

FEBRUARY 2025

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR

STAYING TOO CLOSE TO WHERE WE GOT IN

I once read a story about a little boy whose parents always made a point of putting him to bed and listening to his prayers each evening. One night, after he had said his night-time prayers, his parents went downstairs and began talking over the things of the day. About an hour later they heard a thud on the floor, and they ran hurriedly upstairs. As they entered their son's room, they found him climbing sleepily into bed. As the father tucked the boy under the covers, he asked, "Son, how did you fall out of bed?" The little boy was almost back into dreamland as he rubbed his eyes and said, "Well, I don't know, daddy; I guess I stayed too close to where I got in."

There is a great spiritual truth in this story: we won't grow in our faith if we are determined to "stay too close to where we got in." Consider the example of life itself: as children, we need the care and guidance of others; as we grow into adulthood, we are able to offer in turn such care and guidance to those younger than us. Likewise, as faithful followers of Jesus grow in the grace of God, in the knowledge of God's word, and in the character of God's Son, we mature into Kingdom workers who can share the Gospel with others and then care for and guide new followers of Jesus as they in turn make the journey into spiritual maturity.

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work (Ephesians 4.11-16).

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A key mark of Christian maturity is the ability to “spiritually reproduce.” In other words, mature Christians share the Good News of Jesus with others that need to hear it, in the same way that others first shared it with them. The Christian life teaches us that, as we grow in our faith, we will want to share that faith...and as we share it with others, we will in turn grow even more in our own faith!

This is what evangelism is all about. Noted Evangelist D. T. Niles wrote this famous definition of evangelism in That They May Have Life: "Evangelism is witness. It is one beggar telling another beggar where to get food." Sharing our faith is life-saving for others...and life-building for us! Please consider using the month of February to prayerfully ask God to give you both the means and the opportunities to share the Gospel. It is the best Valentine you can offer someone! It's also one of the best things we can do to avoid staying “too close to where we got in.”

Thanks for your ministries...it's a joy to serve with you in God's Church!

Blessings in Christ,

Barry

MISSIONS MOMENT

During February, our monthly mission focus will be on collecting items for the Blessing Buckets at God's Pit Crew. The list of Blessing Bucket items is below. Please feel free to pick and choose the items you wish to donate. Please place your donations in the Missions Drop-Off area of the Fellowship Room. As always, your support of these monthly mission projects is greatly appreciated!

WHAT'S IN A BLESSING BUCKET?

- 5 Gallon Bucket w/ Lid
- Bible
- Personal Note to Recipient
- 3 Bottles of Water
- Ready-to-Eat Food
- Toothbrush
- Feminine Products
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo (15-16 oz)
- Bar Soap (Indv. Wrapped)
- Comb
- Body Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Razor
- Full-Size Thin Bath Towel
- Washcloth
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Disposable Cleaning Wipes
- Small Flashlight w/ Batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Latex-Free Examining Gloves
- Tissue Pack (Pocket Size)
- All-Size Ziploc Bags
- Trash Bag (30 gal)



CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

"WE ARE GOD'S ACCOMPLISHMENT, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO DO GOOD THINGS. GOD PLANNED FOR THESE GOOD THINGS TO BE THE WAY THAT WE LIVE OUR LIVES."

EPHESIANS 2:10

J.U.M.P Kids is a fellowship of children and adults at Fairview Church dedicated to knowing God, loving God and others, and sharing God's love freely. Our life together is a joyful journey of worship, study, conversation, play and service. We are Agents of Change sharing God's love with each other and with our world. **Jesus in Us—Mission Possible!**

GODLY PLAY



Parables are like presents, precious gifts of story given to us by Jesus to show us how deeply we are loved and how to love others. In our January Godly Play Circles, we are beginning a journey through the parables. We are exploring The Good Shepherd and The Good Samaritan. We are also exploring Baptism and how this sacred celebration connects us to our Community of Faith .



J.U.M.P. KIDS MISSION POSSIBLE JANUARY

In January Our J.U.M.P Kids Mission Possible is creating heart pillows to share with children at Norma's House, a shelter for women and children. The hearts are a symbol of God's love for them and his presence with them even in hard times. We are looking forward to partnering with them this year.



ADVENT FESTIVAL FUN!



SAVE THE DATES

Easter Egg-Stravaganza
Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.-
Noon
Vacation Bible School
June 22-26

For more information about Children's Ministries at Fairview call Margaret (434)792-3391 ext. 105
Text (336) 963-5935
or
Email: children@gofairviewchurch.org.



JOSH MARLOWE
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
MINISTRIES
& CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

Happy New Year, Fairview family! I hope your 2025 is off to an amazing start. I'm excited to share some big news about our Youth Group. We've "branded" ourselves (if you're not familiar with that term, don't worry—I was confused for a while too!). Essentially, we're giving our students an identity that will carry on past the walls of Fairview Church. And with that new identity comes our new name:

ROOTS!

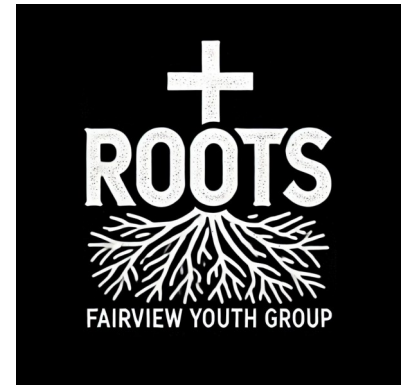
ROOTS stands for:

- Relationship with God
- Obedience to His Word
- Outreach to Others
- Trust in His Plan
- Spirit-led Living

I truly believe these principles will guide us forward in 2025 and beyond. Our scripture for ROOTS is **Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV)**:

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

We also have a fresh logo to match our new name! We're printing some attire so our youth can "rep our brand" (teenage slang for showing others who we are, haha!). We've got plenty of exciting things on the horizon—new study series, plus we're developing and recording a podcast to offer our teens more tools and resources to study at home, while equipping them to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That's our priority!



By the time you read this, there's a good chance I'll be welcoming a new baby boy into the world! You might not see much of me for a week or two, but rest assured ROOTS will keep right on rolling, thanks to the incredible support team I have around me.

On the worship side, our band is still going strong—I'm so blessed by these talented musicians who serve the Lord with such passion! We've also started involving the teens in our early service: **Ethan Harden** has been giving the call to worship, and **Drew Broyles** has joined the band playing guitar on Sunday mornings. We're looking to get more teens involved in leading worship soon, so stay tuned!

Thank you all for your continued love and support. Let's make 2025 a year of growing deeper roots in Christ together!

In His Service,
Josh

Director of Student Ministries & Contemporary Worship

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Once again, this year, The Discipleship Committee will be offering a small group 5 week Lenten Bible Study beginning the week of March 9 and ending the week of April 6 leading up to Holy Week.

The study will be based on the book entitled BLESS. All study materials, both participant and leader, will be provided.

We are looking for hosts and leaders for each small group. You are not required to lead in order to host and you are not required to host in order to lead. Please contact Jackie Stevens at 434-441-6336 or email at jbs082652@gmail.com if you would be willing to host or lead a group.

As we get closer to our study, participants may sign up for a small group using the sign-up sheets that will be located on the Discipleship bulletin board.

Blessings!!!

Jackie Stevens- Discipleship Committee

THANK YOU FROM THE CONNOR FAMILY

Dear Fairview Family,

The Connor family thanks you all so much for the prayers, visits, cards, and love that we received during the passing of our sweet mom, Mary Connor. She loved her church family so much! We miss her dearly but your love and kindness helped us all! Thank you all! Susan

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

The pastor will be offering a Church Membership Class February 9, 16 & 23 at 10am. There will be 3 sessions, with an option to take a missed session online through our website. Attendance does not require a commitment to membership at the conclusion of the class; everyone interested in learning more about our church is invited to attend, including recent new members. Please call the church office or contact the pastor for more information.

Save the
DATE!



Spring Family Fun Day

May 10, 2025

Games, Food and Activities for all ages!



BKK Wishes to acknowledge Heather for all her hard work and dedication!



In recognition of your unwavering commitment to safety, security, and preparedness in your early childhood program

Heather Taylor
Becky's Kiddie Kollege

Safety Spotlight - Cohort 4
Professional Learning Community
March 2024 - November 2024



Great Job, Heather!



Fairview Maker's Group

We would like to organize a group at Fairview of people interested in developing and sharing their "Maker-Given" skills. Please bring your ideas to share at our first meeting on February 10, to be held in the social hall from 1:00-3:00 pm. Future meeting dates, times, and topics will be discussed. We hope our first project will be sewing Walker Bags for our church family. Fabric will be supplied but please bring a sewing machine if you have one. Beginners as well as advanced sewers/crafters are welcomed. If you have questions, feel free to contact Gail Carter (434-203-7703) or Debra Tucker (434-251-1311).



Young Hearts Breakfast

When: Saturday February 22, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

Where: Fairview Church Fellowship Hall

Please visit the Discipleship bulletin board in the main hall to sign up.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship*</u> <u>(Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
December 1	39/87	63	\$19,025.25
December 8	49/101	33	\$6,050.05
December 15	37/88	39	\$6,657.25
December 22	44/92	68	\$25,238.00
December 24 (Candlelight)	127	41	N/A
December 29	40/88	81	\$6,984.00
December 31	N/A	N/A	\$5,455.00

Average Weekly Giving in December 2024:
\$13,881.91
Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2024:
\$10,153.04

2024 Budget approved by Admin Board :
\$545,817.00
2024 Weekly Contributions Needed to Meet Budget:
\$10,496.48

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person</u>	<u>Online Worship*</u>	<u>Offering</u>
January 5	53/77	51	\$11,291.50
January 12	25/59	74	\$5,741.50
January 19	38/102	60	\$13,028.80
January 26	41/96	TBD	\$3,161.50

Average Weekly Giving in January 2025:
\$8,350.83

2024 Budget approved by Admin Board :
\$573,877.00

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2025:
\$8,350.83

2024 Weekly Contributions Needed to Meet Budget:
\$11,036.10

*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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Bettye Parker	10 Susann Dahlquist	24 Janice Holt
3 Wesley Ashworth	Beth Marlowe	25 Mary Fulcher
6 Carol McGuire	11 Alan Jack	27 Kendall Hayzlett
7 Frank Black	12 Nancy South	28 Dave Giffen
Bryce Hayzlett	22 Phillip Smith	29 Emily Burton
8 Betty Jo Call	Martha Mitchell	
9 James Holt	Brittany Roberts	

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