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Worshipping God . . . Growing Together . . . Serving Others

“Gifts for the Journey”

Consecration Sunday September 26, 2010



This year, our stewardship emphasis theme is “**Gifts for the Journey.**” Throughout each Sunday in worship, members will share how we have been gifted by God, and what gifts we can offer to God as Farmville Baptist continues on our spiritual journey.

This stewardship emphasis will culminate on **Consecration Sunday, September 26**, when members will turn in estimate-of-giving cards at the end of the worship service to help support the ministry and mission of Farmville Baptist. After the service, all are invited to a cookie and punch reception in the Fellowship Hall. Let’s all attend church that Sunday and make September 26 a high attendance Sunday!

Very soon, letters will be mailed to members and regular attendees to give more details about our stewardship emphasis. Please be in prayerful consideration in the coming weeks as you seek God’s guidance in your stewardship and participation in God’s work through the ministries of Farmville Baptist!

QUARTERLY CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

We will have our Quarterly Church Business Meeting on **Sunday, September 19, at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.** The main items on the agenda include:

1. voting on the new slate of committee members recruited by our Nominating Committee.
2. hearing a report from the Property Committee about the repair of the roof.

FARMVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dr. Michael Cheuk.....	Pastor
Kathy Dunnivant.....	Office Manager
Anita Lynn.....	Choir Director
Dr. B. McRae Amoss, Jr.....	Organist
Julie Gaines, Sara Thompson.....	Ministry Interns
Al Schmidt.....	Sexton

DEACONS

Chair: Gene Watson; Co-Chair: George Carter	
George Carter	Ruth Patteson
Peggy Cave	Tim Trent
Ken Copeland	Eugene Watson
Jim Davis	Doris Weaver
Don Kyper	Jordan Whitley
Jay Lynn	Cecil Yeatts
Drue Martin	Kim Yeatts
Kerby Moore	

(The deacons are ministers to the church and are available to the membership and friends for ministry needs. Please call a deacon if you have a need.)

LIFE DEACONS

Cecil Yeatts & Peggy Cave

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“Gifts for the Journey”

In recent days, I’ve heard stories from church members who are wondering: “So what’s up with our Spiritual Transformation Journey? Are we done?” I know that for some of you, it feels like our spiritual journey has stalled. While it is true that I have not talked or preached much about our spiritual journey this summer, it isn’t because we’ve ended this journey with a whimper. Far from it! My relative silence on this topic is due to the fact that I myself needed to go through a period of discernment and “incubation” so that I might be clear about what God is asking of me in this new phase of our journey. I spent parts of this summer reading, learning, praying, going on personal retreats—all for the sake of allowing God to reveal to me a clearer vision of our future.

As the summer draws to a close, so too ends my time of personal discernment. And today, I’m happy to announce that I’m more excited about our church’s spiritual journey than ever before! I might even dare to say that, during my time of discernment this summer, I feel like I have seen the Promised Land! I now have much greater clarity about the next steps of our journey, and I am excited and eager to lead the congregation to discern the specifics of what it means for Farmville Baptist to be the presence of Christ outside our walls. And I plan to share in detail my current understanding of God’s future for us in my September sermon series called “Gifts for the Journey.”

One main premise of “Gifts for the Journey” is my conviction that God has already gifted or is presently gifting us with everything we need to live into God’s future for us. God has gifted us with Jesus’ own mission to bless and redeem the world. God has gifted us with a “divine discontent” that refuses to settle for the way we “do church” today. God is offering to us the gift of knowing and befriending our neighbors through lives of radical hospitality. And God is inviting us to offer to our neighbors the gift of our lives—our time, our money, our listening ear, our helping hand—so that we might truly learn what it means to love our neighbor as ourselves. As you take steps to live out God’s gifts for the journey, I am convinced that God will reveal to you your role in God’s future story for Farmville Baptist just as God is revealing to me what my role will be. I have already come to realize that my role will NOT involve telling you what God’s plan is for you. My role as Pastor is to encourage you on your journey, to help you discover God’s plan for yourself, to equip you to follow that plan, and then to bless and release you to actually live it out!

Speaking about gifts for the journey, I also want to acknowledge how we have been blessed by the gifts of Anita Lynn in her role as Choir Director. She will be stepping down from that role at the end of this month so that she can focus on her new teaching job. Let us take the time to express our appreciation to Anita for her leadership with our sanctuary and bell choirs. Let us thank Sandy Yeatts for her willingness to serve as our interim sanctuary choir director. Let us pray for our Personnel Committee as they search for God’s person to lead in this role as we enter into a new phase in our church’s spiritual journey!

Journeying on, *Michael*

Calendar

August 29	Church Picnic @ Gee-Price Center, 3:00 pm
September 2	Stewardship Awareness Conference, 9:00 am
September 5	Jail Ministry
	Sunday School Teachers Meeting, 12 noon
September 6	LABOR DAY — Office Closed
September 7	First Day of Preschool
September 9	BCM Dinner, 5:00 pm
	College Student Progressive Dinner, 6:00 pm
September 13	Missions & Outreach Meeting, 6:00 pm
September 18	FACES Food Distribution, 7:30 am
September 19	Church Business Meeting, 9:45 am
	Deacons’ Meeting, 6:00 pm
September 20	Newsletter Articles Due
September 23	Men & Women’s Night Out, 6:30 pm
September 26	Consecration Sunday

Sunday Schedule for Children’s Church Workers

September 5

Toddlers/Cribs:	Katrina & Tori Dunn
Toddlers:	Volunteer Needed
Children’s Worship:	Lisa Tharpe & Kevin Dunn

September 12

Toddlers/Cribs:	McLemore Family
Toddlers:	Volunteer Needed
Children’s Worship:	Beth Cheuk & Tyler Mills

September 19

Toddlers/Cribs:	David Schmidt & Thea Cheuk
Toddlers:	Volunteer Needed
Children’s Worship:	Farrah Schmidt & Katie Trent

September 26

Toddlers/Cribs:	Crystal Cupp & Erin Copeland
Toddlers:	Volunteer Needed
Children’s Missions:	Edith Ann & Katherine Austin

In Memoriam

Eva Mottley Smith
1/30/1922—8/2/10

Thank You

Dear Friends, Nancy & Clint Vick, George Carter, Peggy Cave, Doris Weaver, Cecil & Phyllis Yeatts, Ruth Patteson and Cindy Cave. Thank you all greatly for praying for me in April for my quick recovery to get well. I am better — getting my diabetes under control. I have developed a pinched nerve in my back now, but am hoping physical therapy will take the pain away. I carry the prayer cards that you sent me, with me all the time. When I’m feeling down and need a lift, I get the cards out and read them, giving me much comfort knowing there are others that care about me. Then in return I pray for you all. I do hope you all are well and enjoying life. Please know that your caring blesses us all. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness in prayer. God bless you all as he has blessed me!

Love, *Sandy Bolick*

Sunday School Classes

This fall, we are offering Sunday School classes for all ages spanning pre-schoolers to senior adults. Our Sunday School classes begin at 9:45 a.m. and ends at around 10:40 a.m.

GROUPS	ROOM	TEACHER(S)
Children		
Age 3 to Kindergarten:	Preschool Rm. 3	Celia Jo Young, Mary Jo Chassey
Grades 1 to 3:	Rm. 302	Janie Simpson, Janett Southall
Grades 4 to 5:	Rm. 303	Beth Cheuk
Youth		
Grades 6 to 12:	Rm. 304	Chuck Daniel, Gail Cave
Collegiate		
“New Adults”:	Rm. 305	Julie Gaines
Adult		
Median Adults:	Fellowship Hall	Ken Copeland
Older Median Adults:	Rm. 308	Clinton Vick
Senior Adults:	Church Parlor	Dave Landrum

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

1	John 9:1-23	2 Chronicles 6	Malachi 2:17-3:18
2	John 9:24-41	2 Chronicles 7	Malachi 4
3	John 10:1-21	2 Chronicles 8	Psalms 73
4	John 10:22-42	2 Chronicles 9	Psalms 74
5	John 11:1-27	2 Chronicles 10-11	Psalms 75
6	John 11:28-57	2 Chronicles 12-13	Psalms 76
7	John 12:1-26	2 Chronicles 14-15	Psalms 77
8	John 12:27-50	2 Chronicles 16-17	Psalms 78:1-20
9	John 13:1-20	2 Chronicles 18	Psalms 78:21-37
10	John 13:21-38	2 Chronicles 19	Psalms 78:38-55
11	John 14:1-14	2 Chronicles 20:1-21:1	Psalms 78:56-72
12	John 14:15-31	2 Chronicles 21:2-22:12	Psalms 79
13	John 15:1-16:4a	2 Chronicles 23	Psalms 80
14	John 16:4b-33	2 Chronicles 24	Psalms 81
15	John 17	2 Chronicles 25	Psalms 82
16	John 18:1-18	2 Chronicles 26	Psalms 83
17	John 18:19-38	2 Chronicles 27-28	Psalms 84
18	John 18:38b-19:16	2 Chronicles 29	Psalms 85
19	John 19:16-42	2 Chronicles 30	Psalms 86
20	John 20:1-18	2 Chronicles 31	Psalms 87
21	John 20:19-31	2 Chronicles 32	Psalms 88
22	John 21	2 Chronicles 33	Psalms 89:1-18
23	1 John 1	2 Chronicles 34	Psalms 89:19-37
24	1 John 2	2 Chronicles 35	Psalms 89:38-52
25	1 John 3	2 Chronicles 36	Psalms 90
26	1 John 4	Ezra 1-2	Psalms 91
27	1 John 5	Ezra 3-4	Psalms 92
28	2 John	Ezra 5-6	Psalms 93
29	3 John	Ezra 7-8	Psalms 94
30	Jude	Ezra 9-10	Psalms 95

The schedule may be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.arcamax.com/ttb-yr.html>

Worshipping God

Farmville Baptist Worship Services in September

9/5/10	“The Gift of God’s Mission” — Matthew 29:18-20
9/12/10	“The Gift of Divine Discontent” — John 6:35-40
9/19/10	“The Gift of Radical Hospitality” — Luke 10:1-12
9/26/10	“The Gift of Our Lives” — Romans 12:1; Matthew 22:34-40

Changes in the Choir Director Position

Now that Anita Lynn has a full-time teaching job in Clarksville, she has notified the Personnel Committee that her last day as Choir Director will be on Consecration Sunday, September 26. On that day after worship, we will have a reception in her honor as part of our Consecration Sunday celebration. Sandy Yeatts has agreed to serve as Interim Choir Director from October to the end of the year. The Personnel Committee has already begun its work in searching for a permanent Choir Director. We are very grateful for Anita’s ministry as our choir director and we wish her the best in her new position!

Sunday School Promotion Sunday, September 5

On Sunday, September 5, in morning worship, we will be promoting our Sunday School classes for our grade-school students. We will also be recognizing our Sunday School teachers in the worship service.

Sunday School Teachers Meeting, September 5

All Sunday School teachers and substitute teachers are invited to a meeting led by Sunday School Director Doris Weaver on Sunday, Sept. 5, after worship.

Sanctuary & Bell Choir Rehearsals

This fall, the Sanctuary Choir will rehearse on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the Bell Choir will rehearse at 7:30 p.m. Childcare is provided. If you’re interested in joining either or both choirs, please contact Anita Lynn, 391-3751.

Children’s Choir to Resume in October

Our Children’s Choir will resume rehearsals starting Sunday, October 3, 6 to 7 p.m. The choir will rehearse on the first and third Sunday of every month. Children first through fifth grade are invited to participate. Please contact choir director Gail Cave, 392-1744, if you are interested in participating!

Serving Others

The Jail Ministry Team invites you . . .

On the first Sunday of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., a small team visits the Piedmont Regional Jail to lead the female inmates in a time of singing, devotion and prayer. Please contact Anita Lynn, 391-3751, for more information and to participate.

Ministry Teams at Farmville Baptist

Our ministry teams are up and running! Below is a list of teams and their contact persons should you know of a need that these teams can meet.

Small Tasks Team: Performs small tasks like changing light bulbs, raking leaves, doing yard work, or moving furniture. Contact Jim Davis, 392-3308.

Food Team: Provides food to those who need a meal, especially those who are sick, recently hospitalized, etc. Contact Peggy Cave, 392-4422.

Visitation Team: Makes visits to those unable to attend church regularly. Contact Jack Davis, 223-4413.

Bereavement Team: Provides help to a family who has lost a loved one. Contact Gene Watson, 392-8563.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers to deliver meals. There are two routes available on Thursday & Friday each week—Rice both days and Me-herrin on Friday. There is also an in-town route open on Wednesday and Thursday. If you are interested, contact Hoke Currie, 392-8797, and get the process started. Information about volunteering and driving is available on their website (scopemow.farmville.net) with a downloadable form to complete.

Stewardship Awareness Conference

On Thursday, September 2, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Farmville Baptist will host a Stewardship Awareness Conference here in our Fellowship Hall. Don Campbell from the Virginia Baptist Resource Center will be leading the conference to help churches become better stewards of God’s resources in these economically challenging times. This conference is free and open to the public.

Growing Together

Stewardship Report

Budget Needs through 7/31	\$147,068.15
Budget Disbursements through 7/31	\$120,828.12
Budget Receipts through 7/31	\$118,548.17

Youth Schedule for September

September 5.....	No Holds Barred, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. @ FBC
September 12.....	No Holds Barred, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. @ FBC
September 19.....	No Holds Barred, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. @ FBC
September 26.....	Youth and Parents Meeting @ FBC

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

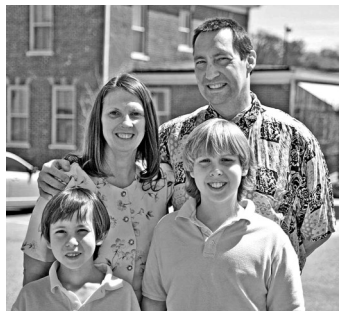
Join us for our Wednesday night prayer meeting for adults in the Fellowship Hall, from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** Peggy Cave will lead a brief scriptural meditation followed by updates on those who are on our prayer list.

Farmville Baptist Preschool

After a year off, we are pleased to announce that the Farmville Baptist Preschool will be opening again this fall! Our program is for 2-4 year olds. If anyone is interested in enrolling or knows someone else who is interested in enrolling, registration forms and handbooks are available for download on the church's website. So far, we have 10 children ages 2-4 enrolled and plenty of room for more. If you or someone you know is interested, they can contact Mary Jo Chassey at 223-7481 or at preschool@farmvillebaptist.org.

Welcome, New Members!

On Sunday, August 15, **Julie Gaines** joined Farmville Baptist Church as a full member. Julie has been a watchcare member since October 1, 2006.



On Sunday, August 22, **David and Cindy Landrum** became full members of Farmville Baptist by statement of faith and previous baptism. The Landrums (pictured left) have two boys, Christopher and Stephen, and they live at 225 Mahan Rd., Farmville, 392-9793.

Growing Together

“Building Strong Relationships” Class Starts September 5

Starting September 5, Pastor Michael Cheuk will be leading a Sunday morning class in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. called “Building Strong Relationships.” It is especially designed for college students and young adults (singles and couples) who are dating or thinking about marriage, and for couples wanting to enrich their marriage.

Topics to be covered: “Understanding Myself,” “Communication is the Key,” “Money Habitudes,” and “Dealing with Stress and Conflict.” **Cost is \$10 for couples; \$5 for singles** for the purchase of “Money Habitude” cards needed for the third session of class. Scholarships are available. Please contact Michael if you’re interested in enrolling in the class.

Parents for our “Adopt-a-Student” Ministry Needed!

The “Adopt-a-Student” program is a fun outreach program designed to give college students a “home away from home” while living in Farmville. Suggested activities may include taking your students to lunch or having them over for a home-cooked meal, sending cards on special occasions, calling to check on them, offering a ride to Sunday School, etc.). Please contact Patsy Watson, pwatson@southsidevafamilyymca.org, 392-8563, for more information or to sign up for this fun and fulfilling ministry.

Adopt-A-Student Progressive Dinner, September 12

On Sunday, September 12, a progressive dinner will be held for our college students. The dinner will begin with a salad course hosted by Chuck and Debbie Daniel, followed by the main course hosted by Gene and Patsy Watson and finally a dessert course hosted by Michael and Beth Cheuk. During the dinner our college students will be matched with their adoptive families.

Men & Women’s Night Out at Charley’s, September 23, 6:30 p.m.

All ladies and gentlemen are invited to have dinner at the Charley’s Waterfront Café on Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Penny Huskey, 392-1050 or pvhuskey1@embarqmail.com, no later than September 20.

Emergency Roof Repair

Last week, a major hole was discovered on our sanctuary roof next to the bell tower. We believe that this hole is the reason why the building has had water seepage problems in both the sanctuary and in some of our classrooms. The Property Committee is preparing a repair estimate to be presented at our church business meeting on Sunday, September 19, 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Erin Copeland 5:30 p Prayer Meeting 6:30 p Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p Bell Choir	2 9:00 a Stewardship Awareness Conference 5:30 p Karate	3 Christopher Barnett Kim Cave Casey Watson	4 Bob Raymond 5
		Michael @ 3DM Retreat				
5 9:00 a Jail Ministry 9:45 a Sunday School 10:55 a Morning Worship 12:00 p Sunday School Teachers' Mtg. 6:00 p No Holds Barred @ FBC	6 LABOR DAY Office Closed	7 Lisa Cheyne Nancy Phaup Louise Walter First Day of Preschool	8 Teddy Bryant 5:30 p Prayer Meeting 6:30 p Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p Bell Choir	9 Darlene Bratcher 5:00 p BCM Dinner 5:30 p Karate	10	11 H. A. Saxtan
12 9:45 a Sunday School 10:55 a Morning Worship 6:00 p College Student Progressive Dinner 6:00 p No Holds Barred @ FBC	13 Cameron Patterson 6:00 p Missions & Outreach Mtg.	14 Docia Shumaker	15 Jim Davis Caroline Tucker 5:30 p Prayer Meeting 6:30 p Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p Bell Choir	16 5:30 p Karate	17	18 7:30 a FACES Food Distribution
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26 Brandy Loren Patricia Moorefield Consecration Sunday 9:45 a Sunday School 10:55 a Morning Worship 6:00 p Youth Parent's Mtg.	27	28 Tracy Nelson Harold Saxtan, V	29 5:30 p Prayer Meeting 6:30 p Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p Bell Choir	30 5:30 p Karate		