FERRY FARM
Baptist Church

November 2026

LifeSource

Rise AGAINST HUNGER EXPERIENCE

Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity.

Meal Packaging Event

Ferry Farm Baptist Church
1 Westmoreland Drive, 22405

Saturday
November 21, 2026
10:00am - Noon

Ferry Farm Baptist Church, in partnership with other local churches, is hosting a Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event.

Our goal is to package **10,000** meals **and we need your help!**

To participate in this fun and impactful event, **please sign up on the Childrens Ministry board** located in the main hallway.

Please join us & invite friends to join us too.

For more information, contact Jamie Gardner.

"As each has received a special gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."
1 Peter 4:10

The Stewardship Committee is inviting YOU to enjoy an evening with your church family for our annual **Thanks & Giving Stewardship Dinner on Sunday, November 22 @ 5 pm**.
It will be a time of fellowship as we enjoy a wonderful potluck meal with savory roast beef being served as the entrée.
Please plan to attend and bring a sidedish, salad and/or dessert 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.

A Meal-and-More
Christmas Ministry

On Sunday, **November 1**, the Community Missions Committee is launching it's annual **A Meal-and-More** Christmas Ministry. These filled bags will be given to the Community Ministry Center (CMC) for distribution to families in need this holiday season.

Bags are available in the breezeway with instructions & a shopping list attached. Filled bags must be returned **to the Sanctuary foyer or FLC stage** by Sunday, **December 6**.

Shoeboxes are due by Sunday, **November 8**. Pack online via our website through Friday, **November 20**.

Quarterly
BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, **November 18**
6:30 pm

The 2027 Proposed Budget will be presented at the November 18 meeting for member approval.
Deacon elections will also take place.
Quorum is 48 for elections.
Please plan to be present, if at all possible.

A fried chicken supper will be served beginning at 5:30 pm.

Advent Worship

Sunday, **November 29**
through
Sunday, **January 10**

Worship @ 10:30 am

Bible Fellowship @ 9:15 am

Our Christmas Cantata, *A Christmas Invitation*, presentation is Sunday, **December 13**.

From Eure Pastor's Desk

John Eure, Lead Pastor

Thom Rainer, former president of Lifeway Christian Resources, wrote the following in 2012. It reminds me our gracious Heavenly Father doesn't withhold any good thing we need (**Romans 8:32**). May we each nurture an attitude of gratitude daily! -JDE

If I feel entitled, I complain about my job. If I am thankful, I am grateful to have a job.

If feel entitled, I complain about the meal I'm eating. If I am thankful, I am grateful to have food on the table.

If I feel entitled, I complain that the government does not do enough for me. If I am thankful, I ask what I can first do for others.

If I feel entitled, I complain about my spouse. If am thankful, I express gratitude that someone has put up with me all these years.

If I feel entitled, I complain about living paycheck to paycheck. If I am thankful, I am grateful simply to have a paycheck.

If I feel entitled, I complain about what's wrong with my church. If I am thankful, I am ever grateful for the freedom to worship.

If I feel entitled, I complain about the deficiencies of different family members. If am thankful, I am grateful that I have a family that loves and cares for me.

If I feel entitled, I complain about the lousy weather we're having. If I am thankful, I am grateful to be a free person regardless of the weather.

If I feel entitled, I complain to God about why He is treating me so unfairly. If I am thankful, I know that I deserve nothing good, that all gifts are an act of grace.

Dear Lord, forgive me for my sense of entitlement. Remind me to rejoice in all things, and in all things to be thankful. Remind me to count my blessings. And remind me when my heart begins to stray from thanksgiving to entitlement.

Precept

A new coed Precept study class on
The Book of Leviticus
begins Tuesday, **December 1** @ 1 pm in room 112.
This is a 7-week study. December 1-February 2,
with no class on December 15, 22, 29.
Cost of the book is $23.
Interested in joining?
Contact Melanie Hardin asap.

Worship Arts Ministry

Amy Burcher, Worship Arts Pastor

Here's the pre-season news for our upcoming fall worship opportunities. I hope you are touched by some of our musical selections for All Saints Day on November 1st, our Veterans Day recognition on November 8th, and sharing a combination of praise and worship music with treasured favorite hymns for our Thanksgiving service on November 22nd.

Advent begins on **November 29**th with our single services for the Christmas season. Let me know if any of you wish to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas on the afternoon of **November 22**nd.

I give thanks to the Lord for all the talented people that share their love for music and for Jesus in our worship services. November is a very busy month with preparing to sing songs of celebration to glorify our God with music for the quickly approaching holidays. I recently was reminded by a church family member how thankful we should feel that we are able to worship together in person and especially with our folks watching from home (made possible with our live-streaming technology to share worship services.) Although we miss not getting to have fellowship time with those watching online, we are able to worship as "one" and be together as the body of Christ here at Ferry Farm Baptist Church.

I am filled with excitement and enthusiasm as we begin preparing for November and also for the season of Advent. Please invite your family and friends to our Christmas cantata *A Christmas Invitation* which will be presented on **December 13**th.

Happy fall and blessings to all.

Deacon Beacon

Submitted by Sarah Pelfrey, Deacon

As part of Stewardship Emphasis for November, Deacons want to remind church members that God is a missional God, we are missional people.

In Christ, God came; so we go and we send.

If you wonder what our church values most, look at our budget. A church that minimizes missions giving is a church that is in jeopardy of losing its focus. Let us make missions giving a priority in our church budget and watch how God multiplies His giving toward Ferry Farm BC now and in the future.

Deacons on Call in November	
Ed Biggers	
Steve Dean	
Janel Donohue	

Children's Ministry

Jamie Gardner, Children's Ministry Coordinator

Happy November. This month we are most thankful for our church family and all of the support you give to the youngest worshipers in our church family.
We had an amazing turn out for our annual Trunk or Treat event held October 25th. Thank you to everyone who came out, decorated a trunk, and donated candy. With close to 150 children in attendance, your support made this event so special for each one. Thank you to our many youth who came to help with face painting, helping with the bounce houses, and handing out candy. A huge thank you to the EWOK Bible Fellowship class for hosting this event! We look forward to seeing you all next year!

Opportunities for Worship, Fellowship, and Service

Upcoming Event

We need your help in making this fun-filled event special for all of the children and families who join us. A sign up can be found on the Children's Ministry board.

thank you

Dear Ferry Farm Baptist Church,
Thank you to the prayer team, deacons, leadership, and everyone who was so supportive during my mom's illness and passing. FFBC has shown me love since I first stepped foot in it almost 40 years ago. This is a special congregation and church and I am grateful for you all.
Love,
Shannon Eubanks (Howell)

Ferry Farm Baptist Church,
Thank you so much for continuing to support our work at The Center! Your generosity means a lot to us and encourages us to continue to serve UMW and young adults in Fredericksburg!
Thank you,
The Center Staff

Thank you to all who prayed, called, visited, made meals and sent cards during my health issues.
Your care and support mean so much to me. Although I am not 100%, I am improving and trying to return to activities. Thank you again
for the AGAPE love shown by so many.
Your sister in Christ,
Kimberly Murphy

Red Cross Blood Drive

Submitted by Allyn Luce, Blood Drive Coordinator

A gentle reminder that our next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, **November 10th** from 1:00 to 7:00 pm. If you have not already signed up for a time slot, you can do so through the American Red Cross Website at www.redcrossblood.org and select the November 10th blood drive at Ferry Farm Baptist Church. There are still several slots available! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for any volunteers who would like to help with the blood drive, as well as a sign-up sheet for food items (including desserts!!). Please sign up as soon as possible so we can determine where additional support might be necessary.
For further information, please contact Allyn Luce. Please provide your name and what time slot you would like to fill. Most time slots are scheduled for one hour, but you can always sign up for more than one! We look forward to seeing you all there on November 10th!!

Women's Missionary Union

Submitted by Sarah Pelfrey, WMU Director

Thank you to everyone who participated in any way to Operation Christmas Child. Through your gift, children around the world will hear of Jesus.
November is Stewardship Month and the preparation for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering emphasis the entire month of December. Our goal this year is $5,000. As you know, Lottie Moon, a native of Virginia was the first woman foreign missionary to China. Many times Lottie would go without food in order to give to the Chinese children. Pray as to how each one can give to this International Missions Offering.
"GOD'S MISSION IS OUR MISSION."

Women on Mission

Submitted by Sandy Koch, WOM Leader

On Monday, **November 9** @ 10 am, WOM will meet in the Family Life Center.
Kathleen Wilson from Mary's Shelter is joining WOM to share how Mary's Shelter ministers to the community.

Please contact Sandy Koch
if you'd like more information.
Women on Mission is open to all ladies ages 18+.
They meet on the 2nd Monday of each month,
September - May.

The amazing journey of a simple shoebox gift BEGINS WITH YOU and results in **Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication** of churches.
On Sunday, November 15 our shoeboxes will be prayed over before they leave FFBC. Boxes go next to the Baltimore processing center & from there are shipped to a child who will hear the Gospel, often for the first time.

If you haven't already thought of packing a shoebox, please consider it. There is still time
to pick up a box in the FLC or sanctuary hallway.
Instructions are included in each box.
If you are unable to shop, you can pack virtually.
Go to our website (or use the QR code above);
the cost to pack a box online is $30.
FFBC Goal = 175 filled boxes
(which includes a goal of 30 online boxes.)

When is turkey soup bad for your health?
When you're the turkey!

Community Missions

Submitted by Diane Nolan, Chair

Another busy month for Community Missions thanks to your generous support!
Well over 100 cans of soup have been delivered to the COMMUNITY MINISTRY CENTER and they are so very appreciative!! With cooler days, a bowl of warm soup is always welcome! Thank you for your faithful donations of recycled bags and egg cartons....there are never enough!!
A HUGE THANK YOU to Megan Williams and Ken Rigby for their helping hands at CMC this month. Our FFBC/CMC team members are a great blessing and make food distribution a lot easier.

On Sunday, **November 1st** we will launch our annual **A-MEAL-AND-MORE Christmas food ministry**. FFBC has provided special food blessing bags, every Christmas, for under-resourced families since the 1980s. Bags are available for pick up in the breezeway. Each bag has a food list attached. Bags must be returned to the FLC stage or Sanctuary foyer by Sunday, **December 6th**. The bags will be distributed through the COMMUNITY MINISTRY CENTER (CMC) food pantry.

Community Missions has committed to support the **Teen Boys Program through EMPOWER HOUSE**. These young boys are coming from domestic abuse environments and the program is designed to give counseling, support and encouragement. FFBC will provide a meal for their Wednesday meetings. We have been told that the boys enjoy the fellowship of eating together and are more relaxed and interactive with the group activities. We have decided on pizza, with the church providing funds for the pizza. If you would like to help, donations of beverages and desserts would be appreciated. We are collecting **INDIVIDUALLY packaged desserts** (Little Debbies, etc.), and **2 liter bottles of sodas, lemonade or fruit punch**. A collection box is in the Friendship Sunday School at the bottom of the stairs, room 108.

We received a request from Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter for much needed kitchen cleaning items. We were able to provide everything on their list. The kitchen manager was so grateful to get them.

Rehoming deliveries were made to the SALVATION ARMY, THURMAN BRISBEN SHELTER and the FREDERICKSBURG CHRISTIAN HEALTH CENTER.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU for your strong and faithful support to COMMUNITY MISSIONS.

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.

Wednesday Supper

November Menu

4 - Mexican Enchilada Dish
11 - Turkey Casserole
18 - Fried Chicken
25 - No Meal: Happy Thanksgiving

Supper begins @ 5:30 pm.
$7/person ; $20/family of 3 or more
Kids 6 & under eat free

SAM

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

The SAM Team is planning a trip to see *The Messiah* at Fredericksburg Baptist Church on Sunday **December 5**. The presentation begins @ 3pm. Seniors are invited to meet us there or join us for lunch beforehand. The restaurant is TBD and is Dutch treat. More details to come!

Men's Ministry

Submitted by Gordon Combs, Leader

The Men's Ministry was asked by FFBC's Deacon Ministry Helping Hands to assist a Ferry Farm family who is unable to keep up their yard due to facing many medical difficulties. On Oct 24th, after a hearty breakfast, eleven of us went to their house with trailers, pickups, and tools. In three hours we trimmed trees and bushes and cleaned up the yard. In the Bible, service (servanthood) is defined not as a menial burden, but as a central expression of love for God and others, modeled directly by Jesus Christ. We would love to have more men join us next time as we share love with each other and our community.

The next Men's Ministry meeting is **Saturday, December 5 @ 8:30 am**. After breakfast, men can stay to help set up the Christmas Pageant stable.

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
- Micah Bag Lunch Ministry 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).

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