



# A News Publication of Fairfax Baptist Church

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“Shining  
the  
Light”



Pastor  
Andy  
Braams

Having announced our pending departure, I want to provide a bit of perspective. We have received a great deal of support, amidst the sadness, that comes with an announcement like the one we recently made. But Fairfax Baptist Church has been an important part of this community for 137.5 years, and she can continue to be for many years to come. In comparison, the Braams have only been a part of the community for 10.6 years (almost 11 by the time we leave) which is less than 8% of that time.

In other words, a great deal of ministry has happened before we came, and an opportunity for more ministry remains after we leave. Hopefully, we have done what God sent us to do for this church and for this community during our time here. Only time will tell.

But we all have a responsibility to continue the ministry that God has given each of us – as a part of Fairfax Baptist, yes, but as a part of building His Kingdom. As you may remember, we have recently changed the vision/mission statement of the church. Whether or not you retain the statement, the idea should be part of any Christian’s mantra – *Building for Tomorrow by Sharing Christ Today*. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have spent much time talking of love and hope, and along with faith, we have the great triad Paul mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13.13. Our world needs those three ideas as much as ever today.

So, before we knew we were leaving, I was looking at a new name for this newsletter. And I decided on “The Beacon.” A beacon provides a warning, but it implies shining a light where it is needed.

The people of Fairfax Baptist Church have been shining the light of Jesus for over 137 years. His light requires faith. His light brings hope. His light shows love. So, whatever you may choose for a mission/vision, and whatever may happen with this newsletter, my challenge to you is to be a beacon and shine the light of Jesus far and wide for years to come.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

- If you would like to **give online** (securely), go to [fairfaxbaptistchurch.org/give](https://fairfaxbaptistchurch.org/give).
- Our **calendar of events** can be found on our website at [fairfaxbaptistchurch.org/events](https://fairfaxbaptistchurch.org/events).

## “BUILDING FOR TOMORROW...” (EXALT/EQUIP)

### CHURCH SERVICES

- Join us on **Sunday mornings** for **Sunday School (9:15 am)** and **Morning Worship Service (10:30 am)**. SS will be mostly focused on **Daniel**, while Pastor Andy’s sermons will be on **Unsung Heroes** in the Bible.
- The next study for **Sunday evenings (6:00 pm)** is still under consideration. The study will begin on **January 9**.
- Our **Community Prayer Gathering** has been going well on **Wednesday evenings**. For the month of **January**, the meetings will be at the **Methodist Church (6:00 pm)**.

### DEACON EMERITUS SERVICE

- On **January 16**, Fairfax Baptist Church will honor **Mel Miles** for his years of service as a deacon as part of our morning worship.

### YOUTH SUNDAY

- On **January 30**, the **Community Youth Group** will lead the morning Worship Service. **Cowen O’Riley** will be preaching.

### POSSIBLE ORDINATION SERVICE

- The church will be **voting in early January** on the possibility of **ordaining Rick Sons to the gospel ministry**. If the vote is affirmative, an ordination service will occur in the very near future.

### COMMISSIONING SERVICE AND RECEPTION

- On **February 13**, **Dr. Rodney Harrison** will lead the morning service in part to **commission Pastor Andy** for his **new role with Baptist Homes and Healthcare Ministries**. A **reception will follow**. The Braams last day is not until March 13, but this is the date that best fit the schedule.

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## “...BY SHARING CHRIST TODAY” (EXALT/EVANGELIZE)



If you are not on the church's **text distribution list** and would like to be, please call **Susan Braams (660-686-3351)** or e-mail the church ([fairfaxmobaptistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:fairfaxmobaptistchurch@gmail.com)). Texts are sent related to prayer requests and certain announcements for the church.



Who is it that God is asking you to pray for to help that person realize their need for a Savior or their need to resubmit their life to Him?

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.



### JANUARY

can soups, can chili, sugar, bathroom tissue

**NO CEREAL NEEDED NO PASTA NEEDED**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For **full details** on **upcoming events**, please visit our website at: [fairfaxbaptistchurch.org/events](http://fairfaxbaptistchurch.org/events).

### Weds in January:

- **6:00 pm, Community Prayer Gathering** (Methodist Church – **JANUARY LOCATION**)

### Wed, January 12:

- **5:15 pm, Church Council** (Fellowship Hall)

### Wed, January 26:

- **5:15 pm, Deacon Meeting** (Golden Circle Classroom)

### Wed, February 2:

- **5:15 pm, 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** (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Fall/Spr, Main Building)
- **Thus @ 5:30 pm, Community Root Group** (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Fall/Win/Spr, Lighthouse)

**Building for Tomorrow by Sharing Christ Today** as we:

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