



The Informer

Fairfax First Baptist Church

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Love God supremely, Love Others as Yourself, Share the Gospel of Jesus

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Music Director: Sandra Daubard

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 11/19
 Sunday School 10:00am
 Morning Worship 11:00am
 Praise Band 4:30pm
 Discipleship Training 5:00pm
 Youth & Children's Bible Study 5:30pm
 Evening Worship 6:00pm
 Snack Supper 6:45pm

Thursday, 11/23
Thanksgiving Day Office Closed

Friday, 11/24 Office Closed

SERVANTS November 19, 2017

NURSERY AM

Dot Googe

USHERS

Charles Carlson, Larry Manuel,
Bobby Thomas, Justin Williams

GREETERS

Keitha Walls & Marsha Wiley

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Butch Sauls

NOVEMBER 19 TELLERS

Joey Oswald & Butch Sauls

SNACK SUPPER

Charles & Mary Jean Carlson

STATE MISSION GOAL: \$2000.00

RECEIVED TO DATE: \$1053.00

NEEDED: \$947.00



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

P.O. DRAWER 820

FAIRFAX, SC 29827

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lexington Hosp.: Betty Thomas (Bobby's sister)

National Health Care Rehab, West Columbia:
L. R. Thomas

Oak Brook Health & Rehab: 920 Travelers Blvd., Summerville 29485 - Dot Whitson (Rm. 115A)

JEH Nursing Home: Jacqueline Kears, Delores Brunson, Jean Ferguson, Hazel Mathis, Celia Jones, Betty Sanders, Mary Reid

Briana's Residential Care: Hilda Rahn

St Matthews Convalescence Center: Omma Lee Folk, Box 157, 601 Dantzler St., 29135

Emerald Gardens Assisted Living: 201 Overland Dr., Greenwood, SC 29646 (Rm. 315) - Ann Tyler

At Home: Katie Champagne, Joe & Louise Cook, Sara Cook, Clyde Furman, Sara Gallagher, Donnie Jones, Horace Kears, Kathi Loadholt, Peggy Loadholt, Billy Main, Carol Ann Priester, Dale Robinson, Susan Royster, Latrelle Still, Cambridge Stone, Patti Sullivan, Mary Williams, Romonda Williams, Myrna Wilson, Jule Young

Friends & Family: Ginger Altman, Raymond Bennett, Thomas Benton, Jenna Bodiford, Willis Bowers, David Brabham, Peggy Brabham, Sara Jo Brown, Jimmy Burbage, Rev. Gene Carroll, Holly Coker, David Cook, Jr., Hank & Claire Coath, Sally Chassereau (Libby's sister), Holly Coker, Charles Cribb, Jeff Dole, Linda Dyches (Cecelia's sister-in law), Laney Futch (niece of Lynn), Faye Gooding, Leslie Flenikan, Carrie Grubbs (Virginia's granddaughter), Todd Grubbs, David Horn, Ron Huber, Betty Hutto, Richard Koenig, Marie Lee, David Lightsey, Gabriel Litchfield, Margaret Long, Annelle McCaskey, Lexie Monroe, Resa Monts, Ross McMillan, Betty Overstreet, Rev. Allen Perry, Azilee Polk, Reid Porter, Jr., Shirley & Penny Robinson, Cliff Rogers, Helen Ruble, Megan Sharpe, Howard Simmons, Elizabeth Smith, Eugene Smith, Mark Smith, Sharon Snider, Rachel Stanford, Mary Ann Stanley (Sadie's Sister), Nellie Sullivan, Patti Sullivan, Tim Tomlinson, Rachel Wiggins, W. K. & Else Windham, Blanche Winstead, Harriet Ann Wooldridge, Dennis Wright

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY: John Mark Cook, Major Lindi Kirkland, US Air Force

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

SERMON TOPIC AND TEXT

“A Sign”

Matthew 16:1-12

Discipleship

Two Different Gospels

Everyone likes preachers who give challenging sermons, and none have ever been more challenging than Pelagius. Somewhere around the turn of the fifth century, he arrived in Rome, lambasting immorality and issuing a clarion call for Christians to live in purity. All stirring stuff.

However, when Augustine, the planet-brained bishop of Hippo, looked into what Pelagius was teaching, he realized that, for all his Christian language, Pelagius had fundamentally misunderstood the nature of God and the gospel. Pelagius was teaching that we had done wrong things - that was the problem - but that if ever we are to enter Heaven, we must start doing right things. It did not seem to have occurred to Pelagius that we were created to know and love God, and thus for him the aim of the Christian life was not to enjoy God but to use Him as the one who sells us Heaven for the price of being moral.

How differently Augustine saw things! Knowing God to be the triune God of love, he held that we were not created simply to live under His moral code, hoping for some paradise where he will never be. We were made to find our rest and satisfaction in His all-satisfying fellowship. Moreover, our problem is not so much that we have behaved wrongly, but that we have been drawn to love wrongly. Made in the image of the God of love, Augustine argued that we are always motivated by love - and that is why Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They sinned because they loved something else more than Him. That also means that merely altering our behavior, as Pelagius suggested, will do no good. Something more profound is needed: our hearts must be turned back.

A little over a thousand years later, Martin Luther picked up Augustine's line of thought to define the sinner as “the person curved in on himself,” no longer outgoingly loving like God, no longer looking to God,

but inward-looking, self-obsessed, devilish. Such a person might well behave morally or religiously, but all they did would simply express their fundamental love for themselves.

As God the Father has always looked outward to the Son and vice versa, so Eve was created to look outward, to look like God and to enjoy God as the source of all goodness and life. But Eve was turning inward to love only herself. And thus she was turning from the image of God into the image of the devil

The nature of the triune God makes all the difference in the world to understand what went wrong when Adam and Eve fell. It means something happened deeper than rule-breaking and misbehavior: we perverted love and rejected Him, the one who made us to love and be loved by Him.

Delighting In The Trinity by Michael Reeves

SYMPATHY

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to Carol Ann Priester and family on the loss of her brother, Charles Cribb.

BOSTON BUTTS FOR SALE

The Tenth Grade Class of Patrick Henry Academy is selling Boston Butts on Saturday, January 6, 2018. The cost is \$25.00. They will be ready to pick up at 4:00pm that day at PHA, or delivered to you in Fairfax after 4:00pm. If interested, please call Wendy Ready at 803-686-0737. Thanks in advance for your support.

INVITATION TO BID

1. Maintenance of Grounds 2. Custodian

You may pick up a copy of Job Description at Fairfax First Baptist Church office or call church office @ 803-632-3228 or Joey Oswald @ 803-584-5557

Property Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 16th at 6:00pm

Nominating Committee Meeting this Sunday, November 19 at 5:30pm

Office closed Thursday & Friday, November 23rd & 24th for Thanksgiving.

BUSINESS CONFERENCE

We will have one more Business Conference this year on Sunday night, November 26. We will vote on Deacons, Nominating Committee recommendations and the Budget. **Deacon nominees are:** Ken Ready, Addison Williams, and Jacob Oswald.

VISITATION

Visitation Team 3 Joey & Gina Oswald and Larry & Lynn Manuel will visit the week of November 19

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High School Students are invited to the Forge Student Ministry Retreat November 17th -19th in Asheville, NC with Grace Church. This will be a great time for fun and discipleship, and very low cost. Please let Pastor David know if you are interested.

SAVE THE DATES:

On January 29-30 (Monday & Tuesday) a photographer will be here to take pictures for a new church directory. We will make appointments for each household between 1:00pm to 9:00pm on those days when we get closer to January.

OUR RECORD SPEAKS 11/12/2017

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| SS Enrollment/Attendance..... | 128/67 |
| SS Visitors/New Members..... | 0/0 |
| Morning Worship | 70 |
| Budget Offering..... | \$2665.50 |
| Budget Needs (weekly)..... | \$3798.00 |