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Youth Director: Joseph Mendez
Children's Coordinator: Jenifer Kerns
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Prayer & Praise List

Baughman, Charles & Ruby
 Berkery, Frances
 Campbell, Louise
 Conger, James & Diane
 Cross, Joan
 Cutchin, John
 The Family of Loren Ferguson
 Forsman, Wendell
 Gurney, Iva
 Harris, Virgil
 Hoffman, James F. (Sr.)
 Hyde, Elizabeth
 Irvin, Odell
 The Family of Julian Johnson
 Jones, Issac

Kimball, Lew
 Lavinder, Irma
 Lindsey, Frank
 Malone, Art
 McClure, Shonnon
 McRobie, Pauline
 Moyer, Bea
 Pearia, Alicia
 Petrovich, Corey
 Peyton, Lewis
 Pickeral, Thelma
 Pratt, Clara
 Raymond, Linda
 Richcreek, Clara
 Rodman, Eiko

Rodman, Cindy
 Rose, Anne
 Shrader, Mary
The Family of Becky Silver
 Smith, Bob
 Smith, Peggy
 Smith, Sherry
 Stallings- Wood, Mandy
 Trivett, James (Slim)
People Serving in the Armed Forces from Fairfax Baptist: Pierre Epeé, Emerson Davis, Matt deWeese, Peter Knight, Matthew Reese and Sean Rodman.
Anyone who is in "italics" has recently been added to the list or had a status change.



July Nursery Schedule

	<u>Nursery Room</u>	<u>Toddler Room</u>
July 3rd	Flora Griffis	Ruth Blevins, Haley Skeins
July 10th	Terrie Jolliffe	Emily & Daniel Gardiner
July 17th	Kristin Palmer	Sean Palmer, Haley Skeins
July 24th	Julie Stevens	Vicky & Amanda Zehring
July 31st	Patti Cook	Emily & Christina Gardiner

Independence Day
 July 4th

National Hot Dog Day
 July 16th

Tell An Old Joke Day
 July 24th

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The SPAN

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

"Summertime, summertime, summertime, summertime
 Summertime, summertime, summertime, summertime
 Summertime, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh."

The 1950's had some intelligent song lyrics of all time. Summertime around here is no "Up a lazy river" kind of experience. This Sunday is our church picnic. July 3rd is our God and Country Worship experience. Then four Sundays of "creative" worship. In the midst of that, Youth Unlimited arrives for a week. And the first week of August brings VBS.

Depending on when you get this journal, we either have voted on the budget or will this Sunday, June 26th. The proposed budget is only about \$1,000 more than last year. I praise God and am grateful to all for having another year in the black!!! (The three exclamations are for Father, Son and Holy Spirit.) God has miraculously blessed our church family with your stewardship and incredible gifts. Sunday, you will hear that according to present giving, not the entire year, the finance committee is projecting a \$40-50,000 short fall. I believe a conservative approach is good to take. Why not look at the worst case scenario. If we based the budget on November and December, that would not represent the ups and downs that create a year's giving, and it would give us a false sense of the whole. So, let's look at the worst case scenario and make plans for that; and we are.

In the planning will be Campaign 2012. More information to follow. Also in the plans are other activities reaching out to all those who use our facilities, and the community as well.

Just remember, while we are working as if everything depends on us, let us not forget that everything depends on God (eye hath not seen nor ears have heard). The question comes to mind, do you want to be one of the ten spies who saw giants in the promise land, or do you want to be like Joshua who saw the milk and honey? Let us resoundingly say together in faith, "As for me and my house, we will follow the Lord!" and believe the promise land is ours!

DC Serve (Youth Unlimited)
 By Lorie Dobbins

On June 4, we had a fabulous planning meeting to kick off this year's visit of Youth Unlimited. We shared lots of energy, creativity, and faith that we are doing God's work and He will make it a huge success.

We are excited once again to be hosting this group July 16 – 23 to support their participation in DC Serve. Sign up sheets are now available in the lower foyer including non-perishable item donations we are seeking and a calendar of shifts for which we are seeking volunteers. We will have two morning shifts to prepare and serve breakfast, assist with lunch-making, and clean up. In the evenings, we will have one shift to prepare, serve, and clean up after dinner. Volunteers who serve in the evening are encouraged to stay for worship services held for the youth in the Sanctuary.

In particular, we urge you to join us on Sunday evening, July 17, to be blessed with another visit from our formerly homeless friend, Steve Thomas. Those who attended the Hypothermia Shelter planning meeting will remember that Steve is a powerful inspiration and an incredibly good and humble man.

On Friday, July 22, we encourage all members of the church to participate in serving a delicious spaghetti meal for the youth, as we prepare to send them home with God's grace and blessings for a safe journey.

This is a wonderful way to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ as we support over 100 youths in their mission work and become the face, the hands, the voice, and the eyes of God at work in the lives of those in need. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this important outreach event.

For more information, please contact Lorie Dobbins (703/622-2981) or Margie Urano (703/945-7618) or call the church office and speak with Laura Jaumillot.

Noteworthy News

By Charlotte Balis



June has been such an enjoyable month of family music in our church. We began on the first Sunday with Lorie Dobbins' father and Ashley and Taylor Dobbins' grandfather, Joe Byram, singing for our Communion worship service. For the second Sunday, we enjoyed all of our children leading our worship service – our Cherub Choir, our Chapel Choir, and our Youth Group. What a joy to congratulate our recent high school graduates, Jon LaVigne, Rachel Mehaffey, Megan Skeins and Ashley Wright, as well, on that Sunday. On the third Sunday, the fathers led our music, with an additional trio of father, son-in-law, and son singing. Then, our entire church family enjoyed a hymn sing on the last Sunday, along with two Chancel Choir presentations, before our church picnic. Thank you to all of the following for sharing your talents:

Cherub Choir: Jonah Ferrell, Alex Lancaster and Ryan Palmer; Jessica Ferrell, director.

Chapel Choir: Taylor Dobbins, Jordan DuBois, Lorna DuBois, Isabel Ferrell, Paulina Kenadjian, Audrey McNeal, Dylan McNeal, Hannah McNeal, Hayden McNeal, Tommy Mehaffey, Katie Palmer and Amanda Zehring; Charlotte Balis and Jenifer Kerns, directors.

Youth Group: Ashley Dobbins, Christina Gardiner, Daniel Gardiner, Kevin Kenadjian, Sarah Mehaffey, Brian Maupin and Haley Skeins; Joseph Mendez, youth director.

Father's Day Chimers: Ashley Dobbins, Sarah Mehaffey and Haley Skeins.

Men's Choir: John Balis, Doug Dobbins, Taylor Dobbins, T.J. Dubois, Justin Ferrell, Beau Hoffman, Dr. James Hoffman, Brian Jolliffe, Berdj Kenadjian, Bob McNeal, Mike Mehaffey, Jay Perkins, Larry Smith, and Ken Sutton; Charlotte Balis, director

Father's Day Trio: Dr. Hoffman, Justin Ferrell and Beau Hoffman.

Chancel Choir: Charlotte Balis, Jean Baylor, Lorie Dobbins, T.J. DuBois, Ann Hall, Diane Harris, Jenifer Kerns, Wendy Knight, Mike Mehaffey, Betty Powell, Faye Quesenberry, Larry Smith, Sherry Smith, and Charles Wright; Dr. Hoffman, director

Accompanist: Dr. David Kosutic

For July, we look forward to having our Summer Creative Worship Services. In observance of the Fourth of July, the Chancel Choir will be presenting a God for Us mini-concert on July 3. On July 17, D.C. Serve will lead the worship service with their high-energy, participatory music. Then, during our other July Sundays, we will have special services highlighting art, movement and interactive themes.

During August, we look forward to featuring different genres of music for each service. Join us as we move through worshipful classical to contemporary styles of Christian music.

Plan on coming and worshipping together this summer as we enjoy unique aspects in our worship experiences to praise the Lord!



June 12th Student-led Worship Service

Thank You Everyone
I want to thank all of you for your prayers and caring concerns during my recent illness. Thank you for the beautiful cards, your phone calls, your visits to the hospital and the care center. Every kindness was much appreciated. It is very comforting to know you have a loving and caring church family praying for you.
Many thanks,
George Tankard

Children's Corner

By Jenifer Kerns

The outing to Madame Tussauds Wax Museum was fun! We saw all the presidents as well as many celebrities. We even had a chance to get pictures taken with these figures. After the museum we walked to the Hard Rock Café for lunch. I highly recommend this museum to everyone. Thank you Brian Jolliffe for taking pictures for us.

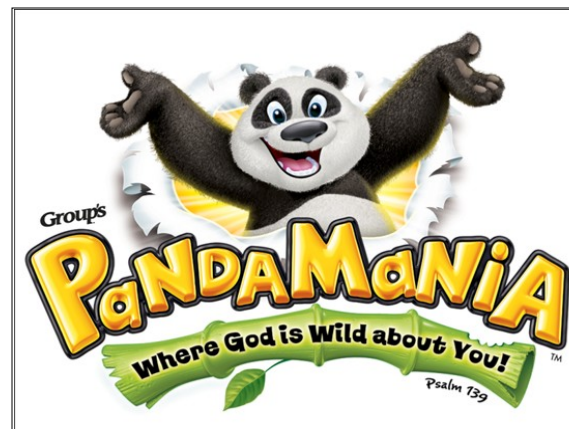
Vacation Bible School

Monday–Friday

August 1st–5th

9:00am – 12:00pm

(children aged Kindergarten through 6th grade)



We are gearing up for VBS! I would like to have a meeting with all those who are interested in working with our VBS program. The first Sunday in July (July 3rd), after the fellowship, could we meet in the choir practice room to get information and a brief run down of this year's program. Thank you.

HOPE

Helping Others through Prayer and Empathy is a support group for people moving through the grief process and is also open to people who have cancer or other diseases that are causing a need for support or help, and their family members. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:00 pm and is led by Dr. Hoffman. Call the office for meeting location.

From the Heart

I would like to thank my Church Family for your prayers, calls and cards during the passing of my sister Audrey. Also, thank you to those who came to Luray for the visitation and funeral the next day. It was greatly appreciated.

In Christian Love, Jean Baylor

WITH MUCH APPRECIATION

Words cannot express my appreciation for all of the love that poured out from the many FBC members that attended and helped out at Loren's funeral. A special thanks to those that volunteered to be pallbearers, all of those that prepared the lovely reception, Dr. Hoffman for his wonderful singing and for postponing his trip to visit his father to do Loren's service, David for his beautiful music, the lovely flower arrangement sent by the church, those that weathered the unbearable heat to go to Quantico for the burial and all of the touching cards I received from everyone. All of these acts of kindness hold a special place in my heart and Loren would have been extremely grateful.

Love, Janie Ferguson

A Note of Thanks

As I look back over the past year, I think of all the kindnesses our church has provided for Julian and me. The cards were beautiful, and the personal messages were a comfort. The hugs, the calls and knowing you were praying for us kept us hopeful.

Julian loved Fairfax Baptist. Each night he prayed for our church. Both of us felt God led us to this warm, loving congregation.

Julie, Jeff and I are most appreciative of the reception. The food was attractively presented and so plentiful. These receptions are wonderful gifts of love for our members.

May you be blessed as you have blessed us.

Joan Johnson

Dear Fairfax Baptist Church,

We are truly thankful to you for all of your efforts to provide a meal and lovely reception after our father's funeral. It was a very difficult day for all of us but we were comforted by the love and affection you had for our father. The Church meant so much to him and he would have been honored by your hard work. Words cannot express how grateful we are for the support you have provided to our parents over the past year during our father's illness and for the support we know you will continue to provide to our mother.

Julie & Jeff Johnson

Shepherd's Center Lunch N' Life...

Thursday
July 21, 2011
12-2 PM

Burke Presbyterian
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Program:
Don Hakenson
Little Known Civil
War Fights in
Fairfax County

Call for reservations
by July 14th
(703) 620-0161
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