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**Church Services & Bible Study:**

Bible Study — Sundays at 9:30 am  
 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  
**Administrative Assistant:** Laura Jaumillot  
**Custodians:** John and Joann Jenkins

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**October Nursery Schedule**

**Nursery Room**

October 2nd Flora Griffis  
 October 9th Terrie Jolliffe  
 October 16th Penny Bispo  
 October 23rd Julie Stevens  
 October 30th Pat Skeins

**Toddler Room**

Ruth Blevins, Haley Skeins  
 Emily and Daniel Gardiner  
 Nancy Adler, Sarah Mehaffey  
 Vicky and Amanda Zehring  
 Emily and Christina Gardiner

**Prayer & Praise List**

Baughman, Charles & Ruby  
 Berkery, Frances  
 Campbell, Louise  
 Conger, Diane  
 Croson, Peg  
 Cutchin, John  
 Davis, Ed  
 Dobbins, Porter  
 Fase, Marv  
 Forsman, Wendell  
 Gurney, Iva  
 Harris, Stephanie  
 Harris, Virgil  
 Hatton, Donnie  
 Hyde, Elizabeth

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

Rodman, Cindy  
 Rose, Anne  
 Shrader, Mary  
 Smith, Bob  
 Smith, Peggy  
 Stallings- Wood, Mandy  
 Trivett, James (Slim)  
 Woolls, Darlene



**People Serving in the Armed Forces from Fairfax Baptist:** Pierre Epeé, Emerson Davis, Matt DeWeese, 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.*

**World Smile Day**  
 October 7th

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**Columbus Day**  
 October 10th

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**National Boss's Day**  
 October 17th

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**Halloween**  
 October 31st

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**Pastor's Journal**

by Dr. Jim Hoffman, Th.D

I think everyone should read David Kosutic's resignation letter...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have been so blessed these past thirteen years to be a part of the Fairfax Baptist Church Family and feel so privileged to have worshipped with you. Not only did you accept me, you have supported me so lovingly. With a great deal of fondness I recall many recitals I have played, and many of you attending, especially I remember Paula Wesseling covering for me when I broke my hand,—and I will never forget your faithfully following me to New York City for my debut at Carnegie Hall — it meant the world to me. Charlotte so painstakingly organized that trip down to the very last detail. You filled the hall with an enthusiastic vibe that made playing at Carnegie Hall a joy for me.

God has used you all and Jim and Charlotte in my life so powerfully. These past years I have grown and developed because of you, and I want to thank you all for ways that you walk with Christ in your own daily lives—I could see it and learn from you. Fairfax Baptist is truly a spirit-filled place where everybody chips in and really loves each other. I have learned so much from Jim's teaching, personal attitude of humility and openness, he is the best—I always felt free to be me because of your flexibility, kindness, honesty. Charlotte's loving attention to every single detail of the worship services, thoughtful preparation, sweet spirit, and creativity has inspired me, and made my job so easy.

I never thought this day would come, but this past year has proved challenging for me with regard to physical well being, especially my back, my increasing teaching load, and I have slowly come to realize that I need to rebalance my life. If it were a choice, I would stay with you, but feel that now is the time for me to move on into

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**Finance Committee**

by Jeanne Hogarth

**40 Weeks of Sharing**

As you know, we need to fund raise about \$52,000 to balance our budget. We are at the very beginning of our 40 Weeks of Sharing campaign in which we are asking all of our Fairfax Baptist Church congregants to add to their weekly giving so that we can raise the additional \$52,000 we need.

It doesn't take a math genius to figure out that we need about \$1,000 a week more. At the September 18th launch of the 40 Weeks of Sharing campaign, we received pledges for \$220 more per week in giving. Beginning in November, our mortgage payment will go down thanks to low interest rates, which contributes about \$125 a week more. So we have \$345 of the \$1,000 we need. Please consider your giving to Fairfax Baptist and see if there's a way you can help us meet our goal.

In addition to investing in the church, we hope that the 40 Weeks of Sharing campaign will help you think about ways you can invest in yourself as a disciple of Christ through your prayers, presence, service, and gifts.

**October's**  
 The month  
 When the smallest breeze  
 Gives us a shower  
 Of autumn leaves.  
 Bonfires and pumpkins,  
 Leaves sailing down —  
 October is red  
 And golden and brown.

## Noteable News

By Charlotte Balis

As the cooler weather comes in and the trees begin to change, our Music Ministry is experiencing some changes too. We miss our wonderful **David Kosutic** and wish him God's blessings in all he does. David's manner and music communicate God's love and the richness of life. We thank David for thirteen years with us and for enriching us with his presence and heavenly music.

We now welcome **Audrey Peterbark Ross** as our new pianist/organist. Audrey brings a multitude of talents with her piano, organ, and voice experiences and training. A colleague and friend of David's, Audrey has been with us before, serving as David's substitute accompanist. We want to embrace the energy in Audrey's music and bless her as she joins us in worshiping and praising God.

Likewise, the Chancel Choir is undergoing some changes too. We now meet on Wednesdays, at 7:00 PM. We have been blessed with the addition of four new members: **Anita Naylor, Noah Bae, Joe Byram, and Mark Lancaster.** *God is good to us!*

Another change is that our Music Ministry would like to start a Hand Bell Choir this fall. We invite you to come at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays, starting October 5, for a thirty minute rehearsal. We will meet in the choir room – and you're welcome to stay for the 7:00 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal! We will be preparing special selections for our Thanksgiving and Christmas services.

The Chapel Choir undergoes changes every fall with the promotion of our former sixth graders joining the Youth Group and our preschoolers moving up. We miss **Taylor Dobbins and Amanda Zehring**, now being seventh graders. We also miss **Isabel Ferrell** while her family is in California this school year. But how we rejoice in the addition of **Audrey and Ava McNeal** in our fun times every Sunday morning at 9:30 AM! *God is good to us!*

Thank you, **Lorie Dobbins**, for inviting your sister, **Jennifer Keys**, to be a part of our September 18<sup>th</sup> worship service. Jenny's flute duet with Audrey was inspiringly beautiful. Thank you, also, Lorie, for shampooing our choir room carpet. After the flooding on the carpet, we relished the freshness of the room.



**Come be a part of our exciting changes!  
Make an impact on our church's music  
while making a change in your life!**

<b>Hand Bell Choir</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>
<b>Chancel Choir</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>
<b>Chapel Choir</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Sundays</b>

## Women's Fellowship Circle

By Linda Davis



The circle held its first meeting of the Fall on September 13th with 10 members present. We followed our usual program schedule then took extra time to socialize since we hadn't met for two months.

We are sorry to be losing our secretary, Janie Ferguson, to a new home in Front Royal. **GOOD LUCK JANIE!**

For our October 11th meeting, we will be bringing in items to be donated to the Lamb Center. These are items for which they have a great need.

We would like to see others join the cause and be part of the Fellowship Circle. Try it on October 11th at 10:00am.

## Workdays October 1st & 29th

FBC will be holding it's Fall workdays on Saturday, October 1st and Saturday, October 29th from 9:00 am to 12 noon.

We are very blessed to have a beautiful church and grounds and we need your help. We need to do some cleaning around the church and clearing out, weeding, mulching, etc., our landscaping. Please consider volunteering to help out with this worthy cause, even if you can't stay for the whole time. (Bring your own garden tools, wheelbarrow, shovels, rakes, etc.)

Please join your church family and friends for a day of working together! All ages and abilities are welcome.

## Children's Corner



## Family Outing to Cox Farms Sunday, October 9th 12:30 pm

An outing to Cox Farms has been planned for FBC families and friends. The cost is \$15 a person, children under 2 are free. We'll be leaving from the church parking lot at 12:30pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the lower foyer bulletin board if you want to join us, or you may call the office with your information.

**Looking Forward to  
Seeing You Then!**

## Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

In cooperation with Samaritan's Purse, FBC is collecting donations of shoeboxes filled with toys and goodies. The shoeboxes will travel world-wide to touch the heart of a child with the spirit of Christmas joy. See a flyer in the foyer with instructions for filling your shoebox or go on-line at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). Please bring wrapped, marked boy or girl boxes to the Sanctuary foyer along with your donation of \$7.00 for shipping. Empty boxes are available if you need one to fill.

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

***If everyone brings in just one filled shoebox, what a blessing that would be!***



## David Kosutic Letter

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God's plan for my life—I will hold you in my heart and keep you in my prayers—and certainly stay in touch. Thank you for allowing me to be me—that is one of the greatest gifts anyone can receive in this world, I always knew I was loved and accepted.

I am excited about what God has in store for the future—He intends to bless this body of believers. My dear friend Audrey Peterbark (who has greatly enlivened services here with her playing and musicianship) has agreed to take on this wonderful position should that be the will of the congregation. She brings a beautiful spirit, terrific creative energy, and a desire to worship through music. I know she will contribute so much not only to worship, but also to life around here, and I am sure you will be the blessing to her in her own life that you were to me in mine. As much as I like things to remain permanent, things change—and I know God has a hand in it as he continuously molds and makes all of us more into his image. God bless you!

In Christ, David Kosutic

## Annual Chili Festival

Saturday, October 23rd

12 Noon—2 pm

(In the FBC Courtyard)

**FREE TO ALL, AND  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Fairfax Baptist Church is excited to invite you to their Chili Fest. We will be celebrating fall, the great outdoors and God's many blessings with a chili cook off and taste test, music and activities for all. If you would like to bring a pot of chili, you may. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lower foyer of the church or call the office and we'll put your name in. If you'd like to just taste and sample the chili, you may do that also. You can help us try to figure out who has the best chili recipe. We will also have all the sides that a good chili "requires"; i.e. slaw, cornbread, etc. The best news is it's free to all who want to come. It's a great opportunity for a fun family outing, or if you come alone, to make new friends. You're invited to join us and bring your family, friends and neighbors!

