

The Informer

February 2020

February Blessings

Faithfully move forward.

Enjoy time with your loved ones.

Breathe. Just breathe.

Relax and enjoy some down time.

Utimize all new opportunities.

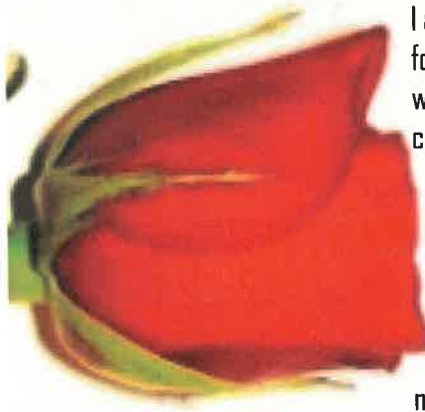
Awesome things are on their way.

Release all stress and anxiety.

You will be blessed this month.

- Charity M. Richey-Bentley





I am honored to serve Farmville Baptist during this transition chapter in the life of the church. I look forward to seeing our story unfold as we seek God's best for the future. Over the coming months, I will be in Farmville on Sundays, Mondays and most Wednesdays. I would love to share a meal or a cup of coffee or tea and get to know you better as we begin this journey together. I look forward to hearing your story and your hopes and dreams for the church.

We all have a variety of thoughts and emotions during times of transition. At times we may experience grief over the departure of a beloved pastor and the loss of the comfortable and the familiar. At other times we may be anxious or excited (or both) about the changes that lay ahead. All of this is to be expected; it's a normal part of the process. Intentional endings are essential to new beginnings, so let's support each other as we navigate the transition in our own ways and on our own timetables.

The transition period will be most successful if every member of the church is engaged in the process. The most important thing we can all do is to commit ourselves to prayer. Pray that God will direct our steps as we begin the visioning process. Pray for clear vision and mission and for an openness and willingness to step boldly into whatever future God reveals. Begin to pray for the next pastor of Farmville, that God will be preparing his/her heart for a new call. Pray about how God might be calling you to serve during this interim time. Come and join the group that is circling the church in prayer every Sunday. Our greatest hope should be for a Spirit led process from beginning to end.

Soon, the search committee will host round-table discussions focused on visioning, asset mapping and aligning our mission, building use, budget and programming. The insights gained from this discernment process will become a key part of the congregation profile. Every voice is important, so plan to participate fully in these sessions.



Finally, will you join me in committing to the following:

1. Trusting that God is actively at work in our midst as we move forward.
2. Trusting that the staff, the search committee, the deacons and other key leaders have the best interest of the church at heart and are serving to the best of their abilities. Will we stumble and make occasional missteps? Of course, we are all human. Will we disagree from time to time? Of course, we all have unique perspectives. Will we have questions and concerns along the way? Of course, change always raises these. As we step into this new chapter, may we all commit to working together in a spirit of love and graciousness, sharing our concerns and questions in productive and appropriate ways and supporting those we have called to serve among us.

I am excited for the future of Farmville, and I'm delighted to be on the journey with you.

Pastor Tracy

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30am-Circle the Church 9:45am-Sunday School 11am-Worship Service 2:30-5:00pm : Fellowship Hall RESERVED for Event	3 Happy Birthday Carter Chassey	4	5 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	6 Happy Birthday Sandy Yeatts & Suzanne Towler	7 Happy Birthday Jake Luginbuhl	8
9 9:30am-Circle the Church 9:45am-Sunday School 11am-Worship Service 12:15pm-Deacon's Mtg.	10  PRESIDENTS DAY FBC Preschool and Church Office CLOSED	11 Happy Birthday Alesha Jackson 6:00pm : Ladies' Night Out to La Parota	12 Happy Birthday Mary Schmidt 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	13 Happy Birthday Victoria Wilson 5:00pm : Karate Class	14 Happy Birthday Carol Noel 	15 Happy Birthday Daniel Kiehm
16 9:00am-Church Council 9:30am-Circle the Church 9:45am-Sunday School 11:00am-Worship Service 12:00pm-Deacon's Valentine's Luncheon	17	18	19 6:30pm : Choir Rehearsal	20 5:00pm : Karate Class	21 Happy Birthday Tricia Wingo	22 Time TBA : Kid's Art Night at Red Door 104
23 9:30am-Circle the Church 9:45am-Sunday School 11am-Worship Service	24 Happy Birthday Terri Atkins Wilson	25 Happy Birthday Lenwood Jackson & Ronnie Kiehm	26 12:00pm : Fun Bunch Lunch 6:00pm : Ash Wednesday Service	27 5:00pm : Karate Class	28	29

Notes:

Circling the Church in Prayer

In February 2017, there was a bible study at our church and the book "The Circle Maker" by Mark Batterson was read and discussed. Several of those who participated in the study have felt a call to follow the examples given in the book of offering consistent prayers. We plan to meet on the front steps of the church each Sunday morning at 9:30 and walk around the church and pray for discernment- what is God's plan for our church? All are welcome to join us and if you are unable to walk around and pray, you can pray in the sanctuary during this time. God honors bold prayers and bold prayers honor God!

Kid's Movie Night

January 18, 2020



The children gathered together on the third floor of the church for an evening of pizza, popcorn, and ice cream cake as they celebrated January birthday's and watched

The Abominable.



Words can not express the appreciation of the Austin-Swanberg Family for your prayers and many acts of kindness.

Jack's health began declining ten years ago. After six months at The Woodlands, we were blessed to bring him home against all odds on March 1, 2018. Our family feels your prayers are the reason God continued to allow Jack to be with us. Each time Ronnie and Janice brought communion it brought peace to Jack. Prayer cards, visits, and food would brighten his spirits.

The support of this church family immediately following Jack's death and for his celebration of his life has humbled us. Your continued prayers are supporting our family.

Love in Christ,

Edith Ann, Katherine, Bobby, Ann,
Abigail, Carter and Mason



ASH WEDNESDAY

Prepare the way of the Lord

SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 26, 6 P.M.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

If you are able to volunteer for our upcoming services please sign up on our webpage at www.farmvillebaptist.org,

or contact the church office at (434) 392-5041.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2	9:30am	Circling the Church in Prayer
February 2	12:15pm	Pastor Search Committee Meeting with Dr. Tracy Hartman in Church Parlor
February 9	9:30am	Circling the Church in Prayer
February 9	12:15pm	Deacon's Meeting in Church Parlor
February 11	6:00pm	Ladies' Night Out to La Parota
February 16	9:00am	Church Council Meeting in Church Parlor
February 16	9:30am	Circling the Church in Prayer
February 16	12:15pm	Valentine's Luncheon in Fellowship Hall hosted by the Church Deacons
February 22	TBA	Kid's Art Event at Red Door 104
February 23	9:30am	Circling the Church in Prayer
February 26	12:00pm	Fun Bunch Lunch at Merk's Place
February 26	6:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service in Church Sanctuary

Through January 31, 2020 Monthly Financial Report	January Receipts —Undesignated—	\$9,408.00
	January Receipts —Designated—	\$90.00
	January Expenditures —Undesignated—	\$12,854.59
	January Expenditures —Designated—	\$276.31

Remember you can also stay informed by following our Social Media Pages, and by checking the church website calendar!
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 @farmvillebaptist

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRIES

A—Bh	Chuck Daniel	Dr—E	Jack Davis	P—R
Jack Davis	Bi—Coo	Kathryn Copeland	F—L	Chuck Daniel
Janett Southall	Cop—Dq	Becky Kelly	M—O	George Carter
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LIFE DEACONS

Peggy Cave, Jack Davis, Jim Davis, Joyce Davis, Gene Watson, Cecil Yeatts



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