

THE INFORMER

Church Newsletter Issue for June & July 2023

FARMVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH



**FOLLOWING JESUS IN THE
HEART OF VIRGINIA**

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Learning Jesus

“...we proclaim Christ crucified...” (1 Cor. 1:23)

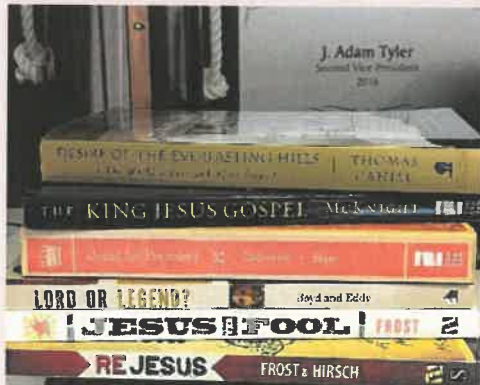
In a recent sermon, I spoke of my great love of books, and how I enjoy being surrounded by books that I haven't (yet) read. Reflecting on that tidbit as we stand on the edge of summer, I thought a bit about what a restful, relaxing vacation would be for me. My wife and children would be there, of course, and maybe some additional family and friends. But also present in my hypothetical getaway is a stack of books, a plentiful supply of coffee, and a comfortable chair in the shade where the ocean breezes or mountain air blows.



It's not looking like that idyllic scenario will play out for me this summer, but I do plan to set aside some time to read. But I need to not just read the sci-fi novels or the biographies that make up my usual fair. I also need to dive deeper into the story of Jesus. Why? Because it is in the story of Jesus that I learn the most *about* Jesus, about God, and about the kingdom of heaven. After all, I think Jesus is important enough that I've not only dedicated my career to him, but my very life – so maybe I should get to know him as well as I can, right?

Such a perspective reflects the teaching and practice of the early church. The preaching of Paul, our earliest surviving witness to the work of the Jesus movement, is centered on the life and work of Christ. So, too, is the book of Acts; Peter's sermon at Pentecost focuses on Jesus, and the miracles the disciples do are performed in the name of Jesus. And our modern Bibles continue the ancient practice of organizing the contents of the New Testament not by date written, but by highlighting the life and work of Jesus; that's why the Gospels always come first.

So, this summer, I'm going to spend some time learning Jesus, and I'd like to invite you to join me. I'm not suggesting a day-by-day schedule, but I do want to lift up three practices (suggested by Australian theologian Michael Frost) that can help us both draw closer to Jesus and know him better. Frost advocates for spending one significant time each week studying the Gospels and Jesus' life, and he gives three mutually-supporting formats for doing so:



- Study the Gospels: take the opportunity to read a Gospel in one go; each of the Gospels can be read in about 1.5-2.5 hours.
- Read about Jesus: pick one book this summer and read what a scholar or pastor has to say about Jesus' life; one good option in our church library (multiple copies) is Philip Yancey's *The Jesus I Never Knew*, which our college students just studied this spring. Other options I'm happy to loan out from my own shelves are in the stack to the left.
- Watch something about Jesus: in our multimedia age, we often learn as much or more from filmed portrayals of someone than books about them; pick a movie or television show about Jesus (or two or three – no one portrayal gets

it all right) to help you engage Jesus in a new way. I am watching *The Chosen* right now, and can also recommend *The Gospel of John*. Videos by The Bible Project (bibleproject.com) are also engaging and accessible.

Through these ways of reading and learning about Jesus, we do what Michael Frost suggests; we “*marinate* our minds and souls in the story of Jesus.” As we do, “we slowly but surely orient our lives toward the things of Christ, and we become deeply familiar with his story so we can share it whenever anyone asks us for the reason for the hope we have in him.”

May this summer be a summer where you learn much about Jesus and grow in your faith!

In Christ,

Adam



Sunday, June 4, 2023

10 AM

Join us for breakfast

**Sponsored by
Farmville Baptist**

**Fellowship Hall
Farmville Baptist
Church**

**132 North Main St.
Farmville, Va**

The Ahmadi Family Journey

From Afghanistan to Farmville, Va.

For more info contact Patsy Watson with the Interfaith Collective at gnpwatson@gmail.com

**Learn how to help the
girls with their school
costs in the US**

**Meet the Local
Resettlement Team
Members**

**Their story will touch
your soul.**

FYC

WEEK OF FUN

JUNE 4TH-8TH

6-8PM

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





F.A.C.E.S. FOOD PANTRY

FARMVILLE BAPTIST & ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES ARE
SCHEDULED TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD ON SATURDAY, JULY 29TH.

The distribution is at the FACES location on Commerce Road from 8 to 10:30 AM.
All are also welcome to help on Thursday the 27th from 3:30 to 4:30-5 to fill
the bags for Saturday distribution.



SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH

8:30 AM

**SANDY RIVER OUTDOOR
ADVENTURE PARK**

The youth, and their parent(s), are invited to gather
for a fun day at Sandy River Outdoor Adventure Park in Rice.

To RSVP and for more information contact
Janett Southall at 434-547-5222.



2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Friday, July 7 from 6—8 PM
Saturday, July 8 from 10 AM—1 PM

SAVE THE DATE

Mission's Sunday

**"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."
-1 Peter 4:10**

Sunday, July 16 | 10:00 AM

FBC Fellowship Hall

JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:45am—Bible Study 10:00am—Breakfast Meet & Greet Ahmadi Family 11:00am—Pentecost Sunday Worship Service WEAR RED	29 Church Office CLOSED	30 Happy Birthday George Carter	31 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	1 Happy Birthday John Copeland	2 12:15pm : Virtual Devotions	3
4 9:45am—Bible Study 11:00am—Worship Service 6:00–8:00pm—FYC Week of Fun at FUMC	5 Happy Birthday Bill Wilson 6:00- 8:00pm : FYC Week of Fun at FUMC	6 6:00- 8:00pm : FYC Week of Fun at FUMC	7 Happy Birthday James Swanberg 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study 6:00- 8:00pm : FYC Week of Fun at FUMC	8 Happy Birthday Clint Vick 6:00- 8:00pm : FYC Week of Fun at FUMC	9 Happy Birthday Elizabeth Whiley	10
11 9:45am—Bible Study 11:00am—Worship Service	12	13 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	14	15	16	17 Happy Birthday Stephen Paulette
18 HAPPY <i>Father's day</i> 9:45am—Bible Study 11:00am—Worship Service	19	20 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	21 Happy Birthday Patsy Watson 7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study	22	23 Happy Birthday Martha Powers	24 Happy Birthday CJ Alderson
25 9:45am—Bible Study 11:00am—Worship Service	26	27 5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30	1

Notes:

JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>9:45am—Bible Study 11:00am—Worship Service</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church Office CLOSED</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Happy Birthday Elizabeth Covington</p> <p><i>HAPPY Fourth of July</i></p> <p>Church Office CLOSED</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Happy Birthday Ann Swanberg</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00-8:00pm : Pet's Unleashed VBS</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00am-1:00pm : Pet's Unleashed VBS</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:45am—Bible Study 11:00am—Worship Service</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Happy Birthday Addison Southall</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Happy Birthday Janett Southall</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Happy Birthday Phyllis Druen, Adam Tyler, & Pheobe Tyler</p> <p>10:00am—Mission Sunday</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:45pm : Bell Choir Practice 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00pm : Virtual Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Happy Birthday Amy Powers</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Happy Birthday Mark Cave</p>
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<p>Notes:</p>						

T-SHIRT ORDER

WE ARE PREPARING TO ORDER ANOTHER BATCH OF FBC T-SHIRTS!

This batch of T-Shirts will be in the sage green color pictured below.

We encourage all to wear your T-Shirt to the upcoming Church Picnic and other community events!

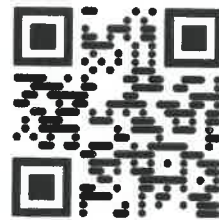


\$15 PER SHIRT

*NOTE: *Adult Small* through *Adult 3X* are only available sizes*

If you'd like to order a T-Shirt, please do so through the church office.

Email (office@farmvillebaptist.org),
by phone (434) 392-5041,
or scan QR code here!



Order Here

A photograph showing several hands holding an open Bible. Some hands are open, while others are clasped in prayer. The background is dark, and the Bible is the central focus.

ASPECTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Mornings @ 9:45 AM

| Wednesday Nights @ 7:00 PM

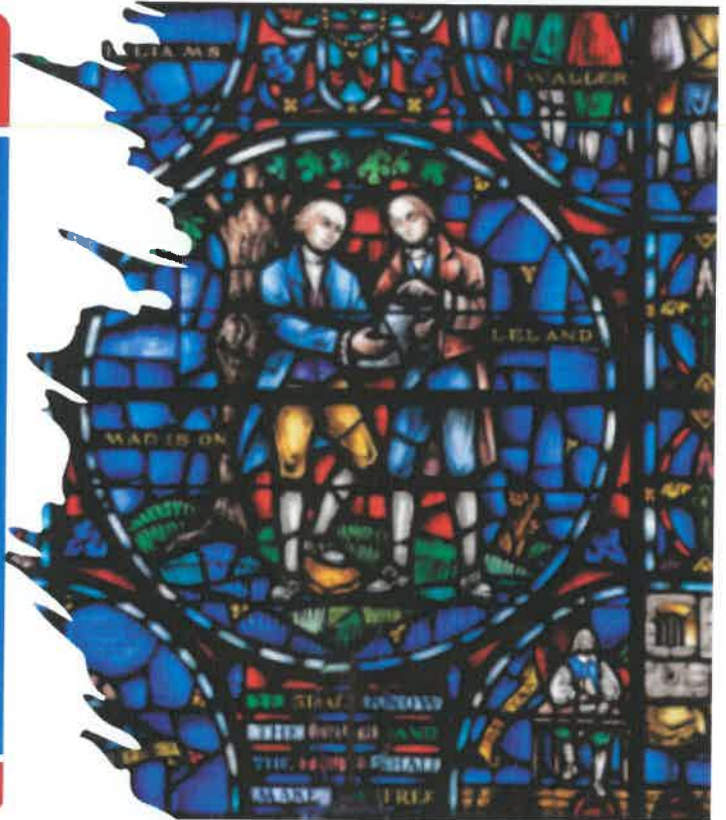
The Farmville Baptist Podcast Summer Edition

Religious liberty is the great contribution of Baptists to the American project. Freedom to worship and freedom from government establishment of religion is among the foundational elements of the Baptist version of Christianity.

This summer on the podcast, we'll explore this core Baptist value through three special episodes:

- Pastor Roundtable – Revs. Martha Kearse, Todd Blake, & Adam Tyler (June)
- Rev. Shelton Miles, pastor and BGAV advocate for religious liberty (July)
- Amanda Tyler, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty and lead organizer of Christians Against Christian Nationalism (August)

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The Jesus Way

Sermons in Matthew 6
June 4 – July 9



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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

WAYS TO GIVE



**DURING
SERVICE**

Giving Envelope placed in the Offertory Plate during Worship on Sunday Mornings



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