



April 2026

The Flowering of The Cross



You are invited to help with the Flowering of The Cross on **Easter Sunday, April 5.**

Please bring cut flowers to any of the services on Easter Sunday. A cross will be set up in the foyer of

the sanctuary for you to decorate with the cut flowers.

Decorating a cross with fresh flowers symbolizes the transformation of the cross from an instrument of death (Good Friday) into a symbol of Jesus' resurrection and new life.



Easter Services

Sunday, April 5

7 am

SonRise Service
followed by breakfast

9 am & 11:15 am
Worship Services

10 am Bible Fellowship

April 2, 2026

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

**APRIL 2
6:30 PM**

The FFBC Cantata Choir presents

Jesus Paid It All

Optional footwashing
6 - 6:25 pm



April 9, 2026



Our next FFBC Red Cross Blood Drive is on **Thursday, April 9, 1-7 pm.** You can support this ministry in several ways. You can sign up to give a blood donation, assist with refreshments, or check in our donors.

Future blood drives at the church are on **June 25, September 10, and November 10.** Sign up today to reserve your spot. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

To give, go to redcrossblood.org.
To volunteer your time, contact Susan Lee.

April 26, 2026



Youth & Graduate Sunday April 26

Breakfast & Graduate Recognition

@ 9 am

in the Family Life Center

Bible Fellowship @ 10 am

Youth-led Worship

@ 11:15 am in Sanctuary



From Eure Pastor's Desk

John Eure, Lead Pastor

Jesus told them before He raised His friend from the dead, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after dying." And He also told them, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me." (John 11:25; 14:6). How did they know He was for real? Jesus told them what He would do, then He did it!

We have the same assurance and witnesses to His authority and power. As we read of His resurrection in all four Gospels, we are encouraged not only once a year, not only on Sundays, but every day we live! The Risen Christ's power to conquer death is the central hope for all believers. Even His magnificent sacrifice on the cross must have a resurrected Lord if God's forgiveness is to be eternal and not only confined to this world (read *1 Corinthians 15:13-20*).

Give God praise for His Risen Son, Jesus! In Him, His followers have His promise and power to sustain us everyday as we serve Him until He returns!

Did you know?

You can request a **Parent-Child Dedication**. Since infants aren't capable of making a conscious decision for baptism, parents can request to publicly commit themselves to bringing up their children to know God and His love through Jesus. This is more about parents dedicating themselves to teach their children with the church supporting them.

Mother's Day and Father's Day are often requested for dedication ceremonies, however they may be scheduled at almost any time.

Interested in setting up an orientation for a *Parent-Child Dedication*? Talk with me!



THE DEACON BEACON

Submitted by Sarah Pelfrey

Connecting *Passion and Purpose* how our church can connect with Generation 2 and be effective reaching out:

- * **Go and tell** --take the church outside the walls
- * **Engage people** where they are in their comfort zone then encourage them to step outside that comfort zone
- * **Humble yourself**--be ready to change some of your ways and thinking to reach out to others

A deacon is a disciple, and disciples make disciples!!!

Deacons On Call For April

Chuck Horton
Brock McDaniel
Curtis Thomas

Worship Arts Ministry

Amy Burcher, Worship Arts Pastor

Hello FFBC Friends and Family,

What a blessing it is to continue to worship in our Easter season. How wonderful to celebrate Jesus, our Risen Lord, on **April 5th** with 3 services and a delicious Easter breakfast that is a tradition every year. Of course, we will continue this beautiful musical journey, telling the Easter story throughout the month of April. May we continue to worship in this great energy as we enter April and celebrate a special occasion on **April 26th with a single service**. We will honor and celebrate our 2026 graduates from high school and college that day. Let us continue to pray for those graduates and their future goals and new journey. May God continue to bless them and lead them in their new directions. Many of our church family members of all generations help with the youth and graduate Sunday, leading the worship service and helping with the breakfast.

There is such amazing talent in our church! Thank all of you who have been so dedicated and generous with your time and talent and for sharing that gift with us during this season.

As I have said before, one of my favorite quotes says, "Music is an art form of reflecting, hope, faith, and the struggles of God's people. Our songs are about the cross, heaven, and our daily journey between the two."

Our JoySong Children's Choir is preparing music for two different Sunday services during the next two months. The Jubilate Youth Choir is also preparing music to share on April 26th that will be dedicated to our graduating seniors.

Come worship with us during the month of April and glorify our God, hear scripture to live by, sermons that inspire, and songs that fill our hearts with the joy of the Lord. What a blessing it is to have this time of fellowship together and share God's love with as many people as we can reach. May blessings brighten all of your days and keep you shining with the love of Christ.



Justin Carter turns 100 on April 21 !!

Please take a moment to send Justin a card. Let's see how many cards he can get from FFBC!

Justin Carter
3500 Meekins Drive Room 334
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Children's Ministry

Submitted by Jamie Gardner, Children's Ministry Coordinator

The Children's Ministry had a wonderful time with our annual Children's Easter Celebration. Our church family was joined by preschool families and families from within our community for this fun-filled day. We are so thankful to all who helped make this amazing day special for each of the children. Whether you helped with setting up, cleaning up, helped with any of the many event activities, donated candy, filled eggs, or prayed for this event, we thank you for your continued support of the Children's Ministry.



Opportunities for Fellowship

Kingdom Kids – Sundays during Discovery Service (except 1st Sundays and Special Occasions).

Children In Action – Wednesdays 6:30pm – 7:15pm (following supper).

Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School – VBS will be held June 14th – June 18th, 5:30-8:30 pm.

Volunteer registration will open soon. This year we will visit Rainforest Falls where we will explore the nature of God. We hope you will join us for this fun-filled week.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Submitted by Dillon Pegram, Interim Youth MC

We are so thankful for all that God is doing in our youth ministry! Thanks to the generosity and support of our church family, we were able to raise around **\$1,600** to help send our students to **Passport Camp** this summer **June 22-26**. This is a huge blessing and will make a meaningful impact as our students grow in their faith. Currently, we have **9 students** signed up to attend, and we are excited to see how God will work in their lives during that week.

We also have another exciting opportunity right around the corner. **Camp Willow Run** is coming up soon. The dates are **April 10 -12**. We have **12 students** planning to attend. Please be in prayer for this weekend—that it would be a time of fun, spiritual growth, and deeper connection with one another and with Christ.

Additionally, **Youth & Graduate Sunday** is approaching. 9 AM will be a breakfast in the FLC to honor H.S. Grads with their families ending with a short celebration-ceremony. A youth-led Worship Service will begin at 11:15 in the Sanctuary with a time to honor all graduates (HS, college, advanced, etc.). If you would like to encourage them, we invite you to **write letters of support, prayer, or congratulations**. We will collect these letters and present them to our seniors on that day as a meaningful reminder of the love and support of their church family.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support of our youth ministry. It truly makes a difference!



Youth Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

HAHAHA

Why does a chicken only make one sound? Because they don't know how to think outside the baawks.

Community Missions News

Submitted by Diane Nolan, Chair

WELCOME SPRING!!!! Some of us thought that it would never come! But the weather did not slow down our ministry support in the community. It was another busy month!

A huge THANK YOU to Megan Williams and Roger and Anna Brown for their helping hands with the COMMUNITY MINISTRY CENTER. This reliable help is such a blessing to the Center. THANK YOU for your Food Focus donations. We delivered at least 200 boxes of Mac and Cheese in March. The staff was overjoyed! THANK YOU for recycling your bags and egg cartons! This is a double blessing!!

We were able to provide requested hygiene items to the FREDERICKSBURG CHRISTIAN HEALTH CENTER. The patients were so grateful to get them!!

We continue to support our little family at Hope House and provide much needed clothing and food.

THANK YOU, again for the cloth place mats!! A dozen walker/wheelchair totes were sewn and delivered to SPRING ARBOR and to the DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER.

We received the 2025 Impact Report from FXBG's pro-life center IMGNIlife. They served 866 people; of the 379 abortion vulnerable clients served, 272 changed their minds and chose LIFE. Their ministry also provided 521 ultrasounds, 507 pregnancy tests and 55,000 diapers!!!

COMMUNITY MINISTRY CENTER Food Focus request for April.....PASTA AND PASTA SAUCE.

Please do NOT purchase sauce in glass containers. Accidents happen and I understand that there are hardly enough paper towels to clean up the mess!!



Again, THANK YOU for your support for COMMUNITY MISSIONS! You bless the lives of so many families in our community!!



Submitted by Kimberly Murphy, SAM Chair

Attention adults 55 years & older, we have an upcoming outing planned for Thursday, **April 23rd**! Come join us for a trolley riding tour of downtown Fredericksburg followed by a Dutch-treat lunch at the Robin's Nest Cafe' at Shannon Airport. We will leave the church at 10 am and plan to return around 2 pm. Cost is \$22/person for the trolley tour.

We also have a planning meeting on **April 14th** at 4:30 pm in the library. Please join us to share your ideas and suggestions. We need your help to make events happen.

Any questions, call or text Kimberly Murphy or Becky Watrus.

We hope many of you are able to attend & participate with our Senior Adult Ministry.



Submitted by Sarah Pelfrey, Director

As you know, Ferry Farm Baptist Church, through the WMU line of the FFBC Budget, supports a CRU missionary in Central Asia. This missionary is a native Central Asian who, along with her sister, leads a student ministry near the local university. She sent our church a Thank You for supporting the work in Central Asia.

Dear Church,

Thank you so much for your support and generosity. It truly encourages me and helps me continue the work God has called me to do. I am I am grateful for your partnership and friendship. May God bless you abundantly.

With thanks,

Barbara (name changed for security purposes)

Please keep "Barbara", her sister, the student ministry, and all the students that are drawn / led to join the student ministry in your prayers.

Online giving is available on our website:
ferryfarmbc.org

Join us for our mid-week fellowship meal
Wednesday's @ 5:45 pm

April Menu



- 1 No Meal: Spring Break
- 8 Mexican Fiesta
- 15 Chicken Fettuccini & Veggies
- 22 Sloppy Joes
- 29 Pasta Bar

\$7 / Person Free / 6 & Under
\$20 / Family of 3 or more

Women on Mission



On Monday, **April 13**, WOM will meet @ **10 am** in the Family Life Center. Myriam Brown from Stafford Junction will be our guest speaker. Please RSVP to Sandy Koch.

Women on Mission is open to women of all ages.

Thank you

The family of Judy Dunigan would like to thank the entire church staff and membership for their love, concern, prayers, and acts of kindness during Judy's entire cancer journey.

God bless you all,
Bobby, Jacy, and Kate

Dear Kimberly & Ferry Farm Women on Mission,
Thank you for your thoughtful donation of Easter baskets for the children we serve at Empowerhouse. Your generosity will bring joy and comfort to 25 children this Easter season, and it means so much to the families in our care.

We are truly grateful for your support.
With heartfelt thanks,
Chloe Macka, Empowerhouse

Greetings Ferry Farm Baptist Church,
Thank you for your support and donations of children's books. Our success depends greatly on donors like you.
Best wishes,
Empowerhouse

Dear Ferry Farm,
I owe a great debt of gratitude to you all.
My sister, Sue Rogers, received only warmth and friendship from everyone who met her. It would be impossible for me to express how much she loved the entire congregation of Ferry Farm Baptist Church.

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to all who sent warm wishes and such a caring way I was treated at the loss of my only sister. She was greeted every Sunday with such friendship and sweet words that it made her feel right at home.

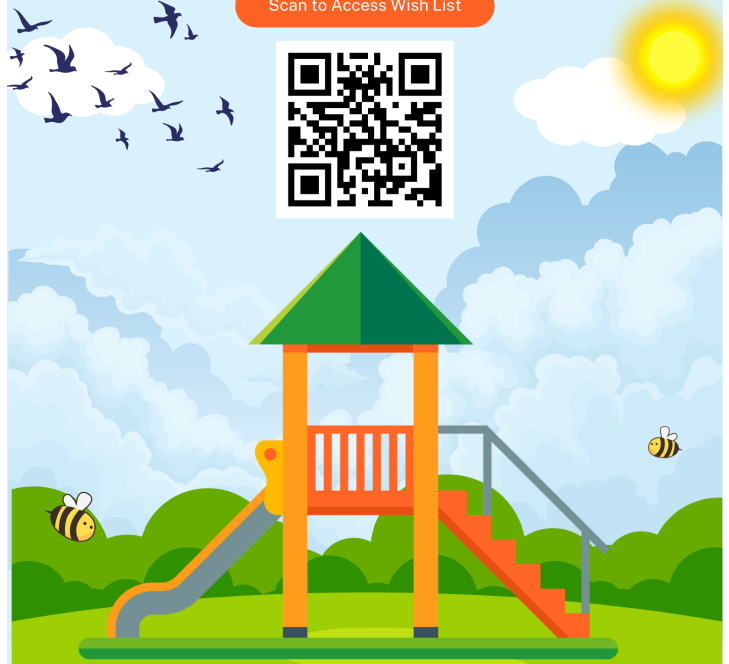
So many of you sent cards to me when Sue died, I want to thank you all. You are in my prayers.
In Christ,
Paul Akers

Ferry Farm Baptist Church,
Thank you for the incontinent items you provided for one of our patients. She was so grateful to get them!
We appreciate the continued support you provide to our patients and as well as our community.

Nisha Evans
Care Coordinator
Fredericksburg Christian Health Center

Ferry Farm Baptist Preschool Playground Make-Over

Scan to Access Wish List



After many years of fun play and exposure to the elements, the Ferry Farm Baptist Preschool playground is in need of new playground equipment.

If you would like to help with the purchase of items for our playground, please visit our Amazon wish list by scanning the QR code.

If you would like to make a donation that is not on our list, please speak with Jamie Gardner, Preschool Director.

Thank you in advance for your support!

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING® anniearmstrong.com

The last Sunday to give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions is **April 5**. Ferry Farm's goal is

\$3,000. At the time of printing, we have collected \$5,102. Don't miss this opportunity to help the spread of the gospel in North America & it's territories.

GIVING & ATTENDANCE

	Feb Online	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29
General Fund	\$3,279	\$11,890	\$17,011	\$7,414	\$7,955	\$9,229
Building Fund		\$1,220	\$890	\$30,210	0	\$300
<i>2026 Budget Requirement is \$14,526/week</i>						
Bible Fellowship		106	99	109	112	100
Worship		183	153	163	163	162

Give online at ferryfarmbc.org

IMGNLife

Submitted by Melanie Hardin

Three FFBC couples attended the IMGNLife Gala on March 7th. It was a great time of fellowship, worship, and a great meal topped off with a fantastic speaker who was very knowledgeable about the tactics of Planned Parenthood.

We learned of a disturbing proposal coming in November that would allow termination of a pregnancy up to the time of birth. If you are interested in learning more about how you might support this organization (Choices Women's Center/IMGNLife), visit their website (imgnlife.org), and please consider joining us at the Gala next spring.

Attendees were: Ed & Robin Biggers, Larry Gray & Melanie Hardin, and John & Candi Smith.



Preparation has begun for the 4th annual **Night of Patriotism & Remembrance** to be held on Wednesday, **May 27**.

If you are a veteran or have an immediate family member who has served in the military and you would like added to the video tribute, please contact the church office or Steve Dean asap.

Pictures and information are due by Sunday, April 19.

MICAH BAG LUNCH MINISTRY



Ministry teams are needed to prepare brown bag lunches for Micah Ministries. Contact Julia Chase to reserve your date:

May 17, July 19, November 15

Contact Julia.

Men's Ministry

Submitted by Gordon Combs

February 28th saw 21 men come together in the FLC for a light breakfast, fellowship, and devotional. We discussed how men need to support and pray for one another, and Gordon shared his testimony.

On March 14th, the Men's Ministry completed our first Community Missions Project in conjunction with the 516Project organization. Ten men, (not pictured, John Eure), helped prepare the outdoor premises of a Ferry Farm neighborhood home for a handicap ramp to be built on April 14-16.



Volunteers are still needed for 1, 2, or all 3 days. Contact Gordon (540-840-0394) to help.

On March 28, 14 men came together to break bread (ok, we broke bagels). We discussed how God uses what we already have, and Chris Goldsmith shared his very moving and inspiring testimony.

Our next get-together will be **April 25 @ 8:30 am** in the FLC. We would love to see lots of men (18 yrs+) attend. We will start with prayer and a hearty breakfast of eggs, sausage, and biscuits.

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