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 Worship Services — Sundays at 11:00 am
 Bible Study — Tuesdays 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 Assistant: Charlotte Balis
Organist/Pianist: Audrey Peterbark Ross
Adult Education Coordinator: Dr. Dick Thompson
Youth Director: Joseph Mendez
Children's Coordinator: Jenifer Kerns
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November Nursery Schedule

Nursery Room

Toddler Room

Nov 6th	Patti Cook	Ruth Blevins, Haley Skeins
Nov 13th	Pat Coleman	Anita Naylor, Ashley Dobbins
Nov 20th	Elaine Fox	Sharon Martin, Samantha Kerns
Nov 27th	Cherie Pratte	Kristina Barlow, Taylor Dobbins

Prayer & Praise List

Baughman, Charles & Ruby
 Berkery, Frances
 Bevis, Randy
 Campbell, Louise
 Conger, Diane
 Croson, Peg
 Cutchin, John
 Forsman, Wendell
 Gurney, Iva
 Harris, Stephanie
 Harris, Virgil & Diane
 Hatton, Donnie
 Hoffman, Marcile
 Hyde, Elizabeth
 Irvin, Odell

Jones, Issac
 Kimball, Lew
 Lavinder, Irma
 Lindsey, Frank
 Lisiewski, Sandy
 Malone, Art
 McClure, Shonnon
 McNeal, Bob
 McRobie, Pauline
 Moyer, Bea
 Mozingo, Susan
 Pearia, Alicia
 Petrovich, Corey
 Pratt, Clara
 Raymond, Linda

Repass, Betty
 Rodman, Cindy
 Rose, Anne
 Family of Mary Shrader
 Smith, Bob
 Smith, Peggy
 Stallings- Wood, Mandy
 Trivett, James (Slim)
 People Serving in the Armed Forces from Fairfax Baptist: Emerson Davis, Matt DeWeese, Pierre Epeé, Peter Knight, Mark Pearson, Matthew Reese and Sean Rodman.

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



Daylight Savings Time Ends
 November 6th

Veterans Day
 November 11th

National Day of Play
 November 19th

Thanksgiving Day
 November 24th

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Pastor's Message

by Dr. Jim Hoffman, Th.D

We invite you to join us in worship and fellowship at our Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas season services and celebrations:

Community Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, November 20, 2011
 12 noon—2:00 pm

1st Sunday of Advent Worship Service

November 27, 2011
 11:00 am

Family Holiday Brunch

December 3, 2011
 11am-1pm

2nd Sunday of Advent Worship and Communion Service

December 4, 2011
 11:00 am

3rd Sunday of Advent Worship Service

Special Music by the Chancel and Chapel Choirs
 December 11, 2011
 11:00 am

4th Sunday of Advent Worship Service

Christmas Musical by the Chancel Choir
 "God Is With Us—A Festival of Carols and Classics"
 December 18, 2011
 11:00 am

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2011
 7:30 pm

Christmas Day Worship Service

December 25, 2011
 11:00am

We pray that you will join us for all of these services in thankfulness and celebration of the birth of our Lord!

Noteable News

By Charlotte Balis

During October, we thank our Special Music soloists: **Audrey Peterbark Ross, Joe Byram** and **Mark Lancaster**. Each was an inspiration. We look forward to the **Chapel Choir** completing the month with their special on October 30th. The children of the Chapel Choir will be singing with the Chancel Choir for the Message in Music that October 30th Sunday as well.

With November, we enjoy the meaningful music of Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and the first Sunday of Advent. All involved in the Music Ministry look forward to preparing, sharing and worshiping with the beauty of this season's music. Join us with boundless praise and thankfulness.

Chancel Choir Wednesdays* 7:00pm
Handbell Choir Wednesdays* 6:30pm
Chapel Choir Sundays 9:30am

**Tuesdays on November 8th and 22nd*

Women's Fellowship Circle

By Linda Davis



The circle met on Tuesday, October 11th. We are happy to report that we have two new members in our group this year.

Our project for October was to bring supplies to donate to the Lamb Center. We had an impressive amount of donations by circle members. Since October is also the church's month to sponsor the Lamb Center, our items will become part of the church-wide drive.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8th. Our project for the month will be for each member to donate staple food items for a Thanksgiving basket to assist a family in need. The fresh food items will be bought at a later date using funds from the Circle's account.

We thank God that He is blessing our work.

Dear Friends in Christ, I wish to thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was so deeply appreciated. Thank you for all of your prayers and good thoughts sent to me in the recent months.

Jim's Mom, Marcile Hoffman

The Upper Room Class

By Sharon Martin



We want you to be a part of this picture!

Are you currently attending an Adult Bible Study class on Sunday mornings? If not, please visit us in Room 204. *The Upper Room* class is a mix of couples and singles with Sarah Wright as our class leader. We primarily use the Uniform Adult Bible Study Series as our study guide although from January-March of 2012, our lessons will focus on a discussion of heaven, angels and grace.

Please join us next Sunday!

Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

Every year at this time, a special emphasis is made on ministering the love of Jesus Christ in a very practical way by providing gifts to needy children all around the world, who would otherwise never know the joy of receiving gifts at Christmas time.

In cooperation with Samaritan's Purse, FBC is collecting donations of shoeboxes filled with toys and goodies. See a flyer in the foyer with instructions for filling your shoebox or go online at www.samaritanpurse.org. Please bring wrapped, marked boy or girl boxes to the Sanctuary foyer along with your donation of \$7.00 for shipping (checks made payable to Fairfax Baptist Church). We especially need boxes designated for children 2-4 years old.

Contact: Dolores Testerman 703-273-1295 with any questions. Shoeboxes will be accepted until **November 13th**.

If everyone contributed one shoebox, what a blessing that would be!



Intuition

By Dr. Dick Thompson

Intuition: A Must-Use Asset

Intuition is a favorite instrument the Holy Spirit uses to teach us the truth. Intuition reaches into our minds, heart, emotions, and imaginations, wordlessly and instantly. Its fruit can be a scientific truth, a song, a picture, a warning not to take a flight, an essay, a joke, and much more. It energizes, excites, explodes as well as splinters the blues, and fills your space with joy.

At its foundation, intuition is wordless, immediate recognition. A trained psychiatrist can walk into his waiting room of 10 or so people and quickly size up the whole lot of them. Just by looking at them, he can tell whether a person is married (happily or not), their vocation, their general health, and the kinds of problems that keep them up a night, frustrate them, scare them, annoy them.

At its peak, it is creative. Michelangelo is said to have seen a cloud formation on a walk that inspired him to paint the picture of God creating Adam reaching out with his finger to touch Adam's finger to give him the spark of life. Jimmy Dean was riding on an airplane when the song "Big Bad John" came to him. The song came in one piece. He just had to write it down.

There are things you can do to train yourself to recognize and use your intuition. Jimmy Dean, for example, used to write a string of words about the length of one line in a song. He would then practice writing follow-up lines. An internet site proposes a variation of this by suggesting looking at a picture and writing 50 to 100 words that come to you. Then write a wild tale based on the picture and the words.

There are suggestions for recognizing true intuition. Just as teachers advise their students to go with their first hunch when trying to choose an answer to a test question, intuition coaches advise the same. Sometimes, a flood of thoughts crowd the mind at once. So you have to work on quieting the mind and clearing it. You can do this by relaxing. Or you can recite your favorite scripture – like John 3:16. Repeating that, or better yet, learning and reciting 10 or so lines of scripture will clear the decks.

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Finally, keep a journal of intuitions you followed and their consequences. Learning from mistaken choices can improve your ability and confidence in making good choices.

I will close with this one-liner from *Great One Liners*: "When I am not in my right mind, my left mind gets pretty crowded."

Welcome New Members!

We like to think of our church as a family, and believe that God is pleased with that analogy. Truly, it is wonderful to be a part of the Family of God as we sing about every Sunday during our worship service. And so we welcome four new members to our family: Noah Bae, Joe & Thelma Byram and Phyllis Hilmer. Please extend a warm Christian hand of fellowship to them.

News from the Lamb Center

In a recent Lamb Center newsletter, *The Lamb Center Prodigal*, mention was made of one of their guests who was impressed with the sincerity and willingness to pray for him by the youth from the DC Serve program. The article states that the kids were doing a great job of engaging with the Center's guests; and one spokesman said, "for a few minutes maybe they can forget they are homeless." One young lady spent an hour speaking with a long time guest and later said her time with him, "changed her life."

Thank you again to all our FBC members who volunteered, donated, cooked, etc. for the DC Serve youth and made this opportunity a possibility. As you can see, it was well worth your while.

Interested in adopting a family for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas? If so, Our Daily Bread has names of families in need. Their contact information is:

Phone: 703-273-8829

E-mail: holiday@ODBFairfax.org

Website: www.ODBFairfax.org

The website will take you directly to a sign-up page. Any questions, contact Faye Quesenberry at 703-620-0161.



Sunday, Nov. 6th
at 2:00am

Shepherd's Center Lunch N' Life...

Thursday
Nov. 17, 2011
12-2 PM

Church of the
Good Shepherd

Program:
Financial Advice and
Philanthropic Guidance

**Call for reservations
by Nov. 10th**
(703) 620-0161
Cost: \$8.00