

NOVEMBER 2023

# The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



## FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR

THANKSGIVING ISN'T ALWAYS EASY...

Martin Rinkert was a minister in the little German town of Eilenburg some 350 years ago. He was the son of a poor coppersmith, but he managed to work his way through one of the finest educations of the day. In 1617, after years of study and hard work, he was offered the post of archdeacon in his hometown parish. A year later, what has come to be known as the Thirty-Years War broke out, and his town was caught in the middle of the conflict. In 1637, a massive plague that swept across the European continent hit Eilenburg; people died at the rate of fifty per day, and the man called upon to bury most of them was Martin Rinkert. In all, over 8,000 people died, including Martin's own wife. His labors finally came to an end just one year after the conclusion of the war. His ministry spanned 32 years, all but the first and the last overwhelmed by the great conflict and plague that engulfed his town. He endured some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable in his time... they were certainly difficult circumstances in which to be thankful. But he managed to give thanks to God nevertheless, and he wrote these words for his time and for all time:

*Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices;  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom his world rejoices.*

It takes an incredible, grace-filled spirit to come through such hardship and yet express such gratitude to God. However, Rinkert never lost sight of the “wondrous things” God has done in and through His Son Jesus Christ; deliverance from sin is indeed something for which followers of Christ around the world can always give thanks, regardless of personal or societal circumstances. Brett Blair writes, “Here is a great lesson. Surrounded by tremendous adversity, thanksgiving will deliver you...with heart and hands and voices.”

The past few years...and, indeed, this past year...have not been easy for our congregation or, in reality, for any congregation. Nevertheless, God has been at work in grace-filled ways! In this Thanksgiving season, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, bless you, and “deliver you... with heart and hands and voices.”

Thank you for your ministry; it is a privilege to serve as your pastor!

Grace and peace,  
Barry



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

November is here! We have survived October and all of its crazy weather and rescheduled events. Thanks to all of you for hanging in there with me during such a crazy time.

Three years ago in November, my Dad was called to be a part of his heavenly home. This makes November a bittersweet month to my family and I. However, since his death we continually find what I like to call "love notes" from him. He left behind so many things and winks that show us and remind us just how much he loved us. The most recent one was found as we were packing up some books for my mom's move to her new house. This particular "note" was written to us on February 18, 1990. In it he referenced John 14. Take a few minutes to read that when you can. That is what he encouraged us, "his girls" to do.

John 14 is a beautiful passage. In it, Jesus is preparing His disciples for his departure from this world. He tells them that HE is the only way to the Father in Heaven and gives a promise of the Holy Spirit to come. My

Daddy made a point of telling us to lean into this passage whenever we needed assurance. That's why I share with you today. If you need assurance of God's plan or call for your life take a peek at John 14. I know that reminder written forever ago by my Daddy was right on time for me.

We do have some special happenings in the month of November

**For our Children:**

- JUMP will continue each Sunday this month (except November 26<sup>th</sup>) This is for kids in Elementary School (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade) we have a great time so join us from 4-5 each Sunday Evening.
- We will also continue to prepare for the Children's Christmas program (date to be announced soon) on Wednesday nights from 6-7.
- We also are excited to announce that we have a staffed Nursery again! Sandra Moore is back with us and helping staff the nursery each Sunday. This is for kids Birth – age 3.
- Sunday School and Children's Church both continue as well for us!

**For our Youth:**

- Youth Group will meet on each Sunday this month (except November 26<sup>th</sup>) This is for all Middle and High school aged students. We meet from 5:15-7:15 unless there is something different happening.
- Our Youth have elected to do boxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. If you would like to pack a shoe box for this awesome Holiday giving experience, please let me know. I have more information for you if you need it as well as boxes if you need one. Boxes must be turned in by **November 12<sup>th</sup>**.
- Don't miss our Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of Vendors there for your shopping pleasure and it is a great way to support our mission committee.
- Pecans will be arriving mid-month just in time for your holiday baking and gift giving. Don't know what to get someone for Christmas, give them some chocolate covered pecans and they will love you forever! Great way to support youth Mission

**LADIES:** We will have our Fellowship Lunch/Dinner on November 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon and November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. This month our restaurant is Bricktown. So plan to join us! I have loved adding this to our calendars this year. Hope you can join us.

Blessings and Love

Kate



## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Ronnie Boyles joined  
September 24 by Pro-  
fession of Faith



Patty Gann joined  
September 24 by  
transfer from St.  
Luke's UMC



Bill & Sue Franklin  
joined October 8 by  
transfer from Shiloh  
UMC in Highview, WV



Ralph Fillion joined  
October 29 by Profes-  
sion of Faith



Dee Dee Dillard  
joined October 29 by  
transfer from Sher-  
mont Baptist Church



# CAMP SELAH STEW

- Kid's Activities • Bake Sale  
• Huge Yard Sale & Other Treasures

**NOVEMBER 11**  
**8 am to 4 pm**  
**(Stew Pickup 1pm-3pm)**

**\$10.00 per Quart** 🍁 **3777 Westover Drive**

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**www.campselahministries.com**



## NOVEMBER MISSIONS PROJECT

For our November Missions project, we will be collecting items for Good News Jail & Prison Ministries. They are requesting **Christmas Cards and Stamps** so the inmates can send greetings to their friends and family for the holidays. If you have leftover Christmas cards from previous years or if you want to purchase boxes from the dollar store to donate to this ministry, we will be collecting them in the baskets around the Tree of Giving.

Our November Missions Project is dedicated to the memory of Robert Thompson who worked tirelessly for this ministry for 35 years.

The Missions Committee appreciates the efforts of our Fairview Family in your generosity in all of these monthly missions projects. We have been overwhelmed each month by your kindness and attention to these missions.

The Grace Seekers Class would like to thank everyone who supported our Brunswick Stew. It was a sell out and we hope everyone enjoyed it. It is our main fundraiser to support needy families during the Christmas Season. Thank You So Much!!

Join Us!

Make a Difference!



## VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE

Ever thought about volunteering with us?  
During our Shred Out Hunger event our doors will be open.

**NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023. 10AM - 12PM.**  
**750 MEMORIAL DRIVE**  
**DANVILLE, VA 24541**

Come meet our team, take a look around, and learn about the opportunities available to volunteers.



# WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship*</u> <u>(Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
<b>October 1</b>	21/98	29	\$5,959.00
<b>October 8</b>	108	50	\$13,312.20
<b>October 15</b>	100	9	\$7,839.56
<b>October 22</b>	122	41	\$5,813.00
<b>October 29</b>	120	TBD	\$4,137.00

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

Average Weekly Giving in October 2023:  
\$7,412.15

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

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2023:  
\$8,080.33

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

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03 Sara Hayzlett	12 Barbara Seamster	19 Natalie Franklin
07 Claude Berger	13 Nancy Weatherford	23 Peggy Stephens
09 Sandy Helton	Kim Nickens	24 Nathan Snider
Mike Seamster	14 Sara Boles	26 Lucille Johnson
10 Margaret Sage	15 Rebecca Landrum	Marcus Shelton
Barry Weatherford	18 John Broyles	28 Ella Brooks
11 Devyn Connor	19 Susan Ratliff	29 Rumell Goodson
Claude Moore	Adrey Stevens	Mary Jane Brooks

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

01 James & Janice Holt

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

#### Fairview Members

Alma Weatherford  
Fran Brann  
LaVerne English  
Helen Harris  
Barbara Jones  
Jimmy D. Cox  
Jay Thomas

#### Family & Friends

Millie Adkins  
Brandon Stowe  
Donald Ricketts  
June Cox  
Richard A Slayton  
William "Billy" King

#### Family & Friends

Kay Klorck  
Winnie Fillion  
Ann Gravitte  
Suzanne Barker  
Alice Hasson  
Jason Myers  
Eloise Nenan  
Landon Oakes  
Zachary Travis  
Dot Ferrell  
Alice Stephens  
Elizabeth Marshall  
Mark Dixon  
O'niandra Jennings-Ivey  
Donnie Bass

#### Family & Friends

Donnie DeVall, Sr.  
Douglas Vogt  
Joe Varner  
Levi Burke  
Brandon Stowe  
Sarah Cahill  
Anthony Barber  
John Mead  
Paul Searce  
Ruby Midcift  
Patty Luncford  
Garnet Willis  
Pat Swafford  
William "Bill" O'Brien  
Earl Eanes

#### Family & Friends

Margie Booker  
W.C. Warren  
Jettie Lee Collie  
Diane Shelton  
Hazel Tucker  
Steve Salmon  
Barbara Hall  
Peggy Ann Crumpler  
Sam Bowen  
Erica Bythway  
Debra Sasser  
Scott Eanes

November 1, 2023

Dear Members and Friends of Fairview Church:

My first three months of ministry with you have been among the most enjoyable of my ministry. I am incredibly blessed to serve as your pastor; you are a wonderful congregation filled with people of faith and integrity! Let me again thank you for the thoughtful gifts you shared with me for both Pastor Appreciation Month in October and for my recent birthday. It is a joy to be among you!

I'm writing to share three items with you:

- 1) Following our worship service on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a Ministry Fair in our narthex. Our three vital ministries of Worship, Discipleship (formerly Education), and Evangelism will offer you an opportunity to learn more about what they do and when they do it. Sign-ups will be available for those interested in serving one of the Ministry Teams in 2024 or perhaps in serving on a rotating basis on one of our weekly service teams (such as our Tech Team for Worship, our Greeters Team for Evangelism, or our 2024 VBS Volunteers Team for Discipleship). Spiritual gift inventories will be available to you as a guide to discovering your God-given talents for ministry if you wish to use one. Be sure to check our information table in the back of our sanctuary following worship for more information. As we celebrate the sacrificial service of our Veterans on that weekend, we will also celebrate the opportunity to serve Christ in ministry through our church!
- 2) In our worship service on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Stewardship Sunday as we receive financial pledge cards through our Consecration Sunday program. At our church conference on October 29<sup>th</sup>, we approved our church budget for 2024; copies will be available for you to take home and review following worship on November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup>. Each of those services will also feature a member or family of our congregation sharing a Stewardship Moment to talk about the blessings of Christian giving. Please know that a stewardship campaign is not about finding a way to raise more money or putting a "guilt trip" on members who may not be able to give very much financially. It's simply a way to make sure that our budget reflects the resources we believe God will provide for us in the coming year. I decided 36 years ago in my first pastoral assignment that I would never review records of financial giving in any church I served; giving is a matter between congregational members and God (and, for required tax purposes, our financial secretaries!). My primary interest is in serving you as best I can as a pastor and helping you grow in your faith, regardless of your ability to give. I'm as excited (probably more so) for our Ministry Fair results as I am for our Stewardship Campaign results!
- 3) If we have not yet had the chance to meet or talk extensively, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to get to know you better. Immediately following worship on Sunday, December 10 and Sunday, December 17, I invite you to join me for a "Christmas Coffee with the Pastor" for a few minutes of conversation. If you like, I'll even take a "selfie" of us for my phone to help me better remember names and match them with faces!

I'm excited for the future of Fairview Church, and I'm excited to join you in worship over the weeks ahead. May God bless you!

Grace and Peace in Christ,

Barry L. Taylor

Pastor



# FALL FUN AT BKK





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in undeniable ways.*