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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  
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**Organist/Pianist:** Dr. David Kosutic  
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February Nursery Schedule		
	Nursery Room	Toddler Room
February 6	Pat Skeins	Ruth Blevins, Haley Skeins
February 13	Heidi Ormsbee	Vicky Zehring, Amanda Zehring
February 20	Elaine Fox	Sharon Martin, Samantha Kerns
February 27	Loretta Blount	Janie Ferguson, Ashley Dobbins

**Prayer & Praise List**

Baughman, Charles & Ruby	Kimball, Lew	Shrader, Mary
Berkery, Frances	Lavinder, Irma	Silver, Becky
Bruce, Frances & Carol	Lindsey, Frank	Smith, Bob
Campbell, Louise	Malone, Art	Smith, Peggy
Conger, James & Diane	McClure, Shonnon	Smith, Sherry
Cutchin, John	McRobie, Pauline	Stallings- Wood, Mandy
Darnell, Belinda	Pearia, Alicia	Trivett, James (Slim)
Gurney, Iva & Charles	Petrovich, Corey	Wilkerson, Dennis
Doug Hall	Pratt, Clara	Woolis, Darlene
Harris, Virgil	Repass, Betty	<b>People Serving in the Armed Forces from Fairfax Baptist:</b> Pierre Epeé, Emerson Davis, Peter Knight, Matthew Reese and Sean Rodman.
Hyde, Elizabeth	Richcreek, Clara	<i>* Anyone who is in "italics" has recently been added to the list or had a status change.</i>
Irvin, Odell	Rodman, Eiko	
Johnson, Julian	Rose, Anne	
Jones, Issac	Rutherford, Nancy	



- Groundhog Day  
**February 2nd**

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- Valentine's Day  
**February 14th**

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- President's Day  
**February 21st**

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**Pastor's Journal**

by Dr. Jim Hoffman

Have you ever tried to cancel a credit card? Well, today I called to cancel a credit card because I am in the process of paying it off and having one less card in my multicolored collection. After enough finger punches to send me to the surgeon for nerve damage, I heard a human voice which took me a while to recognize because I have human voice deficiency syndrome, HVDS. I am starting a foundation if you might be interested in more information go to the website, [stopdigitalvoice@hvds.org](http://stopdigitalvoice@hvds.org).

Once the human decibels in my ear became recognizable to my brain, I said simply I want to cancel my card. What then ensued was like a price negotiation in an open market in Zanzibar. The last ploy was the best one ever in an effort to lure me to retain my card. **They were going to reduce my balance.** Out of the blue, they were going to just poof away some of my debt.

After I hung up the phone, I thought how like temptation and Satan the whole cancellation process emerged in development. First, they told me what a valued customer I had been for the past 12 years. No, I have been in debt to them for 12 years and allowed myself to be manipulated by immediate gratification. Satan loves to flatter our ego. And, we love to believe it. Evil loves to trap us with immediate gratification. You see I believe Adam and Eve would have eventually been given permission to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They just were not ready, and immediate gratification tempted them and they became indebted.

I told them I wanted to reduce my debt and not being able to use the card would prevent me from spontaneous charges. Hisssingly they said, "Well that is good money management. But, wouldn't it be better to keep the card for emergencies, and to help you with your goal of

better money management, I can reduce the balance you owe."

Have you ever attempted a clean break with something that was not good for you but met a need on some level and felt good at the moment? And, have you made a commitment to follow the will of God and heard a voice say, "I respect what you are trying to do, and it is good to do something Godly. However, shouldn't you give yourself permission to keep this in your heart to use at some future date in case you feel weak, depressed or anxious? After all, God does not expect you to be perfect. Besides, I will reduce some of the shame I have been putting on you." (Remember, God convicts us but never shames us.) And, it is just good to know you have your ability to follow the flesh if you need it.

... "There is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus: (and behave in no flesh-governed way but in a spiritual way) for the life-giving principles of the Spirit have freed you in Christ Jesus from the control of the principles of sin and death... For those under control of the flesh are worldly minded, but those under control of the Spirit are spiritually minded, and to be worldly - minded means death, while spiritually minded means life and peace." *Romans 8:1,5*  
your pastor

For God so loved the world,  
That He gave  
His only  
Begotten  
Son,  
That whosoever  
Believe in Him  
Should Not perish,  
But have Everlasting life. *John 3:16*

## Noteworthy News

By Charlotte Balis



### Chancel Choir

Adults of all ages

Rehearsals on Tuesdays

7:00 pm

Dr. Hoffman, director

### Chapel Choir

Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Rehearsals on Sundays

9:30 am

Charlotte Balis and Jenifer Kerns,  
directors

### Cherub Choir

Toddlers and Preschoolers

Rehearsals on Sundays

10:45 am

Jessica Ferrell, director

# WOW!

Did you catch that there are two children's choirs now? Starting February 6<sup>th</sup>, all of our children can enjoy learning Bible truths through music.

Jessica Ferrell will be meeting with our youngest before the worship service. With Jessica, the **toddlers and preschoolers** will have a special time of fun Bible music together!

Parents, bring your toddlers and preschoolers to meet in the Toddler Room at 10:45 am, starting **Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Every Sunday we sing the chorus to *The Family of God* by Bill Gaither. Have you ever wondered what the lyrics to the verses are? Ken Sutton passed this on for all of us to enjoy:

You will notice we say  
"brother and sister" 'round here.  
It's because we're a family and  
these folks are so near;  
When one has a headache,  
we all share the tears,  
And rejoice in each victory  
in this family so dear.

(Chorus)

From the door of an orphanage  
to the house of a King,  
No longer an outcast, a new song I sing;  
From rags unto riches,  
from the weak to the strong,  
I'm not worthy to be here,  
but PRAISE GOD! I belong!

(Chorus)

Chorus

I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God.  
I've been washed in the fountain,  
cleansed by His Blood!  
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,  
For I'm part of the family, the Family of God.

## News from The Upper Room Class

By Sharon Martin

One of our class goals each year is to make a commitment to missions. Each Sunday, a basket is passed around our class for a small monetary contribution. The money we collect each week is used for a variety of mission projects. We make a \$50.00 contribution to St. Jude Children's Hospital each month. Some of our other mission projects have been Habitat for Humanity, World Vision, Save the Children, Kate Hanley Women's Shelter, and McDonald's gift cards to our church.

In 2011, our mission goals are to continue to make our monthly contributions to St. Jude and to contribute \$100 per month to a fund for our Youth Minister. We would like to encourage all Sunday School classes to make a commitment to missions, and to encourage every church member to join us in our challenge to support our youth program.

## Children's Corner

by Charlotte Balis

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for your dedicated, loving service to our Children's Ministry during 2010. The following were honored during our December 12<sup>th</sup> worship service.

### Nursery

Kristina Barlow  
Sara Bedwell  
Ruth Blevins  
Loretta Blount  
Pat Coleman  
Patti Cook  
Ashley Dobbins  
Jessica Ferrell  
Justin Ferrell  
Janie Ferguson  
Elaine Fox  
Christina Gardiner  
Daniel Gardiner  
Emily Gardiner  
Flora Griffis  
Terrie Jolliffe  
Samantha Kerns  
Sharon Martin  
Sarah Mehaffey  
Heidi Ormsbee  
Kristin Palmer  
Sean Palmer  
Cherie Pratte  
Haley Skeins  
Pat Skeins  
Julie Stevens  
Ashley Wright  
Amanda Zehring  
Vicky Zehring

### Children's Sermon

Adam Barlow  
Kristina Barlow  
Doug Dobbins  
Lorie Dobbins  
Jessica Ferrell  
Justin Ferrell  
Dr. Hoffman  
Jenifer Kerns  
Wendy Knight  
Mike Mehaffey  
Kristin Palmer  
Sean Palmer  
Vicky Zehring

### Children's Church

Ruth Bedwell  
Lorie Dobbins  
Jessica Ferrell  
Jenifer Kerns  
Kristin Palmer  
Vicky Zehring

### His Kids

Vicky Zehring

### Children's Outings

Justin & Jessica Ferrell  
Sean & Kristin Palmer  
Vicky Zehring

We look forward to Taylor Dobbins joining as a nursery volunteer during this first quarter of 2011. Thank you, again, for my beautiful bouquet of flowers.

## His Kids

Join Vicky Zehring every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm for a "rip-roaring" time in learning about God's Word. Ms. Vicky always has something exciting going!

## Shelter for the Homeless

by Lorie Dobbins

(IF WE CAN HANDLE YOUTH UNLIMITED,  
WE CAN DO ANYTHING!)

Hopefully you have heard by now that Fairfax Baptist Church will feed and shelter about 35 guests beginning Wednesday evening, March 9<sup>th</sup> and ending Tuesday morning, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5:30 pm and guests leave by 7:30 am each day.

Volunteers are needed throughout this period to help with logistics and interact with the guests as well as 90 minutes before/after to set up and clean up. Volunteers are also needed to prepare and serve meals. Other churches will help. Sign-up sheets have been posted in the lower foyer for everyone to indicate their availability to help make this a successful outreach program.

We ask every member of FBC (past and present), friends and family to prayerfully consider their own blessings and the need to reach out and assist those less fortunate. Find some way(s) to share your time, energy, money, and love of our Savior Jesus Christ. You WILL be blessed! Contact Lorie Dobbins or the church office for more information.

## Women's Fellowship Circle

By Linda Davis



December was a good month for our Circle. Not only was our Mitten Tree colorful; but it netted 133 pieces - socks, mittens, hats, scarves and even 2 children size jackets. Also in December, Betty Edwards, a former Circle member and now a Texan, blessed us with a \$50.00 donation to help with our mission projects.

Our current projects include the world wide blanket drive (this is a church wide project), a donation of hot chocolate and instant soup mixes for the Lamb Center, McDonalds gift cards for the church benevolent fund, donations for the hypothermia shelter at the church and baking valentine cookies for a senior center.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am, and our next meeting will be February 8<sup>th</sup>. We always welcome new people to our meeting; and thank each one of you who have participated in our mission work.

## Hypothermia Shelter Important Dates

### February 13th

Lorie Dobbins and Margie Urano will be in the Fellowship Hall answering questions and signing up volunteers.

### February 23rd

FACETS is holding a training session for volunteers at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

### February 26th

FBC will hold a Hypothermia Shelter/homelessness Seminar.

### March 9th-15th

Hypothermia Shelter at FBC—5:30 pm to 7:30 am each day.