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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
 Church Office Hours — Mon-Fri, 10:00am-3:00pm

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Music Assistant: Charlotte Balis
Organist/Pianist: Dr. David Kosutic
Adult Education Coordinator: Dr. Dick Thompson
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Children's Coordinator: Jenifer Kerns
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May Nursery Schedule

	<u>Nursery Room</u>	<u>Toddler Room</u>
May 1	Patti Cook	Ruth Blevins, Haley Skeins
May 8	Pat Skeins	Emily & Christina Gardiner
May 15	Heidi Ormsbee	Vicky & Amanda Zehring
May 22	Elaine Fox	Sharon Martin, Samantha Kerns
May 29	Loretta Blount	Janie Ferguson, Ashley Dobbins

Prayer & Praise List

Baughman, Charles & Ruby
 Berkery, Frances
Family of Carroll Bruce
 Campbell, Louise
 Conger, James & Diane
 Cutchin, John
Family of Juanita Dickerson
 Gurney, Iva
 Harris, Virgil
 Hoffman, James F. (Sr.)
 Hyde, Elizabeth
 Irvin, Odell
 Johnson, Julian
 Jones, Issac
 Kimball, Lew

Lavinder, Irma
 Lindsey, Frank
 Malone, Art
 McClure, Shonnon
 McRobie, Pauline
 Moyer, Bea
 Pearia, Alicia
 Petrovich, Corey
 Pratt, Clara
Reid, Patty
 Richcreek, Clara
 Rodman, Eiko
 Rose, Anne
 Shrader, Mary
 Silver, Becky

Smith, Bob
 Smith, Peggy
 Smith, Sherry
 Stallings- Wood, Mandy
George Tankard
 Trivett, James (Slim)
 Wilkerson, Dennis

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

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



- National Day of Prayer
May 5th
- Mother's Day
May 8th
- National Chicken Dance Day
May 14th
- Memorial Day
May 30th

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

This Holy Week has a different feel for me than any of my past. In fact, amidst the challenges of work, family and myself, a peace surrounds me like a warm soft comforter fresh from being hung outside to dry. I have not done anything I could point to on the spiritual compass of my life to warrant such an experience. As I write you this morning, the Tuesday before Easter, I center my thoughts on people within and without our fellowship taking a journey with cancer, dementia, personal problems that touch every facet of the gem which is their life, and age does not discriminate. I center my thoughts on my children who are parenting, feeling the pressure of work, family and education. And, you know as a parent whatever mile they walk your feet absorb the pressure of each step. I, then, take a deep breath and let it out and allow myself to center upon my parents, care giver and receiver. When I center upon what I call me, I do not find myself in my thoughts about any of the issues the voices in my head feel very motivated to address.

The cross, for many a picture of disgust, but for me the greatest example of complete sacrifice of any identification to this world and a pain that annihilates any trace human crafted ego. Please, I believe Jesus to be egoless and completely possessing all of God that could be poured into a human frame. Some called him a rabbi, his mother would call him son, his siblings their brother; and his disciples? Yet, on the cross, all of that was stripped away. Those who called him rabbi were no longer his students. His mother was given to his beloved John to care for as his mother and him her son. Further, his disciples had deserted him except for John. All those names and human identification meant nothing now. Some would see Jesus humiliated. I see him glorified, high and lifted up. His words, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit", is the demonstration to us of his true Self. He is all one with the One (the Father).

Today we can be thankful for our crosses. As a healer, a time will come when we cannot heal.

As a parent we will not be able to parent. As a child we will not be able to help our parents. All the names you might go by will no longer have any meaning. But, that is the coming to your true identity. For a parent, healer, son or daughter, Indian chief is not who you really are. You are one with God because Jesus has shown us that oneness, and you have believed it to be true and that it can happen to you. That is who you are.

So, today I am grateful for all of my mental, physical, spiritual and emotional life that has chipped away at the ego I built as Jim Hoffman. As with Paul, I have not attained, but life has done me and all of us a wonderful favor. When you begin to lose your life (ego), by whatever cross where you find yourself, you have the opportunity to find your life (oneness with God). Some day the work of dying to self will be complete when we at last give up these glorious but fallen bodies; and then what follows? Resurrection, what else, the true "I" revealed.

Peace and Celebration, J

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother Daughter Luncheon

Saturday, May 7th

12noon to 2:00pm



All mothers and/or daughters are invited to attend a Mother-Daughter Luncheon. Our theme of the luncheon will be:

"Favorite Recipes of Our Mothers"

(or significant mother figure in your life). You are invited to bring a recipe to be included in a special mothers' day recipe book (recipe cards will be provided for your use). We hope you'll join us in this celebration as guests of Fairfax Baptist Church. Please sign up on the lower foyer bulletin board with the number of guests you'll be bringing, or call the office.

Noteworthy News

By Charlotte Balis

The Friendship Singers Concert



What an incredibly enjoyable and inspiring evening was Wednesday, April 6! **The Friendship Singers from First Baptist Church of Jefferson City, Missouri**, provided us with outstanding arrangements of favorite hymns. The enthusiasm in the voices of The Friendship Singers was contagious, as their director **Rod Maples** invited us to join in singing the refrains of several hymns. The piano, violin, electric bass guitar, saxophone, clarinet, and tambourine were quite a hit as accompaniments. It was a delightful concert as each of their singers sang from their hearts and we tapped our toes!

I am so very grateful to our members who were a part of making that evening so delightful. We have many who gave so generously of their time and talents. Thank you to **Jean Baylor** who led the setting-up and decorating of our fellowship hall. How beautiful were the tables with the apple green tablecloths and fresh long-stemmed yellow roses. Thank you to **Gerri Buroker** and **Florence Rowland** who assisted Jean in creating such an elegant atmosphere.

Thank you to our loving members who prepared the delicious dinner for our guests: **Jean Baylor, Gerri Buroker, Lorie Dobbins, Jillian Ferron, Ann Hall, Jenifer Kerns, Betty Powell, Faye Quesenberry, Florence Rowland and Dolores Testerman**. Thank you to **Dr. Hoffman and Jillian Ferron** for joining in a quartet with **Rod Maples**, and myself.

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Work Day:

On **Saturday, May 21st**, 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.

UPCOMING MUSIC IN MAY YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

Sunday, May 1 – The meaning of The Lord's Supper observed through the Chancel Choir's *Song of Remembrance*.

Mother's Day, May 8 – Christopher Doheny brings his cello to accompany the Chancel Choir in *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*.

Sunday, May 15 – *Battle of Jericho*, an arrangement that's fun for us all!

Sunday, May 22 – *Great and Mighty Lord* for "Celebration Sunday" music.

Sunday, May 29 – Memorial Day service with the Chancel Choir's meaningful *Going Home*.

Save the Sunday...

Student-led Worship Service & Graduation Sunday
11:00 AM, Sunday, June 12
CHAPEL CHOIR MUSIC FEATURED
DEBUT OF OUR NEW CHERUB CHOIR

Father's Day Sunday
11:00 AM Sunday Worship Service
June 19
MEN'S CHORUS FEATURED

Women's Fellowship Circle

By Linda Davis

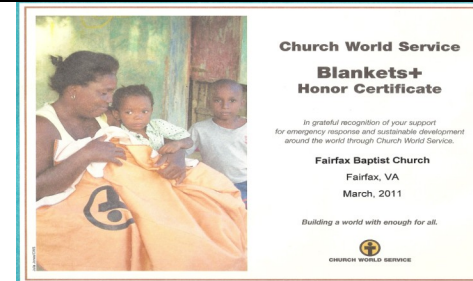


At the April meeting, Margie Urano gave a very thought provoking program about helping others which is the main focus for our circle.

As usual, our ladies came through in a big way for our drive to collect jewelry and trinkets to be donated to the Fairfax Nursing Home. The activities director at the home was most pleased to get the items. She said they were almost out of things to be given as prizes. Good timing!

For May, our project will be in support of the Lamb Center. They are in great need of bottled water, cold drink mixes, hot cups, napkins and razors. If you feel led to help with this cause, you may leave items at the church office by May 10th.

Our next meeting will be May 10th. Come and join us.



Received from Rev. John L. McCullough, Executive Director and CEO, Church World Service. "Please accept this honor certificate as a sign of our gratitude for your support. We hope you will display it proudly as a sign of our partnership in building a world with enough for all."

News from The Upper Room Class

By Sharon Martin

Do you currently attend an Adult Bible Study class on Sunday morning? If not, we would like to invite you to visit *The Upper Room* class in room 204. Our class is a mix of singles and couples with Sarah Wright as our class leader. We are currently using the Uniform Adult Bible Study Series as a study guide to our weekly lessons. Our main focus is the study of the Bible and how we can apply God's teachings to our daily lives. Other highlights of our class include mission projects, social events, and our class book club. If you are looking for a class that will help you grow in your faith and knowledge of the Bible, this is the class for you.

Please join us next Sunday!

Concert (cont.)

Thank you to those who stayed afterwards to clean up: **John Balis, Jean Baylor, Gerri Buroker, Lorie Dobbins, Ann Hall, Betty Powell, Florence Rowland, and Dolores Testerman**. Thank you to our "can-do-everything" **Doug Dobbins** for putting up our outside banner. Thank you to **Harold and Pat Skeins** for putting an announcement on our church sign. Thank you to **Laura Jaumillot** for ordering the banner, sending out postcards, and preparing **Dr. Hoffman and Dr. Thompson's** outreach handouts containing an invitation. We had a wonderful turn-out! Being in *The Washington Post* was nice too – did you see us there in the preceding Thursday's Community News section?

A final and well-deserved thank you goes to **Bob and Fran Dugger**. It was their idea of having their senior church choir visit us and present a concert for us while sight-seeing in D.C. What a joy having **Bob and Fran, Rod Maples, and The Friendship Choir members and instrumentalists** with us. What a blessing for both church families!

FBC HAS GONE GREEN!: We now have a Recycling dumpster in our parking lot specifically set up for recycling materials only. (Don't get it confused with the larger trash dumpster.) There is a marked box in the kitchen, office workroom, and each upper hallway for your use, along with a poster describing what can and cannot be recycled.

Look for the



emblem.

A Thank you from The Dickerson Family...

Dear Dr. Hoffman and the loving people at Fairfax Baptist Church. I can't thank you enough for all you did to make my Mom's funeral service and reception "extra" special.

I am very grateful to Dr. Hoffman for getting back from being with his Dad to perform my Mom's service. That will never be forgotten in fulfilling my Mom's wishes.

The congregation's love and incredible amount of care/support that you showered on my family was astonishing and so greatly appreciated. You were amazing! My Dad had tears of joy in what you did for us.

Please continue to uplift my Dad and encourage him always. He is such a loveable person with a grateful heart; a quiet sweetheart!

God Bless,

Juanita & Marvin's daughter, Revedean



Mother's Day May 8th

During our 11:00 am Worship Service, there will be a special presentation to our Mothers by the children and youth.

Shepherd's Center Lunch N' Life...

Thursday
May 19, 2011
12-2 PM
Fairfax

St. Mary of Sorrows
5222 Sideburn Rd.
Fairfax, VA 22032

Program:
Meet

Martha Washington
Portrayed by
Historical Re-enactor
Bonnie Fairbank

**Call for reservations
by May 12th**
Bea Stephenson
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\$8.00