

SEPTEMBER 2024

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR

Keep Singing, Chippie!

Several years ago, I read the following story in an issue of *Offering Christ Today*:

A local newspaper ran a story about a woman and her parakeet, "Chippie." One day the woman was cleaning Chippie's cage with a canister vacuum cleaner (without an attachment) when the telephone rang. As she turned to answer the phone, she heard the terrible sound of Chippie being sucked into the vacuum cleaner. Immediately ripping open the vacuum bag, she found Chippie stunned but alive. Since he was covered with soot and dust, she quickly carried him to the bathroom, turned on the faucet, and held Chippie under the water to clean him off. When she finished, she held the bird in front of a blast of hot air from a hair dryer to dry him off. The reporter writing the article about the episode concluded the interview with the woman by asking, "How's Chippie doing now?" Chippie's owner replied, "Chippie doesn't sing much anymore. He just sits and stares."

If I were Chippie, I probably wouldn't feel like singing. After all, for a parakeet, Chippie's experiences were inexplicable and frightening. It would be easy for him to dwell on the trauma of his past events and allow his present outlook to be shaped by it. However, he had something quite remarkable to sing about in reality...he survived! That alone should be worthy of a song!

As followers of Christ, we sing God's praises and witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in the context of our honest confession that, yes, sometimes life presents us with the inexplicable, the frightening, and even the traumatic. Such events can be uniquely personal for us or for our families; events can also be on a larger scale, such as pandemics, inflation and economic fears, culture wars that never seem to pause, conflict in the Middle East, political advertising designed to horrify us, etc. Nevertheless, God's grace is always sufficient, getting us through the tough times and leading us to look forward in faith rather than backward in fear. The apostle Paul wrote about this in II Corinthians 4.7-10:

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

It's little wonder that Christians love to sing "Amazing Grace," with the powerful testimony of its third verse:

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

Take heart; as followers of Christ, we always have a reason to sing!

As always, it's a privilege to serve as your pastor!

Grace and peace,
Barry

MISSIONS MOMENT

During September our monthly mission focus will be on replenishing the food storage at the Salvation Army. We will be collecting canned foods and dry goods to help them with their food preparations. Please place your donations at the Tree of Giving and, as always, thank you so much for your support of these monthly missions.



SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 2—Church Office closed for Labor Day
- September 9 at 6:00 PM - Staff-Parish Relations Committee
- September 16 at 6:00 PM - Administrative Council
- September 17 at 12:00 pm—BKK Board Meeting
- September 22 - Fairview Church Homecoming Celebration
- September 23 at 6:00 PM - Committee on Finance
- September 30 at 6:00 PM - Nominations Committee

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



"CHILDREN ARE A GIFT FROM GOD. THEY ARE HIS REWARD." --PSALM 127:3



We are excited to be starting a new season of Godly Play and welcoming new friends to our Godly Play Circle. This month we will review our routines and rituals as we start our new school year together.

We also begin our cycle of Sacred Stories again. We will hear the stories of the Bible, Creation, Noah, Abram and Sari and the Exodus.

We are welcoming new adult helpers into our circle as well. If you would like to participate in this special worship experience at either service, call/text Margaret at (336) 963-5935.

Family Fun Day At Camp Selah!



On August 11, we enjoyed a beautiful Sunday afternoon of fun and fellowship at Camp Selah.

Families brought their picnic lunch and then spent the afternoon exploring the creek, enjoying the pool, and making s'mores.

It was a terrific way to end summer break together.



This year our J.U.M.P Kids ministry will be focused on missions! Each month our Mission Possible Kids will be working together on a missions project to meet needs in our community.

You can use the QR code below to register children to participate and to register to serve as part of our adult ministry team for a monthly project of your choice.

**J.U.M.P
KIDS**

We're on a mission!

Jesus + Us Mission Possible

Special Agents
PreK - 5th Grade
Making a difference in our
community one service
project at a
time!

**Special Agent Training Begins
Wednesday, September 4
6:00 p.m.
Register Today!**



ACOLYTE TRAINING

Sunday, September 29 @10:00 a.m. in
Sanctuary
All Children in 4th-5th grade who would
like to serve as Acolytes are invited to
participate.

For more information about Children's Ministries at Fairview call Margaret (434)792-3391, text (336) 963-5935 or email children@gofairviewchurch.org.



JOSH MARLOWE
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
MINISTRIES
& CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

Hello Fairview Family!

I hope you have had a great summer!

School has started back up for our Youth, and Youth Group is starting to get back into full swing. We have some kids that have moved up from the Children's Ministry into the Youth group, as well as new Youth attending here now, so we welcome them all!

During the month of September, we will start a new study series on the Gospel of Matthew. This will be a lesson series that allows us to break down the book of Matthew and fully understand the Gospel (or Good News) and what it looks like to follow Jesus. Each lesson is 50% reading the Bible/teaching and 50% student discussion. The goal with this series is for students to talk about the Bible, what it means to follow Jesus, their questions and doubts, what God is doing in their lives, and so on.

I'm really excited about this series and encourage everyone if they know someone grades 6th through 12th, to invite them to come join us!

Right around the corner on Oct 6th, we will be having a Youth fun day at Hargrave Military Academy's indoor pool. We plan to leave church at 3:00. We will swim from 4pm to 6pm, then grab dinner on our way back to church with plans of being back at church by 8pm. If your Youth plans on attending, let me know ASAP!

Thank you for all your love and support!

In His Service,

Josh



Fairview

Missions



Eat Out to Help Out God's Storehouse!

On September 17 (September 18 or September 19), area restaurants will be donating 10% of their sales to God's Storehouse. A list of restaurants can also be found at www.godsstorehouse.org and on their Facebook page. Look for signs & posters at participating restaurants.

Participating restaurants on September 17: Checkered Pig, Chuck's Meat & Deli, Crema & Vine, Danview, Dell'Anno's Pizzeria- Main Street, Dell'Anno's Pizza Kitchen-Martinsville Hwy, Frank's Italian Restaurant, Joe & Mimma's Italian Restaurant, King Cropp, Links Coffee House, Los Tres Magueyes, Me's Burgers & Brews, Midtown Market, Moon River Thai Bistro, Old 97 Tavern, San Marcos-Danville, Temptations Gourmet, Village's Pizza.

Participating restaurants on September 18: La Nostra Cucina;

On September 19: Frank's Italian Restaurant and The Schoolfield Restaurant.

Check out God's Storehouse Facebook page for additional restaurants. Eat Out to Help Out! God's Storehouse thanks you for your support.

Thanks for supporting God's Storehouse!

The Discipleship Committee will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat event on October 31st from 6:00-8:00 pm.

We need your TRUNKS and of course your presence to distribute the candy to those that come for the event!

You're invited to gather in the parking lot near the pavilion to decorate your trunk starting at 5:00 pm.

We will also be collecting candy for the event. You may drop your candy or monetary donation (for candy) in the labeled tote in the Welcome Center .

Let me know that you can participate by signing up on the sheet that will be posted on the Discipleship bulletin board in the hall!!

Blessings!!

Jackie Stevens Discipleship Co-Chair





Please Join Us!

Homecoming Celebration

Join us for a special 112th year homecoming as we celebrate our congregation and reconnect with current and former members and pastors.

Sunday, September 22, 2024

10:00am – 10:45am – Visitation & Tours

11:00am – Worship Service

12:00pm – Catered Lunch in Social Hall

We look forward to seeing you!

*Bring No Food – Meal will be catered.

***Call (434) 792-3391 to RSVP with your number of people.
Please respond by September 9.**

Music provided by:

Josh Marlowe & the Cherrystone Band at 1pm



1013 Westover Dr., Danville, VA

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
August 4	34/103	39	\$10,283.00
August 11	39/105	30	\$9,365.00
August 18	43/112	47	\$7,759.20
August 25	52/95	87	\$5,790.00

*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 August 2024:
\$8,299.30

2024 Budget approved by Admin Board :
\$545,817.00

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2024:
\$9,622.60

2024 Weekly Contributions Needed to Meet Budget:
\$10,496.48

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Dale Ferrell	10 Julia Boles	26 Nick Langley
William White	10 Owen Davis	27 Rachel Burkett
03 Ronald Brooks, Sr.	11 Sharon Williams	27 Michael Connor
06 Gail Carter	16 Joyce Burnett	28 Julius Boles
08 Marvin Fuqua	Jean Hudson	Amy Grogan
Jamie Holt	19 Scott Carter	30 Jim Chattin
Neal Ragsdale	Julie Ferris	Sylvia Hyler
Dylan Shelton	22 Joyce Holley	Judy Robertson
09 Tony Ratliff	23 Saunders Brooks	Vivian Shelton
Lesley Emerson	24 Justin Stevens	Eli Davis

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

06 Kenny & Carolyn Whitlock	18 Neal & Christi Ragsdale
07 Dale & Janet Ferrell	20 Duane & Susann Dahlquist
08 Robert & Marti Chattin	26 Ronald & Brenda Brooks
17 Bill & Michele Franklin	27 Ricky & Kathy Dix
18 Mike & Katherine Lewis	30 Ralph & Nancy South

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