

JULY 2023

# The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH

## FORGETTING

by Katherine (Loop) Hannon for *Christianperspective.net*

Jonathan could hardly believe the gifts he'd been given.

His father had sacrificed everything he had to not only ransom him from prison (which he was in due to his own fault—due in fact to crimes he'd committed against his father), but also buy him everything he would need for surviving in the wilderness in which they lived. He'd been given a flashlight to light up his path, access to food to sustain him in his father's kitchen, a shelter to hide under during the scorching heat—the list could go on and on. Above all, his father had given him his word that he would meet all his needs forever.

Now, you would think Jonathan would have been incredibly grateful for all he'd been given. And he was—at first. He couldn't believe that his father would have given him so much, especially when he knew how wrong he'd been and how much his actions had grieved his father.

Yet as the weeks and months went on, a strange thing began to happen. Jonathan began simply ignoring his father's precious gifts. He got busy with life and found himself complaining more than giving thanks. He complained about how dark it got at night, forgetting about the flashlight his father had given him. He complained about how hungry he was, forgetting to go to his father for food.

Jonathan had been given everything—yet he was living as if he had nothing. He was tired and angry and fearful and frustrated—all because he'd forgotten his father's gifts.

One day, he was pouring out his frustrations to a friend. His friend shook his head. "If you'd just stop ignoring your father and instead remember all he's done and given you, you could be walking in peace and joy. You're all worried about how you'll meet your needs, but didn't your father promise to meet them? You're all frustrated because of how dark the prairie gets at night, but didn't your father give you a flashlight? You're malnourished and exhausted, but have you been going to your father for food?" he admonished.

Jonathan shook his head, realizing how foolish he'd been. "I'm not sure my father will want to see me now," he muttered.

His friend gently touched his shoulder. "You know that's not true. Your father rescued you when you had nothing. He's longing for you to run to him."

*"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23 (KJV)*

*"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:" 1 Corinthians 1:30 (KJV)*

*"For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Colossians 2:1-3 (esv)*



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

The last weeks and months have been a whirlwind. So much going on and yet sometimes the days themselves can be so slow. Do you ever find yourself in that situation? It is hard for me to believe that July is upon us and before you know it, summer will be over and we will be back to the daily grind of our normal routines again.

I want to take a minute and thank all of those who wrote notes, prayed for, and sent love and encouragement for our mission team. We had quite a week. Our trip up was a little eventful, But once we got there we had an awesome time and lots of moments and times where God was so evident in and among us. The work that was accomplished was big and I hope you enjoy the pictures here in the newsletter.

July has one of my favorite things:  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.**

We will do set up on the 5th and 6th beginning at 9 each day and VBS will kick off on the 9th. WE need lots of hands to make all of this work. Please consider volunteering some of your time for this vital ministry here at Fairview.

There is a lot more coming your way this month. Stay tuned to our weekly bulletins and announcements for all that is coming.

Sorry to cut it so short this month.....I'll share more later. Lots going on and lots to do!

It's a JOY to serve beside you!

Kate

## **Upcoming Dates to Note**

**July 4: Church office closed for Independence Day**

**July 9-13: Vacation Bible School - 6-8:30pm**

**August 6: 8:30 worship with Josh Marlowe, 11:00 traditional worship**

**September 4: Church office closed for Labor Day**

## **Pastor Search Update**

When I spoke to the Church the other week, I talked about answered prayers and mentioned one of my prayers to be answered would be our next Pastor. Rev. Ted Fine and his wife Valerie spent a nice weekend with us and were voted to be offered the position of Senior Pastor of Fairview. The position was offered to him. He had been offered a Pastoral position at a church in Mississippi which was closer to his home and they elected to take that position. So my (our) prayer hasn't been answered yet.

I can say that as we prayerfully work through this process we can feel God's presence and guidance. It may not be or look easy, but God is in control. SPRC thanks you for your prayers and asks you to continue to pray for Fairview and our Pastoral search. That being said, we will have another pastoral candidate speaking to us on July 9. Please see the announcement later in this newsletter.

God Bless You all, Neal Ragsdale, SPRC Chairman



# Stay Connected on Social Media

Please note new info:

To be added to our phone or email notification system, contact us!

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[facebook.com/fairviewchurchdanville](https://facebook.com/fairviewchurchdanville) (NEW)

## Parking Lot Improvements

Please note that Adams Construction has given us a date of **July 10** to re-pave certain areas of our parking lot. Areas affected include the back parking lot in front of the Pavilion, the parking lot outside of the Sunday School wing and the Social Hall parking lot including all rear access areas to these lots. The side parking areas and the front parking will not be affected. There will be a two week downtime for these areas. They will be cordoned off but the Trustees wanted all to be aware of this occurrence.

Dear Fairview Family,

Thank you for the Bible and graduation gifts. I have enjoyed coming to this church all my life and all the support you all have given me. I will miss this church when I leave, but am excited to continue my faith even through college. I do plan on returning of course, thank you again and please keep me in your thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
Austin

During July our monthly mission focus will be on Back to school. It is hard to believe that school is right around the corner. but it truly is.

During July we will be collecting items that we will donate to 2 close by elementary schools. Brosville Elementary in the County and Park Avenue in the city. Supplies will be collected, divided and sent to the schools the first week of August.

The items we would like to collect are: Lysol or **Clorox Wipes, Boxes of Tissues, Bottles of Hand Sanitizer, 24 count boxes of crayons and #2 pencils.**

Thanks to your faithfulness, we collected 104 shower curtain liners for Camp Rainbow last month. Thanks to all who donated!

The Missions Committee



I HEARD THE VOICE  
OF THE **LORD** SAYING  
WHOM SHALL I SEND  
AND WHO WILL GO  
FOR US THEN I SAID  
HERE I AM  
SEND ME  
ISAIAH 6:8



# Vacation Bible School



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**July 9 - 13**

## Pastoral Candidate – July 9

On Sunday, July 9, we will have Rev. Barry Taylor, one of our pastoral candidates, come preach for us. That day, there will be a **schedule change** for Sunday School and worship. Please note that **Sunday School will be at 9:00am and Traditional Worship will be at 10:00am**. Following Traditional Worship, there will be a Meet & Greet with Pastor Barry At 12:00pm we will have a secret ballot vote on whether or not he will become our next pastor. This vote is for present confirmed full members only. Please make every effort to attend this very important day.

**1st Sundays:  
Worship at  
8:30 and 11:00**

Monthly on each first Sunday  
8:30 worship features contemporary  
music with Josh Marlowe



# WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
<b>May 28</b>	89	N/A	\$4,861.00
<b>June 4</b>	27/84	N/A	\$10,561.00
<b>June 11</b>	109	N/A	\$7,639.56
<b>June 18</b> Father's Day	126	N/A	\$4,560.00
<b>June 25</b>	107	N/A	\$2,177.00

\*There was no online viewing option for the month of June

Average Weekly Giving in June 2023:  
\$6,234.39

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

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2023:  
\$8,306.07

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

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Ben Boles	11 Cody Jones	18 John Stroud
Cole Grogan	12 Austin Salmon	20 Randy Stephens
4 Kenny Whitlock	Tiffany Setliff	25 Shaffer Boles
5 Jennings Deane	13 Betsy Hall	Aaron Salmon
6 Drew Broyles	17 Joey Scarce	27 Ellen Thompson
Garland Slayton	Karl Wormuth	29 Suzanne Long
9 Jerry Soyars	17 Ralph South	30 Helen Bedsole
10 Barbara Tanner	18 Karington Brooks	

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Wayne & Penny Merricks	22nd Dave & Suzanne Giffen
6th Melvin & Patsy Martin	26th Phillip & Beth Smith
7th Russ & Sharon Williams	29th Stuart & LaVonne Walden
14th Jarrod & Amy Grogan	

Fairview Church  
Vacation Bible School  
*Stellar*

July 9-13 6-8:15 each evening

For Children in preschool - rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City; \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #; \_\_\_\_\_ T shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Information/Other:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of People who may pick this child up: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that while participating in church affiliated events, photographs and videos may be taken of my child. By initialing and signing within the appropriate place I am agreeing or disagreeing to allow these photos and/or

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*Fairview is a Christ-centered  
welcoming church that loves the community  
in undeniable ways.*