

OFFICE PHONE: 804-458-2752 FAX: 804-458-9124
 Rev Jeff Raymond jeff.raymond@fbchopewell.org
 Rev Geoff Fuller geoff.fuller@fbchopewell.org
 Pattie Arwood pattie.arwood@fbchopewell.org
 Joyce McMichael fbchpw_admin@verizon.net
 www.fbchopewell.org

DEACON OF THE WEEK SCHEDULE

Jan 23–Jan 29 Mary Pritchard & Mark Hughes
 Jan 30–Feb 5 Carol Starke & Charlie Hughes
 Feb 6–Feb 12 John Suyes & Carolyn Whitlock
 Feb 13–Feb 19 Linda Baxley & Don Lawton Sr
 Feb 20–Feb 26 Jim Henderson & Lane Pritchard
 Feb 27-Mar 4 Bobby Kestner & Doris Blevins

THE TIME HAS COME . . . *for everyone in our church who loves Jesus to stand and be counted faithful.*

| SUNDAYS | 12/24 | 12/25 | 01/01 | 01/08 | 01/15 | 01/22 |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Sunday School | N/A | 59 | 160 | 212 | 168 | 168 |
| Our Church Family at Worship | 401 | 158 | 190 | 262 | 240 | 204 |
| Preschool | | | 8 | 25 | 24 | 24 |
| Children's Church | | | 8 | 7 | 8 | 8 |

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.” (Malachi 3:10 NIV)

| | Needed Jan | Rec'd Jan | Needed Yr-to-Date | Rec'd Yr-to-Date |
|------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Tithes/Offerings | | | | |
| Unified | \$45,164 | \$29,587 | \$45,164 | \$29,587 |
| Focus 20/20 | \$11,004 | \$2,781 | \$11,004 | \$2,781 |

CHURCH STAFF
 Jeffrey H. Raymond, Pastor
 Geoffrey H Fuller, Associate Pastor
 Pattie Arwood, Administrative Assistant
 Joyce McMichael, Church Secretary
 Grace H. Chase, Music Director
 Gloria C. Andris, Pianist
 Karen Sheppard, Organist
 Dorothy West, Sexton
 Melissa Adams, WEE School Director

Publication of First Baptist Church
 401 N. Second Avenue
 Hopewell, Virginia 23860
 Pattie Arwood CPS, Editor

The Fellowship

Vol. 2012 February 2012 No. 2

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What is Wednesday, February 22nd? It is just the 4th Wednesday of February. It is another day in the work week. It is the 53rd day of 2012. Maybe it will be filled with deadlines or doctor's appointments. From the surface it seems like it is just another ordinary day. But February 22nd is the day that the Christian church begins a journey. A 40-day journey to Easter.

In the Christian tradition, the beginning of the 40-day Lenten journey to Easter is marked by Ash Wednesday. It is called Ash Wednesday because many believers will mark their forehead with the sign of the cross using ashes. The "imposition of ashes", as the tradition is called, is often followed by the words, "Remember, you are dust, and to dust you will return."

This day and these words are intended to remind us of the truth that trouble, sickness and death came into God's perfect creation because human beings rebelled against Him. He could have abandoned us, but He did not. Instead, He came even closer to us in His Son, Jesus, who became a human being to rescue us.

Jesus paid a debt he didn't owe, because we owed a debt we could never pay. Now, we are free from the debt of sin! We are God's redeemed people. Jesus died, and because of His cross and empty tomb, we will live forever.

As we look toward and prepare for Ash Wednesday and our Lenten Journey to Easter, I encourage you to contemplate how you will observe Lent this year. Many people chose to give something up for Lent, so that they

(continued on next page)

(continued from page one)

may “suffer” along with Jesus during this time. But I suggest instead of taking something away, add something during the Lenten season. Add time in your schedule for someone, maybe an extra visit to a shut-in, maybe add 30 extra minutes for a family member, maybe help out in the yard for a neighbor ... add one of the Fruits of the Spirits to your daily life, maybe patience with a difficult person, maybe endurance in dealing with an issue, maybe joy in the midst of what you are facing, maybe self-control when you get upset. Be creative.

To help you as you journey through the Lenten Season, there are some daily devotional books called, *Journey to the Cross: 40 Days of Discovery*, available for your study. Please pick one up on the table in the Educational Building hallway.

May you bear the mark of the cross. Bear it gladly – whether quietly in your heart or visibly on your clothing. And if anyone asks, tell them, “Jesus died for me!”

Jeff

**Sunday, February 5th
Deacon Installation**

**Be in prayer for our deacons
as they serve during 2012**

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Linda Baxley | Bob Kestner |
| Doris Blevins | Don Lawton Sr |
| Pam Breedon | Lane Pritchard |
| Mattie Crockett | Mary Pritchard |
| Donna Hatfield | Barry Reid |
| Jim Henderson | Carole Starke |
| Tony Hopkins | John Suyes |
| Charlie Hughes | Carolyn Whitlock |
| Mark Hughes | |

**Summer Activities for
Youth & Children**

Coming in June!!



Sky VBS is coming to FBC Hopewell. Students will discover that by trusting God, everything is possible. The Thrill! The Joy! The Freedom! The sky is the limit! Check out the Sky bulletin board for volunteer

opportunities. We need numerous station leaders, flight crew leaders, and ground crew volunteers to make Sky VBS a success. Look for more information to come.

Preparations are underway for our annual **Sports Camp**. This ministry reaches over 120 students every summer. Help is needed! If you would like to be a part of this exciting ministry, please contact Ashley Fuller. Also, we will be collecting donations of snacks such as fresh fruit and goldfish crackers. Contact Ashley Fuller if you can donate these items or provide lunch for the sports camp staff of approximately 30. Look for more information to come.

**Youth Summer Mission Trip –
Savannah, Georgia, July 7–14**

The FBC Underground will travel to Savannah to participate in a Mission Serve work camp project. Students will join with youth from all over the country to help strengthen neighborhoods and improve the lives of individuals by working to eliminate sub-standard housing. Mission trip team members will commit to participating in fundraising and mission training prior to the trip. Registration for this mission trip is now open and ends on February 22nd. A deposit of \$50 is required with your registration. If you would like to be part of this Youth Summer Mission Team, contact Pastor Geoff to reserve your spot.

**Baptist Bible Basics
Starting February 26th**

Baptist Bible Basics is a class geared towards students from the 5th grade through high school. This six-week class will take students on a journey exploring the foundation of their faith, their Baptist heritage, and their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is for students with a strong church background who are considering taking or have recently taken the step of following Christ into the waters of baptism. Classes will be held each Sunday during Sunday School. Contact Pastor Geoff if you are interested in being part of this experience.

Senior High Weekend March 9–11

Senior High youth (grades 9-12) are invited to the annual statewide youth conference. This year’s theme is “Inside Out.” The featured speaker is Allan Jackson, worship will be led by Hello August, and there will be numerous informative and exciting breakout sessions for youth to experience. The cost for the weekend conference is only \$60. Contact Pastor Geoff or the church office if you would like to register.

5th Wednesday FBC Cafe

On Wednesday, February 29th, the youth will be the cooks and servers as they prepare a scrumptious breakfast for dinner. Just think as you open the doors to the gym—the smell of bacon and sausage hits your nose, sending a signal to the brain that is very pleasing. And, then, you pick up on the aroma of eggs and pancakes. Yum Yum!! Then, hmmm . . . Is that the pleasant, mouthwatering, delight of a biscuit fresh from the oven? Well, you will never know unless you make plans to join the youth for this special delight. Proceeds will fund the youth’s summer mission trip.



CentriKid Camp June 29– July 1

We are returning to CentriKid Camp this summer, and you do not want to miss it! Students who have completed grades 3, 4, 5, or 6 are invited to attend CentriKid at Eagle Eyrie. This weekend camp will inspire students through Bible study, worship, tracts, and games. The cost of the weekend is \$60. If you have a student who would like to attend, contact Pastor Geoff to reserve a place.

Children's Sunday February 12th

Honoring all of our children and celebrating the 30th anniversary of the WEE School



Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship in a Combined Service 10:30 am



Lunch (BBQ and hot dogs—
please bring a dessert)
and a
puppet show by Kamp Kreatures

Sharing Our Lives at FBC

Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ .
—Galatians 6:2

Sincere Sympathy is extended to

- Janeen Morris Paszkiewicz & Family on the loss of their father and grandfather, Francis Morris, on January 2nd;
- Russell Tatum Jr & Family on the loss of his mother, Flo Tatum, on January 9th;
- Nancy Pelter & Family on the loss of her sister-in-law, Gladys Jean Pelter Vtipil, on January 9th

Expressions of Gratitude from

- Susie Mitchell for the prayers, cards, and visits during her recent hospitalization and recuperation;
- the Family of Carlton Townes for the prayers, support, thoughtful notes, and phone calls which were a real comfort;
- Janeen, Brian, & Gates Paszkiewicz for the expression of deep Christian love showered upon their family during the eight years that Francis Morris lived with them, and also the many kindnesses upon his death;
- Lisa Eastwood & Family for the Angel Tree gifts;
- the Hopewell Food Pantry for the generous gift of 1,000 lbs of food—"your generous support, along with that of many others, allows our mission to be successful."

The **Religious Herald** is our source of what's happening in the Baptist General Association of Virginia. Each issue, which is issued bi-weekly on Thursday, contains articles that examine timely issues for churches and church leaders, news of the BGAV, sources for church leaders, editorials and historical info, AND news about other Baptist Churches. To start or renew your subscription, place your check for \$13.50 in the offering plate or turn in to Pattie in the church office no later than February 15th. The *Religious Herald* has gone green! The e-version, which will be delivered on the same day that the print version goes to press, is only \$2 annually. For this option, e-mail [pattie.arwoo \(at\) fbchopewell.org](mailto:pattie.arwoo@fbchopewell.org).



YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER SUPER BOWL SUBS

The FBC Underground will be making submarine sandwiches to for Sunday, February 5th. Pick up a sub and make lunch easy as you prepare for Super Bowl festivities in the evening. Sandwiches must be pre-ordered using the Super Bowl Sub form which are available in Sunday School classrooms and on the Youth Bulletin Board. Forms and funds can be turned in at the Youth Bulletin Board. All funds raised by this project will go towards the youth mission trip this summer.



At Home With Baptist Women

AHWBW will be held on Tuesday, February 14th, in the home of Jean Northcraft. If you are unable to attend, please call Jean or Carolyn Whitlock We encourage women of all ages to join us in Bible study and good fellowship. If you have questions about this study, please give either Jean or Carolyn a call.

Congratulations

to our staff celebrating anniversaries!!!

| | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Grace Chase | January | 33 yrs |
| Joyce McMichael | January 28th | 10 years |
| Pattie Arwood | January 30th | 6 years |
| Jeff Raymond | February 1st | 6 years |

In Memoriam . . .

Francis Elmo Morris
2 December 1921 – 2 January 2012
Member of FBC since 1934

Florence Pope Tatum
31 December 1929 – 9 January 2012
Member of FBC since 1964



GUARDIAN ANGELS for FEBRUARY

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| February 5th | 8:45 am | 11:00 am |
| Infants–3 yrs 4–5 yrs | Brad Kaufman/Ashley Fuller Misson Friends | Brenda Carraway/Kelli Terven Gay & Chuck Weston |
| February 12th | 10:30 am | |
| Infants–3 yrs 4–5 yrs | Debbie Hafner, Lauren Pelter, Rebecca Smith Donna Howell, Julie Jefferson | |
| February 19th | 8:45 am | 11:00 am |
| Infants–3 yrs 4–5 yrs | Frankie Fuller/Pam Breedem Misson Friends | Carolyn Whitlock/Jackie Gibbs Doris Webb/Kathleen Volk |
| February 26nd | 8:45 am | 11:00 am |
| Infant–3 yrs 4–5 yrs | Tricia & Jared Carden Misson Friends | Cathy & Elizabeth Hopkins Nicole & Tony Hopkins |

If you cannot stay on the assigned date and cannot find anyone with whom to trade, please contact Nancy Pelter.



Have you tried E-Giving? Some of our members are enjoying the convenience of contributing weekly or monthly. For more information, go to the FBC website www.fbchopewell.org and click on "online giving" on the home page.

FH = Fellowship Hall C = Choir Room Conf = Conf Room
 FHK - FH Kitchen FLC = Family Life Center C = Choir Room
 L = Library G = Gym K - Gym Kitchen
 P = Parlor DR = Dining Room S = Sanctuary

FEBRUARY 2012

“And Pray Ye One for Another”

River View on the Appomattox—
 Anna Sue Thomas

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|--|-----------------|--------------------------------|---|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | | 7 pm WMU (conf) | 5-10 pm RA B'ball | 8 am-3 pm RA B'ball |
| 5 COMMUNION Deacon installation 6 pm Council Mtg | 6 | 7 6:30 pm Children's Ministry Mtg (conf) | 8 6:15 pm Business Mtg (FH) | 9 | 10 5-10 pm RA B'ball | 11 8 am-2 pm RA B'ball Gym, Kitchen, DR reserved 2 pm -----> |
| 12 COMBINED WORSHIP 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Children's Sunday WEE School 30 th Anniversary Lunch (G) Magical Puppet Show (FH) | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 5-10 pm RA B'ball | 18 8-3 pm RA B'ball |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 ASH WEDNESDAY Bible Basis Class starts for children & youth 9:00 pm Newsletter Deadline | 23 | 24 5-10 pm RA B'ball | 25 8-3 pm RA B'ball |
| 26 Children's Baptist Bible Basics starts in SS | 27 7:00 pm Finance (123) 7:30 pm Jr Women (FH) | 28 | 29 3:00 pm Newsletter Mailed | | | |

At Home—
 Pat Carnesi
 Ray Dillingham
 Marie England
 Allen Flannagan
 Cherie Gettings
 Jackie & Andy Gibbs
 Evelyn Harrison
 Jim W Henderson
 Mary Lee Hogan
 Betty Rose Hughes
 Chuck Hughes
 Mark Hughes
 Bob Kestner
 Bonnie Lawton
 Ron Miller
 Susie Mitchell
 Robert Pelter
 Jean Putnam
 Bonnie Sacra
 Michael Sisson
 Virginia Tennant
 Stella Tyree
 Valerie Pelter
 Winters

Friends in the Community—
 Marshall Aldridge
 Carey Ammons
 Greg Barlett
 Keith Blevins
 Dr Lloyd Braswell
 Wendy Broughton
 Eugene Coe
 Virginia Dale
 Alyssa Divers
 Delana Johnson
 Agnes Keyes
 Tom Lewis
 Dorothy O'Shields
 Tammy Pelter
 Sarah Frances Pennington
 Gerry Schmoker
 Dennis Starke
 Ed Thorn
 Jill Tromba
 Richard Weinz
 Jonathan Weston
 Frank Wiley
 Mary Willis

In the Military—
 Todd Harkrader
 Phil Johnson
 Logan Jones
 Brian Kestner
 Christopher Sharp

Andrew Webb
 Joshua Brown
 Victoria Starks
 Gary Stanford

24 January 2012

| Sunday Activities | Monday Activities | Tuesday Activities | Wednesday Activities | Thursday Activities |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| 8:45 am First Praise/Mission Friends 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service | 10:00 am Prayer Team (111) 5:30 pm RA B'ball Lads Red 6 pm RA B'ball Crusaders Red 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal (S) Adult Handbells (C) | 6 pm RA B'ball Lads Blue 6:30 pm RA B'ball Challenger White 7:30 pm RA B'ball Challenger Red Boy Scout Pack/Troop 924 (B4, B5, FH) 6:30 pm Jr Girl Scouts Trp 102 (201-203) | 6:30 pm FBC Cafe (G) 6:00 pm Library Open 6:00 pm GAs (203), RAs (210) 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study (Y) 6:15 pm Adult Bible Study (115) Small Group (111) Pre-schoolers Crafts (207) | 6:45 pm Music Makers & Young Musicians (C) 7:00 pm Beginning Musicians (206) 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (C) 7:30 pm RA B'ball Challenger 2 11:30 am Singing Saints (C0) 1 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (P) 5 pm RA B'ball Crusaders Blue 5:30 pm RA B'ball Lads Yellow 6 pm RA B'ball Lads White 6:30 pm RA B'ball Challenger 1 8:00 pm RA B'ball Challenger 2 |