October 2026

LifeSource

FERRY FARM Baptist Church

Flowering Perennials Needed

Several Buildings and Grounds Committee members, who enjoy landscaping and would like to beautify the church grounds, are looking for **flowering perennial plants** that can be divided this fall and donated to the church. If you would like to donate some flowers, please email the church office (sherri.hall@ferryfarmbc.org) asap with the following information:

what plants you have/willing to donate,
how many plants,
the color of the flower.

There is a particular interest in Lamb's Ear, Hardy Geranium, Black Eyed Susan, Hosta, Sedum, and Daylilies.

A date for donating plants and transplanting them at the church will be determined soon.
Nursery pots of varying sizes are on hand if needed.

Questions can be directed to Paula Horton.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday October 25, 2026
4:30 - 6:00 PM

Join us for a family friendly trunk or treat!
We hope to see you there!

The EWOKS Bible Fellowship class, in partnership with the Children's Ministry, is hosting their annual Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, **October 25**. There will be games, face painting, and a bounce house in addition to the festive trunks filled with candy. No scary costumes, please.

Please sign up on the Children's Ministry board to let us know that you plan to decorate your trunk – no scary trunks please.

We are in need of individaully wrapped candy to hand out at the event. If you would like to donate candy, a collection bin is in the breezeway.

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child

Once again this year, FFBC is participating in Operation Christmas Child, a shoebox ministry that shares the GOSPEL with EVERY child who receives a shoebox. The amazing journey of a simple shoebox gift BEGINS WITH YOU and RESULTS in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication of churches.

October 11 through November 8 shoeboxes along with instructions will be available in the FLC and sanctuary hallway.

FFBC Goal = 175 filled boxes

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Join us for an afternoon of Fall fun and fellowship!

OCTOBER 4, 2025
2 PM - 4PM

Belvedere Plantation
1410 Belvedere Dr, Fredericksburg, VA 22408

All are invited to join in the fun!

TICKET COST: $27.95

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE

BGAV HUNGER MINISTRY

On Sunday, **October 11** FFBC will join with other BGAV churches in collecting a special offering to combat hunger. To contribute, use the **special marked envelopes available on that Sunday or you can mark "HUNGER" in the memo line of your check. Please make checks payable to the church.**

The BGAV established a Virginia offering for World Hunger in 1982. Half of the funds collected are used to support local & domestic ministries, while the other half are distributed for global hunger relief through BGAV partners worldwide.

From Eure Pastor's Desk

John Eure, Lead Pastor

"Feed my lambs." "Take care of my sheep." "Feed my sheep." These were Jesus' commands to Peter after he answered "yes" three times to the Lord's repeated questions, "Do you love me?" Read John 21:15-17. Like Peter, the Master calls us to feed and care for every person's greatest spiritual need which comes through us sharing and living out the Good News of His salvation. Notice that Jesus demonstrated His care for the physical needs of His disciples, also. Prior to speaking with Peter, Jesus had prepared breakfast for His hungry disciples as they were finished fishing in the early morning hours. Read John 21:1-14.

As believers in Jesus, we are called to follow His example to feed others. Earlier in John's Gospel, the Lord had referred to Himself as the Living Water and the Living Bread (John 4:10-14; 6:47-51). Before Jesus told the crowd He was the bread of life, John 6:1-13 records that the Lord fed over 5,000 people with a boy's small meal of 5 loaves and two fish.

Our words testify the truth of Jesus' saving grace. Our actions bear proof that our trust in Him is genuine.

On October 11th, Ferry Farm Baptist Church will collect for the World Hunger Offering. Donations will be forwarded to the Baptist General Association of Virginia to help with food ministries in the Commonwealth and through the North American and International Mission Boards' feeding efforts. 100% of the offerings received go to feeding others, not administrative costs.

As we serve the poor and hungry, let us remember to share the Gospel to those who are poor in spirit. Temporary acts of love can open doors to share the everlasting love and life in Christ!

[If you give by check, please make it payable to Ferry Farm Baptist Church and notate "World Hunger." Special envelopes are available.]

Wednesday Supper

October Menu

7 - Pulled Pork
14 - Chuck Roast & Potatoes
21 - Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes
28 - Chicken Pot Pie

$7/person ; $20/family of 3 or more
Kids 6 & under eat free

Send **prayer requests, prayer updates, and praises to**

prayer@ferryfarmbc.org

Using this address sends the prayer need directly to the Deacon Prayer Team Lead, Gordon Combs.

Worship Arts Ministry

Amy Burcher, Worship Arts Pastor

Happy Fall and many blessings to all of you as we enter this new season. There's always a feeling of newness in the air when the hot days of summer conclude, and we have cool crisp mornings. There is such energy in our church halls, as the preschool resumes with the sound of children playing and laughing. It always touches my heart to hear those young voices and, it brings many memories back to me since my children went to our preschool almost 30 years ago, and now I have a granddaughter in preschool.

I am overwhelmed by the love that I see being shared at FFBC each and every day. I so appreciate the gift of time that so many of you share with our music ministry as well as the other ministries. I thank God for the gifted musicians that our congregation has been richly blessed with and for the musical "Word" that we share together each Sunday.

I hope our church is a place where you can find peace and joy, even in the midst of trials and sufferings. Many of us take refuge in worship, whether it's prayer, meditation, scripture readings, hearing the Word or in music. My soul has always been filled with joy and my heart filled with love when I am moved by music praising God.

Our focus in our worship services will continue to be sharing heartfelt songs, hoping to touch others, to comfort all of you, and to praise our Almighty God. It's not too late if you would like to join our cantata choir as we prepare for *A Christmas Invitation*. We meet on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm.

Best wishes for the new season, and prayers for good health and a heart filled with joy, now as always.

Deacon Beacon

Submitted by Sarah Pelfrey, Deacon

Fall months are usually the months that Stewardship is emphasized in Southern Baptist churches.
As deacons, we share the following:

- Pray in Confidence in God's Provision
- Model and Teach Biblical Stewardship
- Give Strategically and Sacrificially to Missions
- Operate within a Balanced Annual Budget

Deacons on Call in October	
Chuck Horton	
Brock McDaniel	
Curtis Thomas	

Children's Ministry

Jamie Gardner, Children's Ministry Coordinator

The Children's Ministry is so excited to be back in the swing of things. We ended our summer break with a children and youth gathering. We enjoyed basketball, volleyball, and board games. The children and youth came together and showed great sportsmanship and support for each other. Moving into the month of October we will have a few fun events that are open to families.
We hope you will join us soon.

Upcoming Events

Trip to the Belvedere Plantation: **October 4**, 2pm – 4pm
You are invited to join the Children and Youth Ministries for a fun afternoon at Belvedere Plantation on October 4th from 2pm – 4pm. This is an afternoon to enjoy some fresh air, fall favorites, and fellowship. This event is open to all of our church family as well. **For children, we ask that a parent plan to stay on site for the duration of our time there.**
Cost of tickets is $27.99 per person.
Please purchase tickets in advance by visiting **belvedereplantation.com**.
For more information, please contact Jamie Gardner.

Opportunities for Worship, Fellowship, and Service

Kingdom Kids:
Kingdom Kids is a worship service for kids that is held each Sunday during our Discovery Service, with the exception of the first Sunday of each month or during special services. This service lasts approximately 30 minutes. **We are seeking volunteers to help**. All lessons are planned in advance and supplies are provided.
If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful opportunity, please contact Jamie Gardner.

Children in Action:
Children in Action is a mission-focused Bible study for kids held Wednesday evenings after supper. We work together to learn about the many missionaries and mission opportunities around the world. We also work on mission projects that support our church family.
We are seeking volunteers to help. All lessons are planned in advance and supplies are provided.
If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful opportunity, please contact Jamie Gardner.

Youth Ministry

Melanie Horton, Youth Leader

Bible Fellowship
This month we will start studying the book of Ephesians. We are excited to see what some of Paul's teachings can do for us as a whole and bring us closer to the Lord. We are lucky to have had the opportunity this past month to help get boxes ready for Operation Christmas Child, and be able to talk about the impact this mission can have on ourselves, as well as those who receive them. This month, the youth class will be divided into two classes: high school and middle school.

Mosaic
Over the past month, we have held Mosaic a couple of times and decided that we will be studying the book of Acts through the rest of the current year. We are excited to see what the Lord is teaching us, and how it will impact our lives by learning about the Gospel spreading rapidly, and how we can apply it to our own situations as well.

Future Events
Camp Willow Run is quickly approaching, **November 6-8**. The signup closes on **October 1st** and the payment of $150 per student attending is due. If you have any questions regarding the payment or sign up, reach out to youth@ferryfarmbc.org. We are excited to be able to take this trip and see what the Lord has planned to teach us along the way, but also an opportunity to grow as a group and grow closer to God together.

We are ready to see what God has in store for our youth, and all the opportunities we will have to be able to grow together and with the Lord. Please continue to be in prayer over our ministry, as well as our future Youth Ministry Coordinator.

Women's Missionary Union

Submitted by Sarah Pelfrey, WMU Director

The month of October finds many churches observing World Hunger Sunday.
Hunger affects all localities, worldwide. We have folks here in the Fredericksburg area that go to bed hungry. We are told that one in 11 people go hungry each day! Nearly 282 million people in the world face hunger every day. For many, a bowl of rice is all they eat! As you share monetarily, think of those who are hungry.
God's mission is OUR mission!
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD collection begins this month. The suggested donation of $10/box helps to pay for transportation to locations around the world, purchase Bible stories and other teaching/student materials (written in their particular language) for those receiving the boxes.

Women on Mission

Submitted by Sandy Koch, WOM Leader

On Monday, **October 12** @ 10 am, WOM will meet at the home of Janice Lancaster. Ladies present will pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please contact Sandy Koch if you'd like more information

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Women on Mission is open to all ladies ages 18+. They meet on the 2nd Monday of each month, September - May.

Ferry Farm Baptist Preschool

Submitted by Jamie Gardner, Preschool Director

Happy Fall Y'all! The preschool year is underway. Students are spending their time making new friends and learning new routines. We are soaking up as much sun as possible and loving every minute of it on our new playground, with hopes of opening our outdoor learning space soon. We are so thankful for the continued support and prayers from our church family!

Community Missions

Submitted by Diane Nolan, Chair

Working closely with all of our church organizations, we invited Judy Little to address the September meeting of Women on Mission. As Pantry Manager for the COMMUNITY MINISTRY CENTER, Judy provided detailed information about their needs and the many under-resourced families that they are able to help. FFBC has been a ministry partner with CMC for over six years. Judy expressed her deep appreciation for our strong support. She commented that our monthly 'food focus' donations have sustained them.....the dependable 'Helping Hands' on the second Tuesday of each month have made the food distribution process so much easier.....and the bags and egg cartons are such a blessing!! A huge THANK YOU to Megan Williams, Joan Cole, and Ken and Heather Rigby for being those 'Helping Hands' last month. As cooler weather is coming, our

Food Focus for October is SOUP!!

If you would like to join our absolutely amazing FFBC/CMC team and our monthly ministry to help with food distribution at CMC, shoot me an email: pdbn344@gmail.com.
Thank you for the lovely place mat donations. I have a dozen walker/wheelchair totes ready to be delivered to the FREDERICKSBURG CHRISTIAN HEALTH CENTER this week, along with numerous packages of Depends donated by a local business.
Community Missions was able to help a struggling family with rent assistance this month. They were so grateful for the help. They have been through a really rough time.
We are gearing up for our annual 'A-MEAL-AND-MORE' Christmas ministry. Bags and complete instructions will be available on the **first Sunday in November.**
Again....THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY MISSIONS. Your love and amazing generosity has blessed the lives of so many in need.

How do you fix a broken pumpkin?
With a pumpkin patch

SAVE THE DATE

The Stewardship Committee is inviting YOU to enjoy an evening of food & fellowship at the **Stewardship Dinner on Sunday, November 22 @ 5 pm**.
The roasted meat will be provided.
The sides, salads & desserts are potluck; please plan to bring a dish or two to share.
If you have questions or would like to help in some way, contact a member of the Stewardship Committee: Susie Mahaffey, Candace McDaniel, or Paula Horton.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Submitted by Susan Lee, Blood Drive Coordinator

All present on September 10 seemed to enjoy our Oktoberfest themed Blood Drive! Those present enjoyed root beer floats, roulade, red cabbage, warm German potato salad, soft pretzels with cheese sauce, apple pastry, and much more.

We were blessed to have had twelve amazing volunteers who assisted with checking in donors and at the canteen. Melanie Hardin, Becky Watrus, Joan Cole, Larry Gray, Tommy Lee, Jan Williams, Charlotte Wolfe, Diane Nolan, Janice Lancaster, Allyn Luce, Jackie Busch, and Carolyn Epperson spent their day serving our donors. A special thanks to Carolyn who stayed by my side to cut up all the vegetables and help prepare the food needed for this drive.

We also very much appreciate our nine FFBC blood presenters – Melanie Hardin, Larry Gray, Jimmy Cole, Julia Chase, Scott Montrief, Becky Watrus, Julie Malecha (our church treasurer), Catherine Luce (her first donation!), and our office administrator Sherri Hall.

At this drive, FFBC exceeded units collected at all past blood drives for an all-time high of 72 good units of blood, seven of those from Power Red donors. Unfortunately, nine donors were deferred and there were nine no shows. We did, however, have an amazing 16 first-time donors present, 13 of these successfully.

Since August of 2010, FFBC has held 86 blood drives with an average of 46 donors per drive. The total units donated since August of 2010 are 3,929 good units of blood from 4,060 donors.

The last blood drive in 2026 will be held on Tuesday, **November 10**; this one is over half filled at this time. Drives in 2027 will be on January 21, April 8, June 10, September 9, and November 9.

I would like to thank FFBC for allowing me to serve as Team Leader this past 16 years and Carolyn Epperson who was co-chair. I'd also like to thank Allyn Luce and Melanie Hardin for assuming our roles for future drives. I know FFBC will continue under their very capable leadership to serve our community through future blood drives.

THANK YOU

Thank you Helping Hands Ministry for helping me get my apartment ready for some treatment that I needed. I would not have been able to do it without everyone. Your help was a blessing from God. May God keep blessing the Helping Hands ministry.

Also, thank you Community Missions for assisting me with my rent. It was a blessing that you were able to help me. I wouldn't have been able to pay my rent. I appreciate what you did. God gave me a wonderful family to help me in my crisis.

Jessica Wolke

Can you support our Youth by providing Supper?

If you are able to provide supper for Youth Mosaic on any of the following dates, please **sign up on the Youth bulletin board** in the main hallway.

October 4
October 18
October 25
November 1
November 15
December 6
December 13

Your help is greatly appreciated.
Thank you to those who have helped so far this year.

FFBC has adopted Ferry Farm Elementary School to provide a bridge between schools & churches and to provide support to students and staff throughout the school year. Teachers often have to provide (using their own money) snacks for students receiving free or reduced lunch or those children do not have a snack for snack time.
We are asking anyone who would like to help us minister to FFES to bring in the following requested snack items.
There is a designated collection bin in the hallway leading to the sanctuary for these items.
Please make sure all items are in
single-serving sizes!

Pringles
Goldfish Crackers
Cheez-it Crackers
Welch's Fruit Snacks (gummies)
Smartfood Popcorn
Bottled Water 8oz size

This will be an ongoing need for FFES. We hope to minister to them by providing for this need continuously during the school year.

Men's Ministry

Submitted by Gordon Combs, Leader

At our September meeting, the Men's Ministry hosted the Weekday Preschool teachers for their safety training presented by Sgt. Curtis of the Stafford Sherriff's Department. Jamie and 12 of her staff enjoyed a hearty breakfast with the men, then joined us for a devotional, some biblical readings, and, for some entertainment enlightenment, a Ten Commandment Rap song written by Ann Cooper's daughter and belted out by Rapper Gordie Fever. After a short break, Sgt. Curtis presented the safety training along with some Q&A. At the completion of our meeting on **October 24th**, we are doing a community service project for a local family in the Ferry Farm neighborhood. We hope you can join us in October.

Service Opportunities

Submitted by Janna Balas, Nominating Committee Chair

On behalf of the Nominating Committee,
I would like to thank everyone who stepped up to serve in various roles within the church.
There are still some areas that are in need of servant helpers. These areas include:

- Bible Fellowship Nursery/Preschool Teacher
- Vacation Bible School Co-Lead

If you are interested in serving or learning more, please reach out to a member of the Nominating Committee (Janna Balas, Bill Elliott, Jenny Goldsmith, Niki Fisher, Sonny Tolley, or Pastor John).

GIVING & ATTENDANCE

	Aug. Online	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27
General Fund	$3,892	$13,890	$9,846	$5,091	$5,239
Building Fund		$420	$450	$50	$150
2026 Budget Requirement is $14,526/week					
Bible Fellowship		103	126	97	115
Worship		128	179	168	143

Give online at **ferryfarmbc.org**

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