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“Shining
the
Light”



Pastor
Andy
Braams

Many years ago, Fairfax Baptist Church chose to create a series of ideas (I believe 11) that would guide the church in how to minister within this community and beyond. In 2011, I simplified those statements into a more memorable series of statements that became our mission. Those statements are:

- Exalt the Savior
- Equip the Saint
- Evangelize the Sinner

For most of the last two years, we have talked about hope and love. As I consider these words, it is natural to add the word faith, as Paul lumped those three concepts together in several of his letters (most notably in 1 Corinthians 13.13).

I do see a connection between the phrases of our mission and the ideas expressed by Paul. As I see it,

- Exalt the Savior relates to us having faith. We will not exalt Jesus unless we have faith in who He is and what He has done.
- Equip the Saint is about love. Equipping others allows them to better serve God, so our equipping is done as a matter of love for them and for God.
- Evangelize the Sinner is about bringing hope to others. People seek hope in a variety of ways, but the word evangelize literally means to “share the good news.” Good news is what brings hope. And the greatest news is what God has done for us, and that should lead to hope.

You may recall that we recently moved these items (Exalt, Equip, Evangelize) from being our mission to being our strategy (when we dropped JOURNEY), but the importance of these words, and us doing our part, is as important as ever as we move forward as a church and continue to fulfill our new vision/mission statement of ***Building for Tomorrow by Sharing Christ Today.***

OPPORTUNITIES

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“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.
- We have begun a new video-based study on **Sunday evenings (6:00 pm)** called, **“Kingdom Heroes,”** with **Tony Evans**. It is not too late to join.
- Our **Community Prayer Gathering** has seen a dip this winter, but we are still meeting on **Wednesday evenings**. For the month of **February**, the meetings will be at the **Presbyterian Church (6:00 pm)**.

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)**. Texts are sent related to prayer requests and certain announcements for the church.

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.



FEBRUARY

cake mixes, brownie mixes, flour, liquid dish soap

NO CEREAL NEEDED NO PASTA NEEDED

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Weds in Feb:

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

Wed, Feb 2:

- **7:00 pm, Church Council** (Fellowship Hall)

Wed, Feb 13:

- **10:30 am, Commissioning Service for Pastor Andy** (Sanctuary)
- **12:00 pm, Carry-In Dinner & Reception for Pastor Andy** (Fellowship Hall)

Tue, Feb 22:

- **5:15 pm, Deacon Meeting** (Golden Circle Classroom – **NOTE DATE CHANGE**)

Wed, Feb 23:

- **7:00 pm, Church Council** (Fellowship Hall – **NOTE DATE CHANGE**)

Wed, Mar 9:

- **6:00 pm, First Quarter Business Meeting** (Sanctuary)

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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, Adult Bible Study** (Fellowship Hall) (Current Study: “*Kingdom Heroes,*” with Tony Evans)

REGULAR WEEKDAY SERVICES

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