

# The Informer

## Fairfax First Baptist Church

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### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, 4/11/21	
Sunday School	10:00am
Morning Worship—Business Meeting	11:00am
Praise Band Practice	4:00pm
Discipleship Training, Youth &	•
Children's Activities	5:00pm
Evening Worship	
Tuesday, 4/13/21	
Handbell Practice	7:00 pm
Wednesday, 4/14/21	
Prayer & Bible Study	6:30 nm

#### SERVANTS—April 11, 2021

**Tellers** Joel Williams, Jan Thomas

> **Lord's Prayer** Joel Williams

**Church Monitor Charles Carlson** 

Please Continue to give to Annie Armstrong. **Annie Armstrong contributions** are \$1200.00 Our goal is \$3000.

#### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Lorine Speck 621 Tribecca Court, Charleston,

**JEH Nursing Home**:

Jean Ferguson, Catherine Loadholt, Celia Jones, Annie Manuel

Briana's Residential Care: Hilda Rahn, Tyler Rest More Home- Orangeburg, SC Claudine Mitchel

**OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:** John Mark Cook, Lt. Joseph Dyches Jr., Major Lindi Kirkland -US Air Force

#### Friends & Family:

Raymond Bennett, Paula Billingsley,

Peggy Boleman, Willis Bowers, David Brabham, Leigh Brabham, Marvin Brege, Carolyn Bryan, Katie Champagne, Louise Cook, Michael Cone, Larry Cribb, James Deer, Jeff Dole, Charlie Drawdy, Ralph & Elaine Elliott, Marvin Ferrer, George Folk, Ida Foust, Dot Googe, Leroy Googe, Carrie Grubbs, Todd Grubbs, Bonnie Harter, Walker Russell Harter, Greg Hiatt, Jenny Jackson, Donnie & Debbie Jones, Cecilia Kearse, Chester & June Kearse, Linda Kearse, Peggy Loadholt, Resa Monts, Kenny Morris Jr., Linda Moseley, David Murphy, Kelly O Bryant, Frankie Padgett, Chris & Tammy Page, Ralph Payne, Azilee Polk, Reid Porter Jr., Dr. Raman, Debbie Rish, Shirley & Penny Robinson, Cliff Rogers, Libby Smith, Latrelle Still, Cambridge Stone, Lorine Speck, Sara Beth Thomas, Tina Tuten, Kim Trabue, Teresa Tyler, David Walls, David & Marsha Ann Wiley, Myrna Wilson, W. K. & Elese Windham, Billy Woolridge, Jule Young, Janice Zissette



By grace you have been saved through faith. Ephesians 2:8-9

The life preserver bobbed atop the waves, just inches from the distressed swimmer's fingers. Every time she thought she was close enough, she reached out to grab it. But every time, it scooted away and came to rest just beyond her grasp.

Have you ever come close to drowning? If so, you have felt the panic that floods a drowning swimmer's heart. You know the effort it takes to push the panic away. You know the thoughts that race through a swimmer's mind:

How can I get the lifeguard's attention? How can I get closer to the shore? How can I find the strength to keep on treading water to stay afloat?

There's no relief like that of reaching the life preserver and hugging it tightly to one's chest. There's no relief like that of seeing the lifeguard scrambling across the beach and swimming as fast as possible in vour direction.

Rescued. Safe. Saved. These are sweet words!

Have you known what it's like to drown in your sins? If so, you will identify with the words Paul wrote to the believers in Rome:

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Romans 7:15

We struggle to love that difficult co-worker or obnoxious relative. We fight the temptation to gossip—and lose. We fend off the worry for an hour or a day then it comes roaring back, and we

find ourselves sinking below the waves yet again.

We know what's right, but so often we do something else entirely. Unless our hearts are very hard this floods us with confusion, guilt, and shame.

In desperation, we look around for a lifesaver, a rescuer. "Who will deliver me? We, like Paul, ask ourselves (Romans 7:24). Even as we hope there truly is an answer, we fear there may not be. Then we hear these sweet words:

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Romans 7:25 By grace you have been saved through Ephesians 2:8 faith.

Lord Jesus, your are my Rescuer! Your cross and empty tomb have canceled every sin, every accusation that could be brought against me.....

**Graduate Recognition** 

On Sunday, May 23, we will recognize Graduates. If you know of anyone who is graduating, please let the church office know.

Thank you to the men who cooked the Sunrise service breakfast. We appreciate you very much! The breakfast was delicious.

Because of Covid-19 last year and continuing this year, we have experienced a lower than normal giving in our churches. Each church in the Allendale-**Hampton Baptist Association are being** asked to give a special offering to help the Association and Camp Jackson. We will be taking this special offering up on April the 18th at the end of our morning worship service.



**Mission Project** 

Our Youth will be collecting money for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this year. What is collected between now and October will be used to purchase items to be packed in the Shoeboxes. There is a jar in our Sunday School room if you would like to drop in some change toward this goal. If you would like to donate, you may add this as a designated item on an offering envelope. If you have any questions, contact Mary Jean. Additional jars will be in the entrance to church and church office.

Thank You

**Online Giving** You can give online at: baptistfoundationsc.org/give/ (Select Fairfax First Baptist or #ffbc) You have the option to give by credit card or check.

OUR RECORD SPEAKS	<u>4/04/21</u>
SS Enrollment/Attendance	. 116/31
Visitors/New Members	00/00
Morning Worship	130
Youth Mission Project	80.00
Annie Armstrong	200.00
Cemetery Fund	50.00
Building Fund	100.00
Budget Offering	. 3855.00
<b>Budget Needs (weekly)</b>	3798.00