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 APRIL 5, 2011

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Church Services & Bible Study:

Bible Study — Sundays at 9:30 am
 Worship Services — Sundays at 11:00 am
 Bible Study & His Kids — Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
 Bible Study — Thursdays at 10:00 am
 Church Office Hours — Mon-Fri, 10:00am-3:00pm

Pastor/Choir Director: Dr. Jim Hoffman, Th.D
Music Assistant: Charlotte Balis
Organist/Pianist: Dr. David Kosutic
Adult Education Coordinator: Dr. Dick Thompson
Youth Director: Joseph Mendez
Children's Coordinator: Jenifer Kerns
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	April Nursery Schedule	
	Nursery Room	Toddler Room
April 3rd	Flora Griffis	Ruth Blevins, Haley Skeins
April 10th	Terrie Jolliffe	Emily Gardiner, Daniel Gardiner
April 17th	Kristin Palmer	Sean Palmer, Haley Skeins
April 24th	Julie Stevens	Vicky Zehring, Amanda Zehring

Prayer & Praise List

Baughman, Charles & Ruby	Lindsey, Frank	Smith, Bob
Berkery, Frances	Malone, Art	Smith, Peggy
Bruce, Carroll & Frances	McClure, Shonnon	Smith, Sherry
Campbell, Louise	McRobie, Pauline	Stallings- Wood, Mandy
Conger, James & Diane	Moyer, Bea	Trivett, James (Slim)
Cutchin, John	Pearia, Alicia	Wilkerson, Dennis
Gurney, Iva	Petrovich, Corey	
Harris, Virgil	Pratt, Clara	
Hoffman, James F. (Sr.)	Repass, Betty	People Serving in the Armed Forces from Fairfax Baptist: Pierre Epeé, Emerson Davis, Peter Knight, Matthew Reese and Sean Rodman.
Hyde, Elizabeth	Richcreek, Clara	
Irvin, Odell	Rodman, Eiko	
Johnson, Julian	Rose, Anne	
Jones, Issac	Rutherford, Nancy	
Kimball, Lew	Shrader, Mary	
Lavinder, Irma	Silver, Becky	



** Anyone who is in "italics" has recently been added to the list or had a status change.*

April Fool's Day
April 1st

International Moment of Laughter Day
April 14th

Palm Sunday
April 17th

Easter
April 24th

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Pastor's Journal
 by Dr. Jim Hoffman, Th.D

I wish to personally thank Lorie and Margie for their incredible and energy depleting work to help guide our church in housing the homeless for six nights in our church. In addition to them there are so many of you who volunteered that I could never remember every name and the people who just stopped by to help and fellowship with the men and women who were with us. I am so grateful and proud of our church family for stepping out of the box and our comfort zone. Only time and eternity will tell of the spiritual impact. We have always been a loving group of people with a family spirit. However, most of that love was spent on our church family. But, the Spirit has called and you have answered.

In the last three years we have taken one step after another in hearing the call of God and joining Him in the work that He was doing. It all began with opening our doors to Iglesia Adventista, followed by housing Youth Unlimited in the summer for DC Serve. And, as you know we now have two AA groups, over 100 home schoolers for their weekly group instruction, City of Fairfax Theater Company, our monthly outreach events that include our neighbors and the homeless and now housing the homeless. I am so grateful and proud of you. And, how God has poured his blessings upon us with grace unto grace.

Speaking of outreach events, plan now to be part of our Tailgating the last Saturday in April. Please pray with me. I believe that God has something else for us in reaching out to our community in a truly meaningful way. I believe it is just around the corner. It is my prayer we will hear and see the calling of His Spirit when He gently blows our way.

I will miss you Sunday. I am writing at 4 a.m. on Tuesday morning. In two hours I will

board a plane to Florida. My dad has taken a turn for the worse. I know you are praying, and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. So many of you have already walked the path I am on, and I am so strengthened by holding your hand!

In His Love, your pastor

Hypothermia Shelter A Success!

by Lorie Dobbins & Margie Urano

Fairfax Baptist Church hosted 25-32 homeless men and women overnight from March 9-15. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered, brought donations or prayed during the week. It was a blessing to be able to open the church doors to those most in need in our community.

Just imagine. You are homeless. Not because it's your choice, but perhaps because you've made bad decisions as early in your life as age 13, like our friend Steve, who (in preparation of hosting the shelter) visited us late February to talk about his own experiences as a homeless person. Or perhaps you were a victim of our nation's economic struggles in recent years. You had a decent job working double shifts to make enough money in a restaurant, and business slowed so you were laid off.

That is the plight of those we served last month. True, there were a couple of people who seemed to have "issues". Like the lady who didn't want anyone to touch her stuff (and those who liked to pluck her nerve by doing just that). And the gentleman who insisted he must have chopsticks to eat Asian food (although fajitas aren't, technically, Asian).

There were many heartwarming moments. One guest asked for a comb, and when the volunteer expressed regret for not having one for him, he responded "You have nothing to be sorry for. You've given us so much." And then

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Noteworthy News

By Charlotte Balis

Friendship Singers Concert Wednesday, April 6 7:00 pm

The Friendship Singers of First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Missouri, are coming with a concert of hymn arrangements and familiar gospel music on April 6, at 7:00 PM. Join us in our church sanctuary as we enjoy inspiring music and welcome our out-of-town guests.

The Friendship Singers are the senior choir from Bob and Fran Dugger's church in Jefferson City. Bob and Fran, former members of Fairfax Baptist, requested that their Friendship Singers sing while visiting in the Washington, D.C. area. We want to open our doors with our warm Fairfax Baptist hospitality and loving support.

Come to enjoy an evening of worshipful music, to visit with Fran and Bob again, and to meet new friends from Jefferson City!

Here is a copy of a concert by The Friendship Singers:

"Ode to Joy"

"Jesus Loves Me" – Warner & Bradbury
"Give Me Oil in My Lamp" – Traditional/ Arranged by Martin

"I Stand Amazed" – Gabriel/ Arranged by Elkins
"Rock of Ages"

"Praise the Lord" – Handel/ Arranged by Hopson
"You Raise Me Up/ Be Still My Soul" – Arranged by Fetteke

"This Little Light of Mine" – Traditional
"America, the Beautiful" – Arranged by Elkins
"Down in the Valley to Pray" – Arranged by Althouse

Piano Duets – Arranged by Wiser
"Songs of the Promise" – Arranged by Drennan
"Trust Medley" – Traditional
"I'll Fly Away" – Arranged by Bennett

Clarinets: Elizabeth Blumhost & Azelene Evans

Bass Guitar: Jan Baker

Tenor Saxophone: Roy Lilley

Percussion: Saundra Wiser

Cello: Karl Drewel

Pianist: Jean Lee

Associate Paster of Worship: Rod Maples



OUR MUSIC DURING APRIL

Join us for all of our meaningful Lenten music during this special time of the year.

- Each Sunday, Dr. David Kosutic prepares our hearts and minds to be reflective as he plays a classical organ selection before Dr. Hoffman's sermon.
- The Chancel Choir presents an array of outstanding new anthems throughout April.
- The music of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday proves especially profound.

Come each Sunday as we prepare our hearts in celebration of Easter.

It's never too late... Join a choir – we have something for everyone!

Chancel Choir: Adults of all ages, Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, Dr. Hoffman, director
Chapel Choir: Kindergarten – 6th Grade, Sundays, 9:30 am, Charlotte Balis and Jenifer Kerns, directors
Cherub Choir: Toddlers and Preschoolers, Sundays, 10:45 am, Jessica Ferrell, director

News from The Upper Room Class

By Sharon Martin

During the week our church hosted the Hypothermia Shelter, our class volunteered to prepare dinner, serve and clean-up on March 11th. We served approximately 40-50 quests and workers. Several of our class members stayed after dinner to play bingo and socialize with the guests. This was a great opportunity to help those in our community who are homeless and I am proud to say that our class had 100% participation!

FBC Lent/Easter Schedule

April 21st: Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30pm

April 22nd: Good Friday Service, 7:30am

Dr. Hoffman's Sermon at Oakton United Methodist Church, 1:15pm

April 24th: Coffee/doughnuts, 6:00am

Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30am
(at the foot of the cross)

Bible Study, 9:30 am

Easter Worship Service, 11:00 am

Children's Corner

by Jenifer Kerns

We had a great time bowling at Chantilly Bowl America on Saturday, March 19th. Congrats to Taylor Dobbins for getting the high score! We look forward to April when we will be celebrating Palm Sunday and Easter. We will also take part in the Church tailgating party on Saturday, April 30th. I hope to see everyone there!

Fellowship Hour

by Sherry Smith

The first Birthday Pot Luck Lunch was a huge success. We had many attend bringing all kinds of food and goodies. Better yet, everyone appeared to have a good time and stayed to enjoy the company of their church family. We were also blessed with David Kosutic's wonderful music and Charlotte Balis's MC talents. Mark your calendar for the next one scheduled for May 29th so you can share your favorite recipe.

Attendance at Fellowship Hour, in general, has increased and you're staying longer. It's always good to see you and being with you longer on Sundays is a real blessing. A personal heartfelt *Thank you* to all who have helped to make this hour such a success. And, don't forget that the Lord gives you a standing ovation every time you do something for our church.

The Fellowship Hour Team provides a Fellowship Hour every Sunday that does not have a host volunteer. The Sunday School Classes and various boards and groups have been very generous with their time and donations. We'd like to give them a little vacation and ask individuals/families to come forward. Can you help? Perhaps you have thought about hosting or even joining the team. If you have, contact me or any member of our team listed below or just fill in an empty spot on the list located in the lower foyer bulletin board. The Team has been working to make hosting fun and easy to do by rearranging and providing necessary supplies. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you.

Team Members: Sherry Smith, Jean Beylor, Gerri Buroker, Ruth Blevins, Ann Hall, Sean Palmer, Florence Rowland and Pat Skeins.

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he offered thanks, instead, for the toothbrush he did get.

We discovered (a bit late) that chicken fajitas can do a number on a church griddle, but with great pride, one of our guests taught us the secret to successfully cleaning a griddle. He needed to be needed.

You blessed these people with God's love. One volunteer collected job applications and found creative ways to give some of the guests work and housing opportunities. Another volunteer put a smile on the face of one man, who sat by himself most nights, by making sure there was ice-cream in the freezer just for him. It was not a coincidence that a volunteer who has years of plumbing experience (and all the right repair equipment) showed up the same night a toilet stopped working.

Each and every one of you, regardless of your role, were the hands and feet of Jesus. We saw it in their eyes, sometimes a smile – they were grateful and they felt CARED for. That was the key to success. The food wasn't the key to success; not the movie selection nor the choice of games or the amount of space available. They experienced God's abiding love at Fairfax Baptist Church for six days. May we continue to pray for them, never forget the incredible experience, and always give thanks to God for our many rich blessings.

Women's Fellowship Circle

By Linda Davis



For a March project, we decided to let each individual give, as they felt led, of their time, money, and/or supplies to help in the church's hypothermia shelter. This was a new and rewarding experience!

In April, we are collecting trinkets and "costume" jewelry to donate to a nursing home. These are used as prizes for bingo winners. Our April meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, the 12th, at 10:00 am. All are invited to join us.

Spring is here. Let's all spring forth to make life better for others.

Testimony

Recently, I had the honor of working with the Hypothermia Shelter here at FBC. What an experience in humility. It reminded me of how complacent I had become with all I had. I complained because my house was too full of "junk", no room in the closets or the freezer. It's now becoming easier to "part with my treasures" when The Lupus Foundation sends their bags in the mail or to fill bags for the Lamb Center. I forgot about the times I cried because I had nothing. Now, I pray with thanksgiving every time I pull a warm, soft blanket over me on cold nights. Thank God for His tender loving mercy. And, thank God for Dr. Hoffman, Lorie Dobbins, Margie Urano and my church family for making the Hypothermia Program such a success in so many ways. God bless you all, Sherry Smith

Save the Sunday...

**Student-led
Worship Service
& Graduation
Sunday
11:00 AM
Sunday
June 12
CHAPEL CHOIR
MUSIC FEATURED**

Work Day:

On **Saturday, April 16th**, 9am-12:00 noon, please join your church family and friends for a day of working together! We need your help to care for the property we are so blessed to have. We'll be doing some mulching and landscaping. Please bring gardening tools to use. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Free Italian
Cuisine!

You're Invited
FBC Annual Tailgating Party
Saturday, April 30th, 11:00am– 1:30pm

Fun for
All Ages!