



The SPAN

Pastor's Journal by Dr. Jim Hoffman

Wow and more wow, I have defined wow by its letters, Waited for, Original, and Wonderful. The description fits so well with what the Spirit of God is doing among us. Our people have experienced blessings spiritually, physically and materially. And, they have shared those blessings with the body of Christ, the family here at FBC. And, God is wonderfully bringing people our way and they are returning. I am so grateful for everyone that comes here on Sunday for bible study and worship. I humbly thank God along with you. Our God is worthy of worship and praise from all His children.

Much thanks goes to everyone that made this past Sunday (Nov. 21st) so awesome, Jean Beylor and her crew that made our Thanksgiving Fellowship meal better than ever from the decorations to the food presentation. Further, the food the church family brought was overwhelming in quality and quantity. And, praise God, people even survived my turkey and dressing. Thanks to the Chancel Choir for their music and to Charlotte Balis and the Chapel Choir for their signing.

This Sunday (Nov. 28th) begins our first Sunday of Advent. What a great opportunity for you to invite that someone you have been meaning to invite to church. Remember, everything we do is designed to reach out, as well as, reach in. I look forward to these weeks with great expectation as God leads us through the celebration in the preparation for the celebration. (Did you stay with me on that one?) The lighting of the Advent Wreath will be a beautiful moment again this year in word and song.

Also, on Saturday, December 4th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., will be our Holiday Family Brunch. Dick Thompson and I will be taking care of the Roast and Ham and the church will supply the drinks. We are asking that you bring vegetables, pasta, egg dishes and desserts. This is a major outreach to our community including the homeless. This will be the Saturday meal for the Lamb Center. At our last outreach community meal, the Chili Fest, we fed around fifty

homeless people. This will be a fun time for the whole family so invite your friends and neighbors. For the young at heart, Santa Claus will be here and we will have a lady making balloon animals. In addition, we will have gifts for all the children. If you cannot make it, please pray that we would be in line with the will of God through it all.

It is a real joy to welcome Joseph Mendez as our Youth Director. Keep him and our youth in your prayers. And, tremendous thanks to Kristin Palmer for her work in teaching our young people on Sunday morning. She more than filled the gap, she bridged the gap!

The staff and I continue to ask for your prayer support. Our desire is to find out what God is doing and join him. We are committed to His will being done among us not ours unless its His.

With Gratitude for all things,
your pastor

Christmas Season Worship & Events

Saturday, December 4th, 11am-1pm
Holiday Family Brunch

Saturday, December 11th, 2pm-4pm
Deck the Halls/Decorating & Dessert

Sunday, December 12th, 11:00 am
Chancel and Chapel Choirs

Sunday, December 19th, 11:00 am
Christmas Service in Word and Music

Friday, December 24th, 7:30 pm
Candlelight Christmas Service

Sunday, December 26th, 11:00 am
Worship Service and Christmas Carols

Sunday, January 2, 11:00 am
Worship Service with
Proclaimers Quartet

Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day
December 7th

Winter Begins
December 21st

Christmas
December 25th

New Year's Eve
December 31st

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Music Matters

By Charlotte Balis



**A Worship Service
of the
Christmas Story
and
Christmas Music
presented by the
Chancel and Chapel Choirs
Sunday, December 12th
11:00 am Worship Service**

**The Proclaimers Quartet
Sunday, January 2, 2011
11:00 am Worship Service**

We will start off the New Year with a special worship service with our guests *The Proclaimers Quartet*. Having sung for us before, we know what an inspiring message is brought to us through their music. As they express their love for the Lord, we feel God in our midst in an extraordinary way.

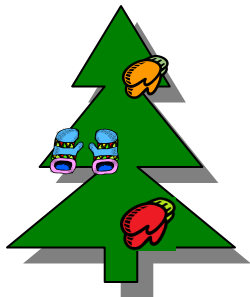


The Proclaimers Quartet: Scott Bush (tenor), Tommy Watley (lead and cousin of former member Carole Willett-Barton), Lloyd McKemy (keyboard), Anthony Morrison (baritone), and Jerry Tew (bass)



Starting of 2011 Choir Rehearsals

Chancel Choir begins Tuesday,
January 4, at 7:30 PM
Chapel Choir restarts Sunday,
February 6, at 9:30 AM



The Mitten Tree is now in the church front lobby. There is also a box available for the collection of gloves, hats, scarves, etc. The Women's Fellowship Circle appreciate your making this a church wide project so many people will be protected from the cold this winter.

News from The Upper Room Class

By Sharon Martin

Westfields Brunch, January 8th

The Upper Room class will be celebrating the New Year with brunch at Westfields in Chantilly on Saturday, January 8th, at 9.00 am. This has become a class tradition that we look forward to each year. We would like to extend an invitation to all church members to join us. The price of the brunch is \$22.86 which includes tax and gratuity. Please contact Ann Dowdle at 703-591-4218 by December 27th if you would like to join our class for this delicious brunch and time of fellowship.

Women's Fellowship Circle

By Linda Davis



At our last meeting, the Women's Fellowship Circle members collected non-perishable items for the Thanksgiving food basket to be given to a family in need. Ann Hall and Pat Skeins graciously volunteered to shop for the fresh food items and to prepare the basket for delivery. Pat and Ann reported that the delivery of the basket went smoothly and the recipients were very grateful and thankful for the church members' generosity.

We will be holding our December 14th meeting at a local restaurant so we can have some social and holiday cheer time together. We would like to wish a very happy holiday season to the congregation and to thank you for being so generous when we seek your help for our projects.

And speaking of which, the Circle will be sponsoring a blanket drive in January for displaced persons around the world. Church World Service will supply the blankets, but our donations will pay for them. **\$7.00 will buy one blanket for someone in need.** Please consider contributing, and make checks payable to Fairfax Baptist Church, but mark "for blankets" on the memo line. Pink envelopes may also be used. Questions? Contact Linda Davis 703-273-6758.

Children's Corner

by Charlotte Balis



Children's Christmas Party Sunday, December 5th, 12:30pm-3:00pm

Following a lunch party, we'll go to "Paint Your Own Pottery" in Fairfax. We'll be back at the church by 3:00 PM. Come celebrate with us!

**Recognition of our
Children's Ministry Volunteers
Sunday, December 12th,
Morning Worship Service**

Children's Church & His Kids

Thank you, Ruth Bedwell, for leading Children's Church during November. The children had a wonderful time with you. Making bird feeders with pinecones, peanut butter and bird seed was a blast!

And thanks, too, to Vicky Zehring, along with your *His Kids* children, for making new Chrismons for the sanctuary Chrismon tree. What a project to be enjoyed and treasured for years.

To my church family,

Thank you for the joy of having served as your Children's Coordinator for the last five years. It has been a meaningful time of working alongside so many loving, supportive volunteers. Whenever a request was made, each of you had a "servant's heart" to do whatever you could to help. Thank you for your generosity of spirit. The outpouring of God's love through you will remain a lifetime gift to each child whose life we touched.

I look forward to staying close to the children in co-directing the Chapel Choir. It is a joy to continue in this important aspect of our Music Ministry.

*In His love and service,
Charlotte*

Did You Know...

by Faye Quesenberry

FBC has volunteers who oversee the operation of the Fairfax F.I.S.H. clothing closet located in the Fairfax Presbyterian Church at 10723 Main Street in Fairfax. The clothing closet has been in operation for over 38 years and FBC has had volunteers working there since 1996.

The closet accepts donations of gently used clothing, shoes and accessories, plus bed linens, blankets, etc. These items are made available free of charge to those in need. The closet is open each Tuesday, Thursday and the 1st Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. These are also the hours for donations to be dropped off at the closet. During the past year, the closet has provided assistance to 565 adults and 190 children that have visited it. Using as an average a family of 4, this would mean the closet has helped over 2200 individuals during the year.

The mitten tree that FBC has sponsored over the years has been given to the closet to help keep the kids in our area warm.

You Did It, And We Are Thankful

FBC members along with members of the American Legion collected an incredible amount of 99 shoeboxes filled with toys and goodies for children in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Program. Thank you for this amazing outpouring of generosity. When they were delivered, the Chik-fil-a restaurant contributed coupons to FBC for the benevolence fund. *Dolores Testerman*

A special thanks to Loretta Blount for the beautiful fern in the Library and for the donation of four new books, as well. *The Library Ladies*

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls and hospital visits during Raymond's illness and then the condolences, flowers and gracious reception in the Fellowship Hall following his funeral on October 25th. *Pauline McRobie*

Thank you for FBC's generosity of money and time in getting a new computer in the church office. Thanks especially to Chuck, Bob and Doug for procurement and installation. *Laura Jaumillot, Admin. Asst.*



FBC is an official toy collection center for the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Christmas program. Donate and place in the designated box in the church foyer, a new and unwrapped toy. The toys will be collected and delivered by the Marines to less fortunate children living in local communities.

Shepherd's Center Lunch N' Life...

As of this printing, the January schedule has not yet been posted. Check their website for the January luncheon information. www.fairfax-burkesc.org

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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 Assist/Children's Coordinator: Charlotte Balis
Organist/Pianist: Dr. David Kosutic
Adult Education Coordinator: Dr. Dick Thompson
Youth Director: Joseph Mendez
Administrative Assistant: Laura Jaumillot
Custodians: John and Joann Jenkins

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December Nursery Schedule



Nursery Room

December 5 Cherie Pratte
December 12 Pat Coleman
December 19 Kristin Palmer
December 26 Jessica Ferrell

Toddler Room

Ruth Blevins, Haley Skeins
Kristina Barlow, Sara Bedwell
Sean Palmer, Sarah Mehaffey
Justin Ferrell, Ashley Wright

Prayer & Praise List

Baughman, Charles & Ruby
Berkery, Frances
Bruce, Frances & Carol
Campbell, Louise
Conger, James & Diane
Connell, Francis
Cutchin, John
Gurney, Iva & Charles
Harris, Virgil
Hyde, Elizabeth
Irvin, Aileen
Irvin, Odell
Johnson, Julian
Jones, Issac

Kimball, Lew
Lavinder, Irma
Lindsey, Frank
McClure, Shonnon
Ray McRobie Family
Moyer, Bea
Pearia, Alicia
Petrovich, Corey
Rodman, Eiko
Rose, Anne
Rutherford, Nancy
Shrader, Mary
Silver, Becky
Smith, Bob

Smith, Peggy
Smith, Sherry
Stallings- Wood, Mandy
Trivett, James (Slim)
Wilkerson, Dennis
Woolls, Darlene
Wright, Charles



People Serving in the Armed Forces from Fairfax Baptist: Matthew Reese, Sean Rodman, Pierre Epeé and Emerson Davis.

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