

OCTOBER 2023

# The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



## FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR

### “Over-the-Hill” vs. “Give Me the Hill!”

One of my favorite stories from the Old Testament is found in Joshua 14:10-14. As the children of Israel conquer the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua, their attention turns to the division of the territory. Caleb, a long-time soldier and faithful servant of God, approaches Joshua and says, *“God has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time Israel moved about in the desert. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as vigorous today as the day Moses sent me out; I’m just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me the hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there, and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.”* Imagine: Caleb, at his age and stage of life, wanted a new challenge...and he chose the conquest of a mountain inhabited by reported *giants!* So much for retirement!

Years ago, the United Technologies Corporation published in the *Wall Street Journal* a full-page message entitled, “It’s What You Do, Not When You Do It.” It contained the following information:

- Ted Williams, at age 42, slammed a home run in his last official time at bat in Major League Baseball.
- Winston Churchill was 65 when he became Prime Minister of Great Britain.
- Golda Meir was 71 when she became Prime Minister of Israel.
- George Bernard Shaw was 94 when one of his plays was first produced.
- Benjamin Franklin was a newspaper columnist at 16 and a framer of the U. S. Constitution at 81.

According to the article, “you’re never too young or too old if you’ve got talent. Let’s recognize that age has little to do with ability.”

While it’s possible to retire from one’s job or vocation, the Bible never contemplates a follower of Christ retiring from service to His kingdom. Retirement is never a reason to turn down an opportunity for ministry. We’re not to run away from mountainous challenges, but rather we are to race toward them, knowing we can conquer them (in the words of Caleb), *“the Lord helping me.”*

I am greatly blessed to serve as your pastor. Thank you for your ministry!

Grace and peace,

Barry



**KATHERINE LEWIS**  
**DIRECTOR OF**  
**CHRISTIAN**  
**MINISTRIES**

Fall is such a beautiful time of year! I am so grateful that October is here and the temperatures are beginning to get cooler, I don't love the cold but I love it when it is not scorching outside.

During some of my study time in the last few weeks, I ran across a verse in 1 Corinthians 10: 3. It Says "*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the Glory of God*".

This has really made an impression on me. Lately before I begin any task I take a minute and ask God to help me Glorify Him in what I am getting ready to do. I'm still working on it, every day! But I am trying to make sure that I give the honor and Glory to God in all things.

Having said that we have a lot of things to look forward to this month as the body of Christ here at Fairview Church. Here is a list of our Happenings:

- JUMP will meet each Sunday afternoon during the month of October from 4-5. Please let your students from grades K-5 join us for a great time of learning with Science, Reading, and Hands on Fun!
- Youth Group will meet each Sunday in October as well from 5:15-7:15. This is for Students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Lots of Learning and Laughs to be had by all!
- Our Ladies will be doing their monthly fellowship meal on Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> we will gather for lunch at Santana's. We will gather the next evening October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 for dinner at Santana's. We would love to have you join us for one or both of these fellowship times.
- Our second annual FALL FUN DAY is right around the corner as well. OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> FROM 11-2, we will have lots of free, fun ways to engage both children and adults in our community. We will need lots of hands to make this event successful. In addition to needing people for both set up and tear down, we will need people to serve food, help with Bingo, help in the children's area and registration table and make cakes and treats for our Cake walk. Please let me know how you can volunteer.
- We have scheduled our Trunk or Treat for Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 and will pass out candy until it is gone. WE will need lots of trunks and tons of treats. If you happen to be in the grocery store and buy a bag of candy grab an extra and donate for this fun event.
- Sunday will be our last 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday event for the 2023 Calendar year. We will be having ham and chicken tenders so bring something yummy to share with the rest of the congregation and join us for a great time of fellowship.

I am super excited to have all of these opportunities to give God Glory by serving together in the coming month.

Also just a reminder, we will be selling Pecans as a fundraiser for children/youth Mission events. They will arrive mid-November.

Excited to serve beside you!

Kate

# OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October has long been recognized worldwide as Pastor Appreciation Month, or Clergy Appreciation Month. The call to honor our church leaders' contributions can be traced back to St. Paul. In establishing the first Christian churches, St. Paul advised the congregation to give "double honor" to the elders of the church who managed the affairs of the church well, "especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17).

St. Paul further urged Christian communities to acknowledge those "who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you," holding these spiritual leaders "in the highest regard in love because of their work" (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

From Pastor Appreciation Month grew the idea of emphasizing one specific day to nationally pay tribute to our clergy. This day became known as Pastor Appreciation Day. Also referred to as Clergy Appreciation Day, this day of showing national gratitude for clergy members is celebrated on the second Sunday in October. In 2023, Pastor Appreciation Day will be Sunday, October 8th.

Please be sure to write a note or a card to send to Pastor Barry to thank him for his service to this church and to the Lord.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

We will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat this year in the pavilion parking lot on October 28. Please plan to come decorate a trunk and hand out goodies for the children of our community. This event always has a great turnout so the more trunks, the better! Please see Kate to let her know of your participation. We are also looking for donations of bags of candy and goodies to hand out that evening. You can drop your candy donations in Kate's office.

## PECAN SALE

The youth and children will be having their nut sale again this year to help raise funds for 2024 mission projects. Start thinking about how many you need for your holiday baking or for use as gifts. The order form is on the last page of this newsletter.



## October Missions Project

For October we will be collecting items for the homeless shelter, House of Hope. They are requesting **liquid laundry detergent, paper plates, paper towels, trash bags and toilet paper.**

The Missions Committee thanks all of you so much for the generosity you have shown these monthly missions!



# TRUNK OR TREAT



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

TRUNK SET UP BEGINS AT 5

WE WILL BEGIN GIVING CANDY AT 6.

PLEASE LET KATE KNOW IF YOU WILL PARTICIPATE.

# Fall Fun Day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

11AM - 2PM

GAMES, FOOD & FUN!

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS!



# WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
<b>September 3</b> Labor Day	20/76	NA	\$11,521.20
<b>September 10</b>	98	NA	\$6,564.00
<b>September 17</b>	123	29	\$7,792.56
<b>September 24</b>	107	TBD	\$6,035.00

\*Denotes views of online worship videos for the first week available for viewing.  
Actual Vimeo views are multiplied by 1.5 to account for families watching together.

Average Weekly Giving in September 2023:  
\$7,978.19

2023 Budget approved by Admin Board :  
\$ 481,096.00

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2023:  
\$8,152.15

2023 Weekly Contributions Needed to Meet Budget:  
\$9,077.29

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Rickey Parker	16 Callia Richardson	22 Meghan Harden
Layton Thomas	18 Holly Fuqua	Madisyn Grogan
06 Christi Ragsdale	David Harvey	Barry Taylor
10 Ethan Harden	Morgan Tucker	24 Alice Evans
Caleigh Jack	21 Knox Shelton	28 Tayler Tennant
11 Mark Richardson	Lynn Burton	29 Mary Connor
12 Carter Brooks		31 John Ashworth
14 Laura Beasley		

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

01 Shane & Kathy Connor	25 Donnie & Jackie Stevens
11 Neal & Madeline Morris	26 Tommy & Lucille Roberts
23 Chris & Sara Hayzlett	30 Jeffrey & Tiffany Setliff
25 Parker & Lucille Johnson	

## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Mike and Barbara Seamster live in Providence NC. They transferred membership from Shady Grove United Methodist Church. They married in 1980. They have a son Daniel (wife Beth) and two grandchildren Clara 7 and Matthew 6 that live in Wisconsin. Mike is retired from the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. After graduating from NC State Mike worked 34.5 years as a Forester and Biologist. Mike spent many years as the Wild Turkey Project Leader trapping and establishing wild turkeys statewide. He is an avid archer and golfer. Barbara is retired after four decades in sales and management. She has worked in various fields including cellular sales, radio, pharmaceutical, Coca-Cola, banking and security. She has a brother Rick that has been a missionary in the jungles of Papua New Guinea for 40 years. She loves gardening, painting and fishing.



Lisa Moore is the daughter of Billy and Lois King. She grew up in Caswell County, NC, and transferred membership from Shady Grove United Methodist Church. She's married to husband, James Moore, Sr. They have two children, Michelle Gibson of Winnie, Texas and Joshua Duncan of Providence, NC. They have a granddaughter, Katlyn Gibson, who resides in Texas. She enjoys cooking, reading, crafts, traveling, and just being with family and friends.

"Thank you for allowing me to become a member of the Fairview Family."

The Fairview Family welcomes you and looks forward to being in ministry with you.

## CHURCH CONFERENCE

We will hold our annual Church Conference on October 29 during the Fifth Sunday Fellowship time. This conference is where we decide on the leadership and budget for next year. As members of this congregation, please make plans to attend.





# Gratitude: The Heart of Stewardship



**2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN  
OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 19  
MORE DETAILS TO COME**

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY AND VETERANS DAY

All Saints Sunday and Veterans Day are quickly approaching. If you would like to recognize a saint who has died in the last 12 months, or to confirm your relatives and friends are recognized on Veterans Day, contact Debbie in the church office no later than Wednesday, October 25.



## UPCOMING IN OCTOBER:

**WORLD COMMUNION  
SUNDAY**

October 1

**PASTOR APPRECIATION  
DAY**

October 8

**LAITY SUNDAY**

October 15

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

October 28

**FIFTH SUNDAY  
FELLOWSHIP/CHURCH  
CONFERENCE**

October 29

## *Nuts for Sale!*

Fresh, shelled, this year's crop of delicious nuts ready for your holiday baking or gift giving.

### *Stock Up Now!*

Please complete the order form below and give it to Katherine Lewis or mail it in to the Church Office at 1013 Westover Drive Danville, VA 24541.

Please enter the quantity desired next to each type you wish to order and the money amount of your order in total.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pecan Halves (16oz) - \$14.00 - \_\_\_\_\_

Pecan Pieces (16oz) - \$14.00 - \_\_\_\_\_

Chocolate Covered Pecans (12oz) - \$10.00 - \_\_\_\_\_

Cashews (12oz) - \$10.00 - \_\_\_\_\_

Pecan Caramel Clusters (8oz) - \$8.00 - \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

(Checks may be made payable to "Fairview Church")

*Payment is preferred at the time of order but must be received at pick-up. You will be notified of delivery or pick-up dates & times. Tentative arrival time for nuts is during the middle of November.*

Thank you for your support of the Children and Youth Missions at Fairview Church!

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**1013 Westover Drive**  
**Danville, Virginia 24541**

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welcoming church that loves the community  
in undeniable ways.*