | 11:00am



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

The deacons will gather for their monthly meeting this month directly following Worship on Sunday, May 21st in the Church Parlor.

Monthly Financial Report Through April 28, 2023	April Receipts	\$11,269.75
	April Expenditures	\$11,670.08
	YTD Budget Needs	\$65,800.00
	YTD Receipts	\$52,166.28
	YTD Expenditures	\$57,364.44

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

April 30	9:45 AM	In-Person Bible Study in the Church Parlor
April 30	11:00 AM	Traditional Sunday Worship Service in the Church Sanctuary and via Zoom
April 30	6-7:30 PM	Farmville Youth Collective weekly gathering at Farmville United Methodist Church
May 2	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice
May 2	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
May 3	7:00 PM	Virtual Adult Bible Study via Zoom Meeting ID 721-659-616 and passcode 688863
May 7	9:45 AM	In-Person Bible Study in the Church Parlor
May 7	11:00 AM	Traditional Sunday Worship Service in the Church Sanctuary and via Zoom
May 7	12:15 PM	First Sunday's Family Lunch in the Fellowship Hall directly following Worship
May 7	6-7:30 PM	Farmville Youth Collective weekly gathering at Farmville United Methodist Church
May 9	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice
May 9	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
May 10	7:00 PM	Virtual Adult Bible Study via Zoom Meeting ID 721-659-616 and passcode 688863
May 14	All Day	Happy Mother's Day
May 14	9:45 AM	In-Person Bible Study in the Church Parlor
May 14	11:00 AM	Child Dedication Worship Service in the Church Sanctuary and via Zoom
May 16	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice
May 16	6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
May 17	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. ID 721-659-616 and passcode 688863
May 21	9:45 AM	In-Person Bible Study in Church Parlor
May 21	11:00 AM	Traditional Sunday Worship Service in the Church Sanctuary and via Zoom
May 21	12:15 PM	Deacon's Monthly Meeting in the Church Parlor directly following Worship
May 21	6-7:30 PM	Farmville Youth Collective Family Night at Farmville United Methodist Church
May 23	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice
May 24	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. ID 721-659-616 and passcode 688863
May 25	9AM—12PM	Last Day of School for FBC Preschool
May 28	9:45 AM	In-Person Bible Study in Church Parlor
May 28	11:00 AM	Traditional Sunday Worship Service in the Church Sanctuary and via Zoom
May 28	6-7:30 PM	Farmville Youth Collective weekly gathering at Farmville United Methodist Church
May 29	All Day	Happy Memorial Day—Church Office CLOSED
May 30	5:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice
May 31	7:00 PM	Virtual Bible Study via Zoom Mtg. ID 721-659-616 and passcode 688863