

Sunday 11	FSM return from retreat - 12:30pm Small Group @ FXCC building - 5:30pm, Worship Center
Monday 12	Backpack Food Packing - 3:30pm, local elementary school
Tuesday 13	Tuesday Ladies Service Project & Luncheon - 10am, Room 202 FSM Tuesday Tradition - 6:30-8pm, Teen Room Al-Anon - 8-9pm, Room 213
Wednesday 14	Worship Rehearsal - 7:30-8:30pm, Worship Center
Thursday 15	
Friday 16	
Saturday 17	Women's Prayer & Bagels - 8:30-9:30am, Room 204 FSM Caroling at Sunrise & Hangout- 5-10:00pm, Rm. 210/212
Sunday 18	FSM Prayer Breakfast - 8:00am, Teen Room S.O.S. Monthly Devotional - 9:00am, Teen Room S.O.S. December Event - 11:30am-3pm, Kingdom Corner YANK Meeting - 12pm, Room 202 Small Group @ FXCC building - 5:30pm, Worship Center

FairFACTS: Week Ending December 4, 2011	
Sunday Worshipers	579
Bible Class	466
Total Revenue	\$29,085
Small Groups	187
Fall Family Series Dinner	112
Baptisms	26
New Members	68

Sermon Notes
Coming Home to Joy
December 11, 2011

4 Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! **5** Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. **6** Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. **7** Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4.4-7

Questions on joy?
When's the last time you laughed, really laughed?
What caused it?
Do you sing in the car or the shower?
Why can only kids skip?

The Acceptable Addiction and Joy Stealer (verse 6)
_____ strangles joy.

How to Bring God

_____ (Verse 4)
This is so important, Paul said it twice. He speaks of joy and rejoicing _____ times in this short little letter.

_____ (Verse 5)
God is right there with you.

_____ (Verses 6-7)
Find the comfort of being home with God.

Feed yourself what is _____ (Verses 8-9)
Focus your mind of what's better and best.

FAIRFAX CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 11, 2011



Come grow with us...

...as we continue learning

*to be God's heart
to this community.*

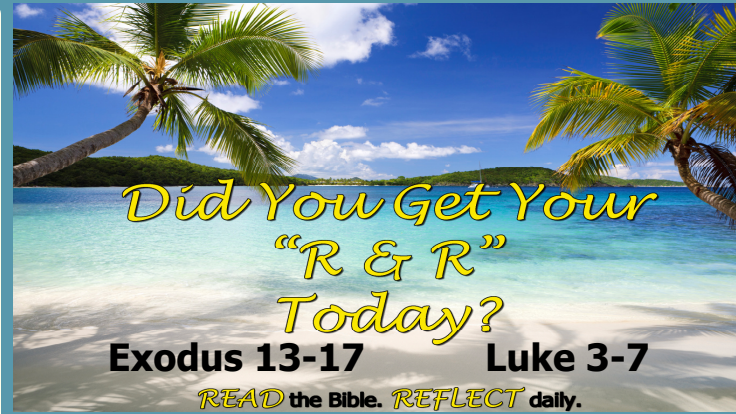
www.fxcc.org
703-631-2100

A Note from Carie:

As the holiday season has firmly settled in around us and Christmas comes closer and closer, the true meaning of Christmas sometimes becomes jumbled up with the stress of travel, presents, family and parties. How many white elephant, secret Santa, and ornament exchanges are on your calendar? How many gifts are you buying this year? It's easy to get so stressed out by what the holidays represent for our time and finances that we forget to stop and just take in the joy of it as well.

Whether your kids are young or old, at home with you or out on their own, take time to stop and remember the meaning of family this month. The promise of Paul in Ephesians is that Christ is the head of this body, or family, and we are all participants in it with each other. Share some time with someone you consider family this holiday season and read the story of the greatest birth the world has ever seen. Be renewed by the reminder that God sent his only Son, to be born to a virgin in a tiny town in an insignificant nation at a time when things seemed pretty hopeless for the people of God. His Son became flesh and dwelt among us, changing the fabric of humanity forever. All mankind was given the opportunity, once more, to share in the eternal blessings God promised us from the beginning of time. That is something to be merry and bright about, and I hope that thought warms you as you continue to deck the halls and bustles through our winter wonderland.

Carie Whittaker
Interim Children's Minister



Vacation Contribution Option

- Put your post dated check in the manila envelope in the back of the pew.
- Put the envelope in the collection plate.
- We will apply your contribution accordingly.

Holiday Schedule Reminders

Sunday, December 25 ~ Two worship services

- 12 midnight - no children's offerings
- 11am with staffed nursery & kids worship
- No Bible classes at either service

Monday, December 26 ~ Church office closed

Tuesday-Friday, December 27-30 ~ Church office hours are 9am-1pm

Sunday, January 1 ~ One worship service

- 9am with staffed nursery & kids worship
- No Bible classes

Monday, January 2 ~ Church office closed

Dynamic Marriage

Do you wonder what happened to the person you married? Or perhaps you're convinced you married the wrong person? How can you experience a lifetime of love, fulfillment and intimacy in your marriage? By learning habits that meet the most important emotional needs of yourself and your spouse. Dynamic Marriage seminars have already fanned the flame and even relit fires that have gone cold in thousands of marriages across the country.



The next Dynamic Marriage session at FXCC is scheduled for February 5 - April 1, 2012. The class will meet on Sundays from 2-4:30pm with complimentary child care. The cost is \$160 per couple.

Big Thanks for Leaves Raked!!



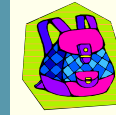
While you were out, sixty or more of Santa's Leaf Raking Elves came and raked and raked and raked leaves. Thanks to all the elves for their hard work in clearing the property of leaves. If you can find them, be sure to thank them for their hard work. And special thanks to our Christmas chef, Tewana Wilkerson for warming us up with your great selection of soups.

FXCC Contact Information

FXCC Staff staff@fxcc.org		FXCC Elders elders@fxcc.org		MCT (Ministry Coordination Team) mct@fxcc.org	
Bruce Black	Senior Minister	bruce@fxcc.org	Rick Baither	Dave Palmer	Rick Baither
Lisa Bosley	Equipping/Integration & Involvement	lisa@fxcc.org	Tim Beckner	Jeff Robertson	Mark Bennington
Phil McKinney	Student Minister	phil@fxcc.org	Ray Bingham	John Shackelford	Bruce Black
Sam Souder	Worship Minister	sam@fxcc.org	Jon Box	Doug Stickler	Lisa Bosley
Ellyn Sergio	Church Administrator	ellyn@fxcc.org	David Hincley	Steve Watkins	Jon Box
Angelia Hennessy	Administrative Assistant	angelia@fxcc.org	Fred McCain		Mark Dellinger
Carie Whittaker	Interim Children's Minister	carie@fxcc.org			Jeff Young
					Glynda Hall
					Larry Holder
					Andrea Morris
					Ellyn Sergio
					Sam Souder

Outreach

Backpack Food - DATE CHANGE!!



Because of a scheduling conflict, we had to change our food packing date. We will meet to pack another 800 bags of food **tomorrow, December 12, at 3pm**. If you would like to help by donating "freebies" for the bags (fruit snacks, granola bars, etc.), we would really appreciate it!! Please contact Jenn or Jason Busby at jennbusby@gmail.com or 571-421-3080 if you would like to serve and for location details.

Spiritual Formation

What's Up with Fairfax Student Ministry

Tuesday Tradition - Just a great mid-week time of singing and praising God and discussing where you are in your relationship with God. Join us this Tuesday, December 13th, 6:30-8pm at FXCC.

Sunrise Caroling & Christmas Hangout - Join us next Saturday, December 17th, from 5-10pm as we go caroling at Sunrise and then hangout together.



FSM Prayer Breakfast: Come join your friends next Sunday, December 18th, at 8am in the Teen room as we pray together for our church and our youth group. Then, we will have breakfast together.

Children's Ministry News and Events

S.O.S. (4th-6th graders) Monthly Devotional - Our S.O.S. (4th, 5th & 6th graders) monthly devotional is next Sunday, December 18th, in rooms 122-124 (Teen room).

S.O.S. (4th-6th graders) December Event - Have you signed up yet? Next Sunday afternoon, December 18th from 11:30am-3pm, will be our S.O.S. Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange. The cost is free; bring a snack to share and a wrapped \$5 gift to exchange. Make sure to RSVP so we have sufficient transportation for caroling at Sunrise Assisted Living.



Ladies Service Project & Luncheon

Ladies, you are all encouraged to join us this Tuesday morning, December 13th at 10am for a service project and then luncheon. We will be packing lunches for the Embury Rucker Community Shelter. Bring a lunch dish to share.

You don't have to be part of the Tuesday Bible study to join us - everyone is invited!



Special Invitation



Fairfax Student Ministry cordially invites our FXCC members 60 years and greater to a New Years Celebration!! Our theme this year is "Moments in Time"; join us from 6-9pm for dinner and fun! Please RSVP to Phil at phil@fxcc.org.

Ladies Monthly Prayer & Bagels

Ladies, just a reminder to come join other sisters in prayer on Saturday, December 17th from 8:30-9:30am in room 204. We will spend time in prayer and then have a bite to eat.

Lost & Found



Several items have been found in various places throughout our building: **dishes from various meals, books, pans, children's clothing articles, drink containers, umbrellas, etc.** Please claim your items and take them home, please. There are also several **jackets and coats** in the coat closet. Any items left unclaimed after **today** will be disposed of.

Also, there are lots of **Bibles** on the lost Bible shelf in the foyer. Please check to make sure one or more of them does not belong to you or someone you know.

