

The Informer

Fairfax First Baptist Church

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 1/16

Sunday School	10:00am 11:00am
Community Outreach	5:00pm
Evening Worship	6:00pm
Monday, 1/17	
Handbells	7:00pm
Tuesday, 1/18	
Outreach Planning & Prayer	6:30pm
Wednesday, 1/19	
Prayer and Bible Study	6:30pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:30pm

SERVANTS January 16, 2022

<u>Tellers</u> Joey Oswald, Tripp Williams

Lord's Prayer

Ken Ready

Church Monitor

Stan Sibley

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Lorine Speck - 123 Gibson Rd. Unit 12 Lexington SC. 29072

JEH Nursing Home:

Jean Ferguson, Catherine Loadholt, Annie Manuel, 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, Jo Ann Brabham, Leigh Brabham, Marvin Brege, Katie Champagne, Salley Chassereau Larry Cribb, James Deer, Charlie Drawdy, Ralph & Elaine Elliott, Marvin Ferrer, George Fogle, Ida Foust, Jenny Graham, Carrie Grubbs, Todd Grubbs, Bonnie & Walker Russell Harter, Hayne Herndon, Kenny Morris, Jr., Greg Hiatt, Jenny Jackson, Donnie & Debbie Jones, Cecilia Kearse, Chester & June Kearse, Linda Kearse, Lib Loadholt, Peggy Loadholt, Resa Monts, Linda Moselev, David Murphy, Kelly O Bryant, Frankie Padgett, Chris & Tammy Page, Ralph Payne, Azilee Polk, Reid Porter Jr., Dr. Raman, Debbie Rish, Shirley & Robinson, Cliff Rogers, Linda Rowell, Libby Smith, Latrelle Still, Cambridge Stone, Richard Sumler, Jerel Teems, June Thomas, Sara Beth Thomas, Tina Tuten, Kim Trabue, Teresa Tyler, David Walls, David & Marsha Ann Wiley, Myrna Wilson, W. K. & Elese Windham, Billy Woolridge, Janice Zissette



I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you know the LORD. -Hosea 2:20.

There are two kinds of people in the world—those who like surprises and those who don't. Into which category do you fall? Perhaps for you, that depends on the surprise.

Life can be full of happy surprises like birthday parties, double rainbows after a rainstorm, or an unexpected phone call from a long-lost friend.

Life also can include some not-so-happy surprises. The appearance of black mold in the basement. A credit card bill that's grown much larger than you thought. Your dog's decision to tear the soda apart while you're away at work.

Hosea 2:20 describes a happy surprise, a very happy surprise. In this verse, God expresses the depth of his love and commitment to his people. His promise carries all the intensity of a wedding vow. What makes this commitment of faithful love so surprising?

The people who first heard Hosea speak were pretty much unlovable! God's love for them was "old news". Despite all the blessings the nation had enjoyed from God's hand, the people went on living lives of spiritual apathy.

The Lord's anger at his people's sin was an anger born of passion and compassion. His heart longed for them to repent, to return to him before it was too late.

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away.

"Our sins are no big deal," the people told themselves. But the Lord through his prophets said something entirely different.

Isn't it easy to fall into the same apathy, the same nonchalance, in our relationship with our Lord? Our unfaithfulness does not surprise Jesus, of course. It saddens and dismays him, but even so, he never gives up on us. His love never fails.

The sad and not-so-surprising truth is that we are great sinners. The happy and very surprising truth is that we have a great Savior!

Prayer starters

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for your death on the cross in my place. Teach me to live in daily repentance, forgiveness, and faith......

The 2022 Church Directory will soon be published. For those who were unable to sign up for a ministry at the ministry fair, you may still do so and are encouraged to join with us as we go forward in service to the Lord.

Please, also check your 2021 directory and if there are any errors in family information or you have new contact information, etc., please bring them to our attention. To update these items, call the church office at 803-632-3228.

The Church Calendar along with other useful information, is available on the Church website at <www.fairfaxfbc.org>. Do not overlook this useful resource.

The regular business conference of Fairfax First Baptist Church will be on Sunday, January 16, 2022.

\$6000 is the goal for Lottie Moon
- 1945 Received to date
\$ 4055 Needed

Birthdays this week: (January)
14 Neal Shramek, Joseph Galbraith
16 Latrelle Still

Community Outreach #2

A hello, some groceries, and Jesus loves you! Outreach date: January 16, 2022 at 3:00pm.

Please help us collect non-refrigerated grocery items over the next weeks. Then, on the 16th, we will divide the groceries up into blessing bags, pray together over the bags, split up into groups, and reach out across Fairfax...knocking on doors and telling others about Jesus' love. When finished, we will return to the church and share with each other our experiences and the blessings received from sharing with others. Please consider helping us by dropping off your donated groceries at the church office by January 13, or if you would like someone to pick up donated groceries from your house, we can do that as well. All are welcome! Please join us as we reach out into the community while sharing the love of God with others! Any questions or if you need grocery items picked up, please call Wendy (803-686-0737), Gina (803-259-8810), or Lynn (803-584-6261). Thanks!

We are working on updating our church visitation and outreach list which will include inactive members and shut ins, but if you know someone that could be added to this outreach/visitation list even if not a church member, please contact office 803-632-3228 or Larry 803-584-6262. Thanks

Online Giving

You can give online at: baptistfoundationsc.org/give/ (Select Fairfax First Baptist or #ffbc)

You have the option to give by <u>credit card or</u> check.

OUR RECORD SPEAKS 1/9/22

SS Enrollment/Attendance	116/34
Morning Worship	100
Building Fund	100.00
Lottie Moon	. 250.00
Annex Chairs	100.00
Budget Offering	4665.00
Budget Needs (weekly)	3798.00