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 Worship Services — Sundays at 11:00 am
 Bible Study & His Kids — Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
 Bible Study — Thursdays at 10:00 am
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Pastor/Choir Director: Dr. Jim Hoffman, Th.D
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Youth Director: Joseph Mendez
Children's Coordinator: Jenifer Kerns
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August Nursery Schedule

	<u>Nursery Room</u>	<u>Toddler Room</u>
August 7th	Pat Skeins	Ruth Blevins, Haley Skeins
August 14th	(volunteer needed)	Vicky and Amanda Zehring
August 21st	Elaine Fox	Wendy Knight, Samantha Kerns
August 28th	Penny Bispo	Janie Ferguson, Taylor Dobbins

Prayer & Praise List

Baughman, Charles & Ruby	Kimball, Lew	Rodman, Cindy
Berkery, Frances	Lavinder, Irma	Rose, Anne
Campbell, Louise	Lindsey, Frank	Shrader, Mary
Conger, James & Diane	Malone, Art	The Family of Becky Silver
Corson, Peg	McClure, Shonnon	Smith, Bob
Cross, Joan	McRobie, Pauline	Smith, Peggy
Cutchin, John	Moyer, Bea	Smith, Sherry
Forsman, Wendell	Mozingo, Susan	Stallings- Wood, Mandy
Gross, Phyllis	Pearia, Alicia	Toner, Gloria
Gurney, Iva	Petrovich, Corey	Trainor, Mildred
Harris, Virgil	Pickeral, Thelma and her daughters	Trivett, James (Slim)
The Family of Hoffman, James F. (Sr.)	Pratt, Clara	People Serving in the Armed Forces from Fairfax Baptist: Pierre Epeé, Emerson Davis, Matt DeWeese, Peter Knight, Matthew Reese and Sean Rodman.
Hyde, Elizabeth	Raymond, Linda	
Irvin, Odell	Richcreek, Clara	
Jones, Issac	Rodman, Eiko	

Please Deliver by: 8/1/11

(There is no official holiday in August)

Respect for Parents Day
 August 1st

Best Friends Day
 August 15th

Be An Angel Day
 August 22nd

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

Thanks to each and every one of you who has helped out in my absence. Thanks so much, as well, to those who have prayed, written cards and sent remembrances during this time of grief for my family. I wish that I could communicate with you all the work of God during this time, but now is not the time.

I will write one thing I have learned about grief. Grief stops you. Grief stops everything in one's life. Grief stops your past and future. Grief leaves you in the moment of a vast emptiness. Many of you have journeyed to such a place, my respect for you is immense, and I humbly stand beside you.

I find myself longing for home. I want to leave all this world has behind, and be in the presence of my Lord, and take a walk with pop; he has both legs now and two perfect eyes. "My grace is sufficient for thee..."

love, your pastor

AN INVITATION TO LISTEN TO THE STILL, SMALL VOICE

“Pray with your heart open.
 Pray with your ears open—
 Open to Me and My word.

Enter My presence with thanksgiving.
 I welcome you, My beloved child.”

The oldest Christian traditions invite us to listen when we pray, but the quiet voice of God often seems drowned out by the cares and concerns of the day. Spend time each day in Scriptural mediation, and practice listening to God. Listen to God's words of love, lasting peace, refreshment and renewal, and daily grace. Above all, listen more attentively for the voice of God in your own life.

Paraclete Press

With Christian Sympathy

Our hearts and prayers are with Dr. Hoffman, our pastor, and his family on the passing of his father, James F. Hoffman, Sr., on July 17, 2011. Condolences may be sent to Dr. Hoffman here at FBC.

DC Serve (Youth Unlimited)
 By Lorie Dobbins

Wow – They came, they stayed and they went. Weeks of preparation and prayer over their visit are over. Youth Unlimited was, once again, a huge success. All our air conditioners worked (YAY Board of Administration), volunteers showed up to cook, be present, shop, and participate in worship services, and we had a number of new people from the church participate and be blessed. The week was just plain awesome being in God's presence and doing His work.

Thanks to every last person who participated in volunteering, contributing food/money and praying. We could try to name names but would never get them all. Many prayers were answered. Those who attended church on Sunday the 24th, heard a powerful message from the Youth Unlimited leader, John MacPherson. Through our care and support, we ministered to 104 youth and their leadership as they saw, experienced, felt, and cared for others in need – and they spread the Word to all who would hear. Who knows how many lives have been changed. We supported the hands and feet and voice of God in our midst, ministering to those in

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Noteworthy News

By Charlotte Balis



July has been our month of creative worship services. We began with our God and Country service, featuring the Chancel Choir's musical presentation from *God for Us*. Then we enjoyed an interactive worship service with a skit involving the role of intelligence within faith by Dr. Hoffman, Mike Mehaffey, and myself. We had interactive singing and responsive reading led by Gary Dean. A variety of guitars and vocals led our youth-filled D.C. Serve Sunday, followed by a recap of Youth Unlimited week's events on the fourth Sunday. We then rounded out the month with highlighting movement in worship. Thank you to those in the congregation who spontaneously became the choir and handbell ensemble. What a faith-filled way to serve in the worship service – participating in the music without any practice!

August brings us more creativity with our focus on the different genres of music inspiring to our worship. A quartet of Wendy Knight, Mike Mehaffey, Dr. Hoffman and myself will sing Classical Sunday and Jenifer Kerns on Spiritual Sunday. Guests are "in the works" for the last two Sundays. Music tastes for worship vary, and August gives us an opportunity to embrace them all. Let us know if you have a favorite!

August is also a special month when the new music for the Chancel and Chapel Choirs is selected. It is not too early for you to make a commitment in your heart to be a part of that music. Please pray about joining the choir this September. Being a choir member is such a fantastic way to feed your own faith and serve our church and the Lord.

Children's Corner

By Jenifer Kerns

Vacation Bible School

Monday–Friday

August 1st–5th

9:00am – 12:00pm

(children aged Kindergarten through 6th grade)

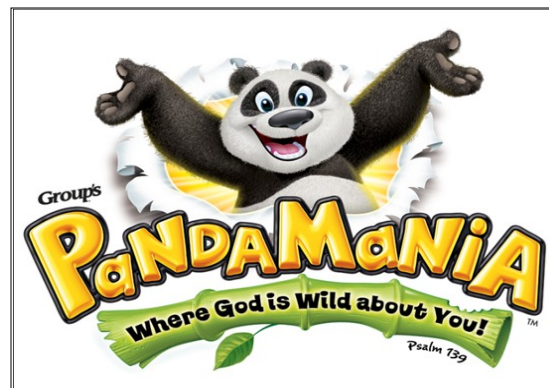
DC Serve (continued)

need. John shared his youngest son, Matthew's, perspective.....you can count the seeds in an apple, but you can't count the apples in the seeds. Your work and commitment has multiplied across Fairfax and the DC area.

In addition to ministering to those less fortunate, the youths visited some of our church members to help with yard work and cleaning windows, and they weeded garden beds at FBC that were sorely in need – thank you and AMEN.

The fellowship hall was their greatest challenge at the church, and while they were not able to complete the task, their efforts are hugely appreciated and a blessing to us. Let's face it; there are probably zero members reading this article who would have been able and/or willing to strip the paper AND remove all the massive globs of glue that were uncovered. Because of their work, we have discovered mold problems we didn't know we had, and we can remedy that immediate concern before Vacation Bible School starts – AMEN again. We have a plan, we have willing members, and the fellowship hall will be completed in God's time and with God's blessings.

Thanks again to all who participated, and to those who were not able to be a part this year, watch for announcements next year and join our family of God in this wonderful ministry experience.



August 2011

Happy Birthday to You!

- 2 - Tim Knight
- 5 - Bob McNeal
- 9 - Sue McNeal
- 11 - Janie Irvin
- 12 - Dr. Hoffman
- 13 - Carolyn Carter, Virgil Harris
- 16 - Gerri Buroker
- 20 - Sara Bedwell, Laurie Malinowski, Pauline McRobie
- 22 - Sherry Smith, Mildred Bispo
- 26 - Isabel Ferrell
- 30 - Wendy Knight, Janet Mitchell, Jack Ormsbee

May God bless you on your birthday and everyday in every way.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 2011	1 7:00 pm HOPE Mtg.	2 7:00 pm Iglesia Advent. 7:30 pm Women's AA	3	4	5	6 Iglesia Adventista
7 11:00am Worship & Communion Service 12:00 pm Bd. Of Deacons Mtg. 8:30pm AA.Mtg	8	9 7:00 pm Iglesia Advent. 7:30 pm Women's AA	10	11	12	13 Iglesia Adventista
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28 11:00am Worship Service 12:00 pm Leadership Council 5pm-7pm Community Picnic 8:30 pm AA.Mtg.	29	30 7:00 pm Iglesia Advent. 7:30 pm Women's AA	31			

Library News

Thanks to Loretta Blount, Doug Dobbins and Dan & Erdine Walter, we have a new "historic" book case in our church library. Come down and take a look!