

# FBC News



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## Christmas Music in September!

Can you believe it? Christmas preparations are beginning for the **2011 Christmas Festival of Carols**. This community Christmas worship presentation is scheduled for Friday night, Dec. 9 and Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11. The greatest need now is **SINGERS**, and maybe one of these singers is you or someone you know!

The Sanctuary Choir rehearses each Wednesday night from 7:15-8:45pm in the Choir Room (PA200) on level 6. Along with the music for each Sunday, they are now preparing the music for the **Christmas Festival of Carols**. Perhaps you have considered your calling to sing with this wonderful community of musicians or perhaps this is a new thought for you. Singing for and to God is an awesome privilege as one worships through the music and leads others in worship.

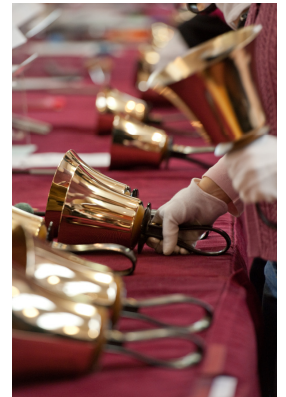
Please prayerfully consider how you might be involved in the Music Ministry, and especially the Sanctuary Choir. There are no auditions, and you do not need to be able to read music. Talk with choir members about their experience of singing with the Sanctuary Choir. Contact Mike Patch, *Minister of Music*, if you would like more information about the Sanctuary Choir or would like to "try out" a rehearsal or two! Music will be supplied! The **Christmas Festival of Carols** is in three months!



## Handbell Ensemble Rehearsals to Resume

**Revelation Ringers** will resume their rehearsals on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 1:30pm in A302.

**Genesis Ringers** will resume their rehearsals on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 6:00pm in A302.



## PraiSong Begins

Sunday, September 18  
4:45-5:45pm

**PraiSong** kicks off a new season of music! Come and sing some new songs and familiar ones as well. Hear plans for the fall season, and bring yours, too! Hope to see YOU there!



Grades 7-12

## Looking Ahead

### Saturday, September 17

Minister on Call-Ann Marlow 786-6063  
7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast

### Sunday, September 18

8:30am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
12:15pm Deacon's Meeting  
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture  
4:45pm PraiSong  
5:00pm Children's Activities  
5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:00pm Genesis Ringers

### Monday, September 19

10:00am Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, September 20

1:00pm Revelation Ringers

### Wednesday, September 21

5:20pm Church Family Dinner  
6:00pm Media Center Opens  
6:00pm PS/Children/Youth Activities  
6:00pm Citizenship Class  
6:10pm Prayer Meeting  
6:25pm Adult Study  
6:30pm World Missions Workgroup Meeting  
6:35pm First Light  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, September 22

9:15am Worship Planning  
4:00pm International Choir  
5:00pm Community Dinner

### Friday, September 23

### Saturday, September 24

Minister on Call-Mike Patch 720-3100  
9:00am Sunday School Workshop

### Sunday, September 25

8:30am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
12:15pm Deacon's Meeting  
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture  
12:30pm Reading Through the Bible  
4:45pm PraiSong  
5:00pm Children's Activities  
5:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:00pm Genesis Ringers

## Wednesday Night Dinner Menu for September 21

Pork Chops, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, cornbread, tossed salad, applesauce, P&J sandwiches, French Bread pizza and green beans, dessert

## Responsibilities for September 18

### Extended Session

#### 8:30am Service

#### Contact Person:

Erin Silver 809-1303

#### Infant Care (PA14):

Van & Tammy Snellings

#### Toddlers & Preschoolers (PA12):

Frankie & Anna Lee

#### 11:00am Service

#### Contact Person:

Norah Pence 379-0501

#### Bed Babies:

Ellen Mayo, Jan Pierson Graebner,

Liz Garnett

#### Toddlers:

Aaron & Tara Lehmann

#### 2s:

Allen Bennett, Kathy Davis

#### 3s & 4s:

Carla Harrington, Elizabeth Papier

### Greeters Schedule

Princess Anne St: Jerry & Vicki Silver

Hallway outside Chapel: Mike Wondree

Sanctuary Door: Joe & Pat DiCecca

Caroline Street: Harris & Dottie Judy

Children's Area: Bea Wondree

Youth Area: Volunteer from Youth Class

Amelia St: Hugh Mullen

### Bus Drivers

#### 8:30am

Durga Chhetri

#### 9:45am

Mark Houghton, Dean Goff,

Mike Woolls

### Ushers

#### 8:30am

Andy Moore, John Rhea,

John & Karen Nastelli

#### 11:00am

Dottie Judy, Adam Pence, Val Knight,

Rick Leonard, Laurie & Tommy Settle

### Deacons

#### 8:30am

Robert Carmichael, Chalee Carmichael,

Melanie Edwards, Susan Graham

Chris Hylton (W&B)

Gail Hylton (W&B)

#### 11:00am

Marla Tignor, Kenneth Whitescarver,

Janis Snider, Carlton Onderdonk,

Reuben Pitts, Dewey Lowman,

Judy Lowman, Bob Dungan

Jan Pierson (W&B),

John Fick (W&B)

### Audio Operators

8:30am Gary Graham

11:00am Burnie Parker

## Among Our Family

### In The Hospital

**MWH:** June & Amelia Gunnell;  
Charles Merrill, Donna Morris

**Duke Univ Hospital:** John Edwards

### Congratulations To:

Luis and Kathyrene (Barksdale) Morales  
in the birth of their daughter, Sophie  
Grace, born September 9

### Sympathy To:

Kristen Via in the death of her father,  
Ronald Hundley;

Mildred Powell in the death of her  
brother, Norman Long

Janet King and Family in the death of  
her mother, Madeline Skinner

## Special Gifts

### In Memory of

**Ministry Memorial Fund** for **Henry Albert**, given by Rev. & Mrs. Edwin Weeks...for **Kitty Snellings Cox**, given by Virginia Temple Pythian Sisters...for **Frances Ann Lee on her birthday**, from her mother, Beatrice Lee...for **Virginia Nessenthaler**, given by Pat Berry; Lew DeBernard; Mickey & Marjorie DeBernard; Ron & Cindy DeBernard Sontoro; Ernie Donahoe, Jr...for **Frank Smart**, given by Pat Berry

**BUOH** for **Jim Sthreshley**, given by Barbara Hitt

**Capital Campaign** for **Virginia Nessenthaler**, given by John & Susan Moundalexis

**Hospitality Ministry** for **George Skinner on his birthday**, given by his wife, Lucille

**Baraca Class** for **Mr. Preston Snellings on his birthday, Sept. 17**, given by Harry & Norma Snellings

### In Honor of

**Ministry Fund** for **Keith Wampler**, given by Bea Brooks



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of our church creates beautiful shawls/blankets to give to others who are struggling with issues of various sorts. These creations are prayed over by the group gathered on Sundays and offered to individuals facing difficulties. The gifts of these shawls is a very comforting way we wish to offer a loving embrace to others in the name of Christ. It is hoped that recipients will feel like they are receiving a hug from God when they wrap themselves in these prayer shawls.

After just a few gatherings during the summer months, the Prayer Shawl Ministry group will begin meeting more regularly in the fall. We will follow the Sunday night schedule of the Children and Youth. Thus, we will meet from 5:00pm-7:00pm on the following Sundays:

September 18  
September 25  
October 9  
October 16  
October 23

On October 30, we hope you will help us encourage our entire congregation to join us for the Trick Your Trunk event in the parking lot!  
November 6 and  
November 13.

If you knit or crochet or if you would like to learn either of these skills, please join us in room PA 111

The Washington-Lewis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution remind us that September 17-23 is Constitution Week and encourage you to take the opportunity to review this important document.

## Daniel Vestal, Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Announces His Retirement

(reprinted with permission of CBF)

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Executive Coordinator Daniel Vestal announced to the organization's Advisory Council that he will retire as executive coordinator effective June 30, 2012.

"Fifteen years ago I sensed a calling of the Spirit to become coordinator of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship," Vestal told the Advisory Council at its regularly scheduled September meeting. "Now I am sensing a release from that calling. I will serve until June 30, unless a new coordinator is chosen earlier. I have also asked the officers to act according to our personnel policies and appoint a search committee for the new Executive Coordinator.

"Through the years I have discovered that discerning the will of God for my life and ministry has been an unfolding experience," Vestal said. "Seldom have I known providence other than in illumination for the next decision or in strength for the next step. And that has been sufficient. Often I have prayed for wisdom as I approached times of transition. Now is such a time for transition."

The Fellowship's officers will begin the process of finding Vestal's replacement by appointing a search committee.

"Dr. Vestal has been our shepherd for a long time, guiding us past a painful conflict and pointing us toward the goal of being the presence of Christ in the world," said Colleen Burroughs, CBF moderator and vice president of Passport Inc. "This has been a healing season, and he leaves us as we are walking stronger as a Fellowship. Vestal said he and his family are anticipating their next step in ministry. "Earlene and I have peace about this decision as well as deep gratitude for the privilege we have had to serve

alongside some wonderful colleagues and treasured friends. Our love for CBF is strong, and we look forward to continued involvement. The decision to retire from CBF does not mean we are retiring from active ministry. We are in a discerning process about our next place of ministry and ask for prayer from the Fellowship community.

"One reason I have great hope for the future of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is because of the quality and character of present and emerging leadership," Vestal said. "CBF is blessed with a host of Baptist Christians who believe in our vision and values. Thanks be to God."

## Would You, or Someone You Know, Like to Complete Your College Degree?

Bluefield College, one of our Virginia Baptist ministry partners, is hosting information sessions in the Youth Pod here at Fredericksburg Baptist Church on the following dates-

Mon. Sept 19- 6:00 to 8:00 pm  
Wed. Sept 21- 12:00 to 2:00 pm  
Mon. Sept 26- 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Lisa Bales is the local representative for Bluefield and promotes their inSPIRE Adult Degree Completion program, with options to major in **Human Services, Public Safety, and Management. The college also has an RN to BSN program.** There is continuous enrollment for working adults to earn their Bachelor's degree, with start dates every eight weeks throughout the year.

Please RSVP to [lbales@bluefield.edu](mailto:lbales@bluefield.edu) or call (540) 384-0637 for further information.

# Children and Parents, Come Discover Sunday Nights in a New Way!

**“We Are Family”- Discovering spiritual gifts as a family and learning to use those gifts**

Join us on Sunday nights during the fall to discover your spiritual gifts and ways to use them in service to others. Each month we will offer an activity and a discipleship project for children. Parents are asked to accompany and participate with their children during the discipleship projects. For more information contact Erin Silver by calling the church office or by emailing [Erin@FredericksburgBaptistChurch.org](mailto:Erin@FredericksburgBaptistChurch.org).

## SUNDAY NIGHTS

**5pm-7pm**

**Dinner** (Meet in Ferrell Hall)

5:00pm-5:20pm

**Activities & Discipleship Projects**

5:20pm-7:00pm

### Special Dates:

**October 31st:**

Trick-OR-Trunk Family Fall Festival

**November 20th**

Deacon Ordination

**December 4th**

Kids/Youth Downtown Caroling

## September

### **18th Activity-**

Movie and discussion about spiritual gifts

### **25th Family Discipleship**

#### **Project-**

Visit to a group home to clean, play games, and share cookies

## October

### **9th Activity-**

Decorating pumpkins and crafts

### **16th Family Discipleship**

#### **Project-**

Visit to a nursing home to deliver decorated pumpkins and crafts

## November

### **6th Activity-**

Trip to Pizza Hut and The Dollar Store to purchase shoebox items

### **13th Family Discipleship Project-**

Packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes

## Our 2011 Financial Stewardship

### Ministry Budget

Weekly Needs	\$26,649
Sunday, September 11	\$23,015
Y-T-D Total	\$836,477
Ahead/Behind Budget	-\$149,530

### BUOH in Missions

Weekly Needs	\$4,808
Sunday, September 11	\$2,877
Y-T-D Total	\$125,265
Ahead/Behind Goal	-\$52,631

### Our Sunday School Attendance

Sunday, September 11	459
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### † Ministry Team †

**Larry Haun**  
Pastor

**Patti English**  
Associate Pastor

**Mike Patch**  
Music

**Sarah Bush**  
Member Development

**Jeanne Anderson**  
Missions

**Erin Silver**  
Preschoolers and Children

**David Haun**  
Youth and College

**Ann Marlow**  
Education/Administration

**Dennis Sacrey**  
Church Administrator

**Susan Cruse**  
Ministries Coordinator

**Shirley Onderdonk**  
Organist

**Tammy Snellings**  
Office Assistant

**Sharon Brennan**  
Hostess

## On-Line Giving (E-Giving)

You can now give your offering on-line using your computer. For more information visit [www.fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org/Online giving faq.htm](http://www.fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org/Online%20giving%20faq.htm)