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Over the past year, this space has provided a few hints at potential changes to the worship service. As we enter into the holiday season, those changes will begin to take shape – piece by piece.

The first change will be to incorporate a **short lesson for children during the worship service**. Many churches do, or have done, something similar (as has our church in the past), and we are now returning to this idea. As you may know, we do not have Children's Church at this time, so this idea is an option to have something for the children, while ideally making that something tied into the rest of the service (when possible).

The goal for this time with the children is to **rotate people teaching** the children. If you are interested in helping, please talk to **Rebecca Long**. Ultimately, this approach is just another example of seeking to fulfill our vision of **Building for Tomorrow by Sharing Christ Today**. As has long been said, the gospel is only one generation from extinction. If we do not share the gospel, and train up a new generation of leaders, what generation will?

We look forward to teaching the children in this way, and seeing how they might engage, beginning in December and then continuing into the new year. Please be in prayer for this new (or renewed) ministry. And again, if you wish to teach a short lesson, or if you have any ideas for moving forward or feedback about the lessons, please talk to Rebecca.

This month's newsletter is shorter than usual, but we expect to return to a full newsletter next month.

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OPPORTUNITIES

- If you would like to give online (securely), go to fairfaxbaptistchurch.org/give.
- Our calendar of events can be found on our website at <u>fairfaxbaptistchurch.org/events</u>.

"BUILDING FOR TOMORROW..." (EXALT/EQUIP)

- Join us on Sunday mornings for Sunday School (9:15 am) and morning worship service (10:30 am).
 We are beginning a new study on Ezekiel and Daniel in December.
- On **Sunday evenings** (<u>6:00 pm</u>), we are moving towards the end of a 13-week video-based group study on **Romans 12**. It's not too late to join, so please join this study on how to live the spiritual life.
- Our **Community Prayer Gathering** has been going well on Wednesday evenings. We will continue to gather at <u>6:00 pm each Wednesday evening</u>, but due to the falling temps we will meeting in churches until the Spring. In <u>December</u>, we are meeting at the **Christian Church** (**NOTE NEW LOCATION**).
- The Fairfax Baptist Christmas Eve Service will be on Friday, December 24, at 5:00 pm.



Andy and Susan are planning to host a Christmas Open House at the parsonage <u>immediately following the</u> <u>morning worship service on December 5</u>. Snacks will be provided.



This year, the **children** of the **community** (**Pre-K and up**) will be providing a **short Christmas program** at the <u>Park</u> (weather permitting) on <u>Thu, Dec 23, at 7:00 pm</u> (Rehearsals will be **Mon, Dec 20 THROUGH Wed, Dec 22**, times **TBD**). **ALL** children are welcome. If your child/grandchild would like to participate, there will be a **Parent Info Meeting** on <u>Thu, Dec 2, at 5:00 pm</u> at the Lighthouse.



Our Fourth Quarter Business Meeting & Annual Corporate Meeting will be <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 8</u>, at 6:00 pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE).

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"...BY SHARING CHRIST TODAY" (EXALT/EVANGELIZE)



We are planning to sing **Christmas carols in Fairfax** again this year. Because of the Christmas program (and rehearsals), the date will be **Sun, Dec 12, at 6:00 pm** (instead of our usual evening Bible study) with a **Soup Dinner to follow** at the **Becks (410 N Sly St)**.

The Food Pantry does need additional supplies as the number of families seeking assistance is **increasing**. If you can provide any of the following items this (or any) month, it is **greatly appreciated**. The **RED**CANVAS WAGON is behind the Soundbooth.



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pancake mixes, flour, laundry soap

NO CEREAL NEEDED NO PASTA NEEDED

UPCOMING EVENTS

For **full details** on **upcoming events**, please visit our website at: **fairfaxbaptistchurch.org/events**.

Wed, December 1:

• <u>5:15 pm</u>, Church Council (Fellowship Hall)

Thu, December 2:

• 5:00 pm, Parent Info Meeting for the Community Children's Christmas Program (Lighthouse)

Sun. December 5:

• 12:00 pm, Christmas Open House (Parsonage)

Wed, December 8:

6:00 pm, Fourth Quarter Business Meeting & Annual Corporate Meeting (Sanctuary)

Sun, December 12:

- <u>6:00 pm</u>, Christmas Caroling Around Fairfax (Meet @ Church)
- **7:00 pm**, **Soup @ Becks** (410 N Sly St)

Thu, December 23:

• 7:00 pm, Community Children's Nativity Program (Fairfax Park)

Fri, December 24:

• 5:00 pm, Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

Wed, December 29:

• <u>5:15 pm</u>, **Deacon Meeting** (Fellowship Hall)

Wed, January 6:

• <u>5:15 pm</u>, Church Council (Fellowship Hall)

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REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

- 9:15 am, Sunday School (All Adult Classes Meet in Sanctuary)
- **10:30 am**, **Worship Service** (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm, Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) (Current Study: Romans 12)

REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES

- Weds @ 5:30 pm, Community Youth Group (7th-12th Grade, Fall/Win/Spr, Lighthouse)
- Weds @ 6:00 pm, Community Prayer Gathering (@ Park in Spr/Sum/Fall; @ Churches in Winter)
- Thus @ 3:00 pm, God Squad (K-3rd Grade, Fall/Spr, Main Building)
- Thus @ 5:30 pm, Community Root Group (4th-6th Grade, Fall/Win/Spr, Lighthouse)

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- Exalt the Savior John 12.32
- Equip the Saint Ephesians 4.11-13
- Evangelize the Sinner Acts 1.8