



The Informer

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Pastor:

Music Director: Sandra Daubard

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Sunday, July 26th

Pastor David H. Janaro

Trial Sermon

11:00AM

On Sunday, July 26th, Pastor David H. Janaro and his wife, Cheryl with their two children, Micah and Josiah will be our guests. Pastor Janaro will be preaching a trial sermon to potentially become our pastor, with church approval. Please be in prayer for him, his family, and our church as we welcome them to Fairfax.

There will be a short Business Meeting immediately following the service.

There will be a fellowship time with pastor, Janaro and his family on Saturday, July 25th at 6:00pm in the annex. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to bring a finger food, please contact Mary Jean Carlson at 584-4051 or 803-686-1195 or Laura Seley at 632-3546 or 803-942-2561.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 7/26

Sunday School.....	10:00am
Morning Worship	11:00am
Praise Band Practice	4:30pm
Discipleship Training.....	5:00pm
Evening Worship	6:00pm

Monday, 7/27

Young at Heart.....	6:00pm
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Tuesday, 7/28

Children to Aquarius.....	6:00pm
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Wednesday, 7/29

Children's Choir.....	6:30pm
Children's Bible Study.....	7:00pm
Youth Bible Study.....	6:30pm
Prayer/Bible Study	6:30pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:30pm

SERVANTS: July 26, 2015

NURSERY AM

Ruthie Wall & Paula Wall

USHERS

Buddy Craddock, Ken Ready,
Stan Sibley, Larry Manuel

GREETERS

Charles & Mary Jean Carlson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lynn Manuel

JULY TELLERS

Nix Loadholt & Buddy Craddock

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Rehab: Susan Oswald

Vivra Assisted Living, Mt. Pleasant: Joel Kalman (Ashley Kalman's father)

Georgia Regents, Hosp: Augusta: Joe Gallagher (surgery Mon., 7/20), David Lightsey

Veteran's Victory House: Clyde Furman (2461 Sidneys Rd., Walterboro 29488, Lion's wing Rm. # 125D, 843-538-3000

Walterboro Hosp.: Mr. Joe Oswald, Jr.

Mt. Pleasant: Resa Monts

Louise Davis: Presbyterian Home, 201 W. 9th Street, Unit 187, Room # 307, Summerville, SC 29483 Phone # 843-819-7018

National Healthcare: 2993 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia 29169 - Evelyn Ruff

Jacksonville, Florida: Willard McGraw

JEH Nursing Home: Jacqueline Kears, Delores Brunson, Jean Ferguson, Hazel Mathis, Celia Jones, Betty Sanders, Mary Reid

Briana's Residential Care: Hilda Rahn

St Matthews Convalescence Center: Omma Lee Folk, Box 157, 601 Dantzler St., 29135

Emerald Gardens Assisted Living: 201 Overland Dr., Greenwood, SC 29646 (Rm. 315) - Ann Tyler

At Home: Pearl Barnes, Joe, Louise & Donna Kay Cook, Sara Cook, Joe Anna Crosby, Donnie Jones, Horace Kears, Richard Kinsey, Peggy Loadholt, Linda Rowell, Susan Royster, Latrelle Still, Cambridge Stone, L. R. Thomas, Dot Whitson, Dwight Williams, Mary Williams

Friends & Family: Don Altman, Thomas Benton, Peggy Boleman, Redmond Bowers, David Brabham, Peggy Brabham, Clay Brit, Jimmy Burbage, Kenny Cone, David Cook, Jr., Rev. Gene Carroll, Clyde Collins, DeLacy Crosby (Glory's Cousin), Michael Dyches (Cecelia's brother), Laney Futch (niece of Lynn), Faye Gooding, Carrie Grubbs (Virginia's granddaughter), Trevor Horn, Lucille Hutchinson, Betty Hutto, Jamie Jones, Sue Ann Kears (at Cecelia's), William Harold Kerr, Ann Keys, Marie Lee, Gabriel Litchfield, Margaret Long, Lori Loadholt Martin, Beverly Milner (niece of Hazel Loadholt), Wayne Mole, Lexie Monroe, Rev. John McKeown, Reid Porter, Jr., Dr. Rahman, Mary Rouse, Dot Scoggins, Rachel Stanford, Nellie Sullivan, Patti Sullivan, Sharon Teems, Buddy Terry, Vernell Ulmer, Merle Ann Wall, Deborah Welch Warren, Dwight & Dianne Williams, Blanche Winstead, Charlie Young

OUR ACTIVE MILITARY: Chaplain Brian Bailey, Chaplain Warren Sibley, John Mark Cook

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

DISCIPLESHIP

The Long Arm of Grace

Before he had even entered Egypt, Abraham became concerned for his safety. H informed his beautiful wife, Sarah, that the Egyptians might kill him in order to take her for themselves. So he told her, "Please say you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you" (Gen. 12:13). These words seem prophetic because that is exactly what happened. Pharaoh took Sarah, but God protected her from violation and rescued her. After being rebuked by the pagan monarch, Abraham was ushered out of Egypt by a military escort.

We might look at him differently if his choice to save his own neck at Sarah's expense were a one-time failure. But Genesis 20 says that while traveling in Gerar, Abraham again sought to save his life in the same manner.

King Abimelech took Sarah, but the ever-watchful Almighty visited the king and threatened to kill him if he touched her. When the king rebuked Abraham, Abraham made excuses and revealed he had told Sarah (to paraphrase his words), "If you love me, you will save me by doing this" (Gen. 20:13).

Abraham was no weakling. When Lot was captured, he gathered a large fighting force, brazenly attacked the armies of the foreign kings, and saved his nephew. We are left asking ourselves, *If he rescued Lot, why would he abandon his wife? How could God use a man who not only allowed but planned for his wife to be abused immorally for his own well-being?*

God Often Repeated His Promises to Abraham regarding the land and nation. Well beyond the childbearing years of life, Abraham and Sarah were promised a son.

In light of biological realities and the passing of time, God's voice may have started to fade, and Sarah's voiced may have grown more prominent: "Go in to my maid," she told Abraham. "Perhaps I shall obtain children by her" (Gen. 16:2).

With a second heavenly nudge, Abraham finally arrived in the land God would give

to him. From the divine perspective, it was the land of promise. Surrounded by Canaanites in an area struggling under the

weight of severe famine, the chosen patriarch took a step not based on faith, but on sight. He decided to go to Egypt, which held the promise of life. Circumstances became his counselor, rather than the voice of God.

Abraham Was Far From Perfect, but God used him greatly. He sinned and he fell, but God's mighty hand of grace was there to catch and save him.

By God's sovereign design, Abraham became a central figure in the Almighty's plan to preserve the Jewish people and bring salvation to the world through His Messiah. Abraham's pedigree of faith in Hebrews 11 is legendary, an example to all who would believe.

Abraham was not chosen for what he could do for God, but for what God could do through Abraham. Just as God chose and used Abraham despite his faults and failures, God is able to choose and use us as well.

By openly revealing the sinful, faithless imperfections in Abraham's life, God declares that the biblical narrative is not about Abraham. It is about God and how His redemptive plan is being played out in an imperfect world

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

At Bethel Baptist Church on Saturday, August 1, 2015 from 4:00 - 6:00pm. Free food, fun, games, & school supplies. Everyone welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Every school aged child will receive a bag filled with school supplies. Sponsored by: Bethel Baptist Church, Great Salkehatchie Baptist Church, & Sycamore Baptist Church.

GOD IS AND ALL IS WELL!

CHILDREN GO TO AQUARIUS POOL

Tuesday, July 28th at 6:00pm

Tuesday, August 4th at 6:00pm

Monday, August 10th at 6:00pm

Monday, August 17th at 6:00pm

YOUNG AT HEART

Monday, July 27, 2015

6:00PM

Program planned

SYMPATHY

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family of Mr. Bill Mills.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Mary Jean and Elizabeth will begin a new Youth Bible Study, The Revelation, on the book of Revelation on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. **Come and see!!!**

CHURCH WEB SITE

If you can read the Newsletter on the church Web Site please let us know in the church office so we can take you off the mailing list. Less mail outs would save some money. www.fairfaxfbc.org.

OUR RECORD SPEAKS 7/19/2015

SS Enrollment/Attendance	127/71
SS Visitors/New Members.....	6/0
Morning Worship.....	114
Building Fund	\$2050.00
Sunday School	\$227.87
Community Missions	\$5.00
DVD's.....	\$13.00
Budget Offering	\$3605.36
Budget Needs (weekly)	\$3798.00