

**Fuquay-Varina UMC is a Christ-centered community that  
Loves God, Learns God, Serves God, & Shares God.**

## Love God

### Let Us Rejoice

*This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*  
-Psalm 118:24 (ESV)

Are you having trouble waking up each day and being thankful for all God has blessed you with? Are you having trouble rejoicing? We've all been there at one time or another.

There is good news! Stephen Ministry is a ministry that provides one-on-one care giving and we can help you find hope and healing so that you can rejoice in the day that the Lord has made. Contact one of our Stephen Leaders for more information.

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([www.fvumc.org/StephenMinistry.htm](http://www.fvumc.org/StephenMinistry.htm))

### Women's Breakfast

Enjoy a light breakfast, and enjoy fellowship and encouragement with friends.

Saturday, November 12th

8:00 - 9:30 am in room 117 / 119

All are invited to attend.

## Learn God

### Transformed Living

#### Pearl of Wisdom:

No longer can we say, "We didn't know."  
We're accountable for what we've been taught.

Expecting a five-year-old to drive a car would be ridiculous. So would expecting a seven-year-old to cook a gourmet meal. See, those are skills that have to be taught. We don't come out of the womb knowing everything we need to know.

As we mature, however, we start seeing things in a new way. We overcome challenges, we gain new insight, and we grow.

Over the last six weeks, we've had a great opportunity to grow in a variety of ways. We've been shown new ways of looking at ourselves, at the world around us, and at God. And the time has come for us to demonstrate exactly what it is we've learned.

Sunday is *Commitment Sunday*, the final day of our churchwide study and our stewardship campaign. As a member of our church family, you've had a chance to read the book, to discuss the concepts, and to hear the pastor's related messages. So what will your response be? It's hoped you've prayerfully considered how to fill out your Commitment card and service commitment form, and you're ready to turn them in. And if you never received them or you forgot to bring them today, don't worry; we have extras available for you to pick up today. As you prepare to turn these commitments in, however, think back over the previous weeks. *Consider your thirst.* Think about your previous levels of commitment, and the new places you're stepping into today. And let the celebrations begin. It's a new day, after all, a new adventure, and a new life

### Study Opportunities for All

#### Journey thru the Bible with Pastor Al:

Wed morning at 10:30am in Room 117/119

Wed evening at 6:30pm in Room 117/119

#### Upper Room Sunday School

Great for the beginning novice Bible study student as well as the more experienced students of God's Word.

Sundays @9:30am in Room 117

#### Awakening Sunday School

A class for college-aged & twenties meets at 10:50 in Room 125. Come join the community!

### Book Club-November

#### *Christians and the Common Good:*

#### *How Faith Intersects with Public Life*

by Charles Gutenson

To join the dinner and discussion on Friday,

November 18th contact Suzanne Jones at

[dsjones@nc.rr.com](mailto:dsjones@nc.rr.com) or Matilda Storm at

[matildastorm@embarqmail.com](mailto:matildastorm@embarqmail.com).

## Serve God

### Peru 2012 and Beyond

Join us as we discover the plans God has for us as we build lasting relationships with our Peruvian brothers and sisters. A meeting will be held on Nov. 20th immediately following the 10:50 service in room 117/119 to answer questions concerning a mission trip to Peru planned for July 6-14 2012. If you are interested in going with us or if you just want to learn more about the trip please come.

### Operation Christmas Child

Yes, it's already that time of year, again!

O.C.C. National Collection Week is Nov. 14-20.

**FVUMC is asked to drop their shoeboxes off from Oct. 30 -Nov. 13.** Please stop by the O.C.C.

display in the church lobby and pick up a Brochure with instructions on

"How to Pack a Shoebox" for a girl or boy in various age groups. You can also pick up a shoebox, or donate one, during that time.

For more information, please visit the O.C.C. website, [www.operationchristmaschild.org](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org).

**The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ**

#### Volunteer Opportunity with O.C.C.

Our church is the Relay Center, drop off point, for all area churches, organizations, and individuals, for their shoeboxes. Help is needed to receive and pack these shoeboxes.

Please sign up at the O.C.C. display, in the church lobby, to help out with the Center during National Collection Week, Nov. 14-20. Contact Jayne Chambers, [jaynechambers@hotmail.com](mailto:jaynechambers@hotmail.com) or 345-4318, with questions

### Hostesses are Needed!

Hostesses are still needed for *Christmas by Candlelight* on Dec. 9th. Please prayerfully consider sharing your gift of hospitality with the women of our church and community and sign up to be a hostess! Susanne Young at [susanneyoung@msn.com](mailto:susanneyoung@msn.com).

### First Aid Kit Team

Would you like to be on a quarterly team to double check all the First Aid Kits in our church building? Kits need to be assessed for band-aids and supplies to ensure the right supplies are in the right places in case we have a need!

Please contact Pastor Elaine ASAP!

## Share God

### FV Food Pantry Needs: Stuffing & Cranberry Sauce

A blue collection container is in the church lobby for your donations. No glass containers.

### With Love From Jesus

The FVUMC volunteer team is scheduled to serve at With Love From Jesus on **11/11** from 9am to 12:30pm. This ministry affords volunteers the opportunity to witness for Jesus, being His hands and feet by giving away food, clothing and other items. Most of all we give away the love God has poured into our hearts. Please contact Keith Strandtman at 621-1509 with questions.

### WIHN Arrives!

Our Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network (WIHN) guests will arrive November 20th and make our adult wing their home for the week. Please see the sign up board in the lobby for ways you, your family or your small group can help extend radical hospitality to our guests.

*Remember Thanksgiving day we will need hosts (in shifts) throughout the day!*

Another way to help: Items are needed for Welcome Bags that are given to our guests! Please help us supply toiletries and more! Keep it small as the families are in transition each week. **Essentials:** soap, deodorant, shampoo, and toothpaste, toothbrushes. Nice extras: hand lotion, disposable razors, tooth brush holder, dental floss, soap holder, comb, baby powder, shower cap, band-aids, feminine products, travel baby wipes, travel sewing kit, pencil/pen/notepad. And small toys for children.

### Thanksgiving Dinners

Each year our church reaches out to the community to provide Thanksgiving meals for those who would otherwise not have a hot meal on Thanksgiving. Contact Tres and Denise Prince at 387-4512 or [denise@the-princes.com](mailto:denise@the-princes.com).

If you can help in any way, please use the sign up form below. Tear off this form, and place it in the OFFERING PLATE or bring to the CHURCH OFFICE.

#### **Thanksgiving Dinner Sign-Up:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Helpers

- Set-up
- Cook/Prepare
- Serve/Load
- Deliver Meals
- Tear Down/Clean up

#### Donations

- Cash
- Green Beans-large cans
- Sweet Potatoes-large cans
- Cooked Turkeys
- Desserts

# Announcements

## New Worship Times!

As voted by our Church Council...

**Beginning November 27th, the our Worship Times will be changing!**

- ◆ 8:15 Worship will begin at 8:00
- ◆ 9:30 Worship will remain the same.
- ◆ 10:50 Worship will begin at 11:00

## An Opportunity to Love...

Join us for the 6th annual Women's Ministry **Christmas by Candlelight** on December 9 from 7-9pm. The Centrum will be filled with over 25 tables decked out in Christmas finery, each beautifully unique and different. Appealing appetizers, delicious desserts, and wonderful music by a Fuquay-Varina High School musical group will all be a part of this fun-filled evening. Sugar free and gluten free selections will be available, Guests are asked to bring a children's Christmas or Inspirational book or an unwrapped toy to donate to Operation Share, a youth-initiated ministry that allows families in need to shop here for Christmas presents. Make your reservation **TODAY** by signing up at the Women's Ministry table in the lobby. *Sign up early as space is limited!*

## FVUMC Family Retreat Weekend at TVR

Bring the whole family and see why FVUMC kids and parents love TVR! Fri. March 16- Sun. March 18, 2012. **Deposits are due Dec. 1, 2011.** Contact Mark and Vicki Bethea for more information.

## A Note to PrimeTimers:

Those who have paid for the Nov.13th Rockettes performance will meet at 12:30 in the Adult Wing. Eat lunch before you come!

## TVR Fundraiser

Teen Valley Ranch Christian Camp will have their annual fundraising banquet **Tuesday November 8th!** The banquet will begin at 6:30pm with a delicious meal followed by Christian comedian Taylor Mason! Please prayerfully consider partnering with TVR and enjoy an evening of laughter and fellowship!

Cost is \$15 per person (\$10 for children under 12). You may reserve a table for your group of 8 for \$120. Please contact Sandra Bass at [basshouse@embarqmail.com](mailto:basshouse@embarqmail.com) or 552-9647 for tickets.

## Community Thanksgiving Service

**On Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:00pm**

This long-standing tradition of community praise and worship continues at Fuquay-Varina Baptist Church at 301 N. Woodrow Street. Proceeds from this event go to Southern Wake Faith Community in Action to help the non-profit deliver emergency financial assistance to families in our community. *For information of for directions to the church, call: 919-55204644. Learn more about SWFCA online at [www.helpsouthwake.org](http://www.helpsouthwake.org).*



### Sunday, November 6

*Daylight Savings Ends*

- 9:30am Transforming Life Study
- 10:50am Transforming Life Study
- 3:45pm Alleluia Ringers
- 4:30pm Costa Rica Team Mtg (Ledford)
- 4:30pm Connectings Class
- 4:30pm Confirmation
- 4:30pm FaithWeaver Friends
- 4:30pm KFC
- 4:30pm JuBELLation
- 4:30pm Bible Studies
- 4:45pm Transforming Life Study
- 6:15pm Lifeline
- 6:30pm Transforming Life Study

### Monday, November 7

- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 9:30am ESL Classes
- 9:30am Walk the Walk
- 9:30am Pinc Bible Study
- 6:30pm Bible Study
- 6:30pm GED Classes
- 7:00pm Transforming Life Study
- 7:00pm BSA Troop 320
- 7:00pm DivorceCare

### Tuesday, November 8

- 6:30am Men's Early Group
- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 9:30am ESL Classes
- 6:00pm reJoySing
- 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Mtg
- 7:00pm Stewardship Committee Mtg
- 7:00pm TVR Banquet
- 7:00pm CS Meetings

### Wednesday, November 9

- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 9:30am ESL Classes
- 9:30am Transforming Life Study
- 9:30am Walk the Walk
- 10:30am Pastor Al's Bible Study
- 4:30pm Kidz NPraise
- 5:45pm Youth Bells
- 6:30pm Youth Life Groups
- 6:30pm Pastor Al's Bible Study
- 6:30pm Bible Studies
- 7:00pm Worship Choir

### Thursday, November 10

- 6:00am SOWers Bible Study
- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool
- 9:30am ESL Classes
- 6:30pm GED Classes
- 7:00pm METS-Men Eager To Serve
- 7:00pm Praise Team

### Friday, November 11

- 9:00am Seeds of Faith Preschool

### Saturday, November 12

- 6:30am Men in the Morning (MITM)
- 8:00am Women's Breakfast
- 10:00am Cub Scout Space Derby
- 4:00pm DivorceCare Training
- 7:00pm Court of Honor

### Sunday, November 13

- 12:30 pm SPRC Meeting
- 3:45pm Alleluia Ringers
- 4:30pm Connectings Class
- 4:30pm Confirmation
- 4:30pm FaithWeaver Friends
- 4:30pm KFC
- 4:30pm JuBELLation
- 4:30pm Bible Studies
- 5:15 pm FANFARE
- 6:15pm Lifeline

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## Stewardship

**Our Presence:** **10/30/11**  
Worship Attendance: 579

**By Our Gifts:** **10/30/11**  
Received last week \$24,970.75  
Budget needed weekly \$24,731.65  
Average Received/week \$21,992.70  
Received YTD \$967,678.99  
Budget needed YTD \$1,088,192.60  
Difference -\$120,513.61  
New Mortgage Refinanced

\$500,000.00  
Applied to Principal \$8,904.66  
Received YTD \$10,140.00  
New Mortgage Balance (10/30/11) \$480,955.34

**Office Hours**  
**8:30am-5:00pm**  
**Monday-Friday**