FIRST THINGS FIRST

April 2026



OUTREACH

On Tuesday April 14th, volunteers delivered Blessing Bags to the UVA Dialysis Center here in Altavista. Each bag is meant to offer encouragement during long and difficult treatment days. We seek to share God's love through simple acts of kindness.

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Thank you so much for your support during the WMU Spring Project towards the Isaiah 117 House. We collected a variety of items for their use. Isaiah 1:17 says, "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow."





WEDDING AT FBC

Oliver Sadler and Hannah Fuller got married in our sanctuary on April 6th. Hannah is the daughter of Dan and Laurie Fuller who became family to us while residing in our mission house. It was a beautiful wedding. They had a great send-off as they begin their happily-ever-after!

CHURCH UPDATES

Facility Management

Many of us may have noticed all the updates to our facility both from the recent church workday as well as the new janitorial and lawn maintenance services. Moving forward, if you find something that needs to be fixed or repaired within our church facility, please contact the building and grounds committee first. This will ensure the tasks will be delegated properly and completed in a timely manner. It will also improve communitcation as a repair/fix may already be in progress.

National Day of Prayer

On Thursday, May 7th, our sanctuary will be open from 10am - 4pm. We need volunteers to welcome any visitors who may come to pray. This also ensures our sanctuary will not be left unattended. If you are available, please let Barbara or Alden know. The current need is between the 1pm - 4pm time slots.

CHURCH WORK DAY

Thank you to everyone who volunteered during the church workday on April 11th. There was a lot of hard work done both inside and out. The church looks incredible!

BREAKFAST HOUR

The next breakfast will be on June 28th at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. A sign-up sheet for food is posted on the bulletin board at the kitchen entrance.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday night suppers will continue on May 6th. We are taking a 2-week break while Alden is on Navy orders at Camp Pendleton, CA.

VBS

Mark your calendars!!! VBS will be June 8th and 9th from 6 - 8pm!! We will be working with Lane Memorial UMC and the theme is Galaxy: Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love. Stay tuned for more information!

PASTORAL UPDATES

No drill until July 10 - 11! (Greensboro, NC)