

FEBRUARY 2024

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR A PASSAGE ON TIME

In the world of the 21st century, individuals and families constantly wrestle with the reality of *time*. The whirlwind that we call "everyday life" is powered and shaped by the pressure of schedules and deadlines, even with the availability of technology that is intended to

make our fast-paced lives easier to manage. Studies indicate that people regard time as their most precious commodity.

King Solomon gave serious attention to the issue of time, and he reflected upon the subject in the third chapter of the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds (Verses 1, 10-11a, NRSV).

Chuck Swindoll gives a helpful illustration of understanding time from the perspective of eternity. Imagine that your banker has informed you that an anonymous donor, who loves you very much, has decided to deposit 86,400 pennies (\$864) into your account every morning for the rest of your life. This gift has one stipulation: you must spend all the money that same day! You would certainly give careful consideration to the use of that money, for you would lose it if you failed to use it!

February brings us the celebration of Valentine's Day, so consider this "Valentine gift": Every morning Someone who loves us very much gives us 86,400 seconds (24 hours) to use, and that amount of time much be used that same day. "Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you want, but you can spend it only once." Time is truly a treasure. In Matthew 6.21, Jesus said, *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* As followers of Jesus, we must seriously consider how we invest our time, for it is directly related to our commitment to Him. As we prepare to enter a busy Lenten season, are we prepared to allow the Lord of All Time to become the Lord of OUR time?

As always, it's a blessing to be your pastor!

Grace and peace,

Barry

FEBRUARY IS HERE!!



KATHERINE LEWIS

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

I pray that this February newsletter finds you all doing well. I am hoping that we are out of the worst of the weather and sickness that has been with us up to this point this year. Although it would really do me some good to see a quick snow that would fall, be pretty and melt away in a couple of days. Oh Well. We will see what comes this way.

As a lot of you know, and some don't, each year, I choose a word for my focus for the year. Actually, I pray and spend time with God and ask HIM to impress this word on my heart. Sometimes, I feel this word in my heart right away. Some years I am a few weeks into January before I fully understand this word. In looking back, the years I wrestle have been years that I have not "liked" the word I felt was my word or was

overthinking what God was handing to me. This year my word came fairly easily. My word for 2024 is :

RISE

And just like HE always does, God led me to a scripture to press into as well.

Acts 26:16

"But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you."

In this verse, Jesus is speaking to Paul. He is instructing him to rise and stand on his feet. This encounter with Jesus marked Paul's transformation and commissioning as a minister and witness of Christ's work. It reminds me that God is calling each of us to rise up, to embrace our purpose that he has instilled in us as individuals, and to share His truth with others.

So join me this year as I strive to Rise in God's Grace and Calling for me to share HIM to a broken and hurting world. I will be praying as well that you will Rise in your God given purpose.

During the month of January all of our Ministry Teams here at Fairview have met and we have so many awesome things coming your way. Please keep an eye on the weekly announcements in the Bulletins and on the screens for some awesome things to come.

Here are a few highlights and Save the Dates.

KIDS

- Sunday School meets each week from 9:45- 10:45.



- During our Services at both 9 and 11 we offer a staffed Nursery. It is currently just inside the wing where BKK is during the week. Stop by and visit Sandra and say hello. Also don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors that may be able to utilize this.
- Also during our 9 and 11 am services we have children's church for children ages 3-3rd grade. This is in our Children's Chapel and we are excited to show you the many changes to that area. We are using a curriculum called Godly Play which allows each child to engage their imagination and provides them the opportunity to experience the wonder, mystery and power of Bible stories. Please join us for a time of wondering soon.
- Also for our Kids we have our Mid-Week Discipleship program on Wednesday Evenings from 6-7:30. We call this JUMP. **JUMP stands for Jesus + Us = Mission Possible.** This is open for children In Kindergarten – 5th grade. From 6-6:25 we meet in the Choir room with Heather to learn more about God through Music. Then we transition upstairs to our classroom to do our lesson and craft or games. We have been having a blast. So check us out at our new time. Do you have grandchildren or neighbors that might enjoy this time of learning about Jesus? We would love to have them. Let me know if you have any questions about this program.

YOUTH

- There is a lot of transition and planning taking place with our youth. We'll have lots of info to come soon.
- Currently we have Sunday School from 9:45-10:45 each Sunday morning.
- We also have Youth group each week from 5:15-7:15. During this time we have a meal and a wonderful time of fellowship followed by a lesson, we are currently looking at some of the Parables that Jesus used to teach. There is also always a time of fun!

ADULTS

- We currently have 4 Adult Sunday School Classes. If you have not found your way into one of these, please let me know and we can work on getting you connected.
- Speaking of staying connected. Don't forget to check in with me or in the office to update your information for our Directory and our One Call System. These are some of the first ways we communicate news that needs to get out to our Congregation. So help us keep your info up to date.
- **LADIES:** Our monthly Lunch and Dinners are Back!!! This month we will go to Olive Garden. Our dinner will be on Tuesday February 20th at 6pm and our Lunch will be Wednesday February 21st at noon. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from my new office.
- **Wednesday February 14th** is not just for hearts and love this year. It is Ash Wednesday and we will be having a Come and Go Service. There will be more info on that coming.
- Don't forget our monthly Mission for the Tree of Giving will be Danville Warming Center. We need Blankets, Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Non-perishable Snacks. We will collect these and deliver the items to the Center weekly.

I am once again excited to serve beside you this year. I am excited to be a part of all the wonderful happenings here at Fairview Church. May God continue to bless us as we serve together!

Blessing,
Kate

Mission Update

Our mission's committee is ready to serve as we enter this new year. Our 2023 Mission projects went so well we would like to help keep our focus on outward, local mission alive! It is still our goal to have a mission Challenge each month of 2024 for our church to unify and work toward reaching together! We hope you and your family will find this as a fun opportunity to not only give but work together with the Body of Christ here at Fairview to reach a goal together. We have ideas for some of the months ahead but if you have other local missions we might be able to help, see Martha Mitchell or Lavonne Walden to give them your ideas.

As you know for the month of January we collected items to make Blessing Buckets for God's Pit Crew. Thanks to all who donated and helped out this amazing organization!

Our February Challenge should you choose to accept it..... Will be collecting items for Danville Warming Center. The Warming Center is a collaboration of Redemption Center Church, Third Chance Ministries, the Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the Salvation Army. It takes in homeless individuals and gives them shelter when the nighttime temperatures drop below 38 degrees. We are collecting **Blankets, Stocking Caps, Gloves, Scarves and Non-perishable Snacks** for the Center.

Please bring your donations to the Tree of Giving in the Narthex. As always, any gift is greatly appreciated.

HOMELESS SHELTER

MEALS

We have slots to fill for volunteers to take food to the House of Hope (homeless shelter) the first Saturday of each month. It requires providing dinner for about 30 people. If your Sunday School Class, family, small group, or friends are interested in helping, please let Christi Ragsdale know.

THANK YOU

On behalf of myself and my family, I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, cards, food, visits and contributions to the Fellowship Fund in memory of my mother, Barbara McSwain, Your thoughtfulness was a blessing and brought much peace to us during a difficult time. Thanks, again.

Bobbie Nordon & Family



Dear Fairview Family,

Thank you so much for the Visa gift card you sent me during exam week. It was very thoughtful and much appreciated. Thank you all for your continued love and support while I am in college.

Austin Scarce

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Missions Sunday - February 4

Ash Wednesday Open Communion and Imposition of Ashes on February 14 from 4:30-7:30 pm

Daylight Saving Time Begins (set clocks ahead one hour) on Sunday, March 12

Please join us to support & help

Lea Smith

to win her battle with cancer

Fairview Church
1013 Westover Dr
Danville, VA

February 17, 2024
8:00 am - 12:00 noon

- Yard sale
- Silent auction
- Bake sale
- 50/50 raffle

All funds will help with medical expenses

ANYTHING YOU CAN DONATE
WILL HELP!

Please contact Heather (434.251.6594) or
Jessica (434.429.2716) with any questions on
how to donate. Yard sale items may be dropped
off February 12th - 16th.

ASH WEDNESDAY UPDATE

After much thought and attention to details, Pastor Barry, along with the Worship Committee has decided to not have a formal Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, February 14. Instead, there will be a “floating” opportunity to come pray, receive communion and have the imposition of the ashes. Pastor Barry will be available in the sanctuary from 4:30 until 7:30 for those who would like to “drop by” and spend about 5 minutes in prayer and reflection, communion and ashes. Please come as you feel led. With the day being Valentine’s Day, we didn’t want to encounter conflicts with any special plans for the evening but still wanted to offer the traditional opportunity to honor the beginning of the Lenten season. We hope you will take some time that day to come honor those traditions. See you then!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 EMPTY BOWLS

A FUND-RAISER FOR GOD’S STOREHOUSE

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. Area artisans have created handcrafted bowls for the event which will be held at God’s Storehouse. Guests can purchase tickets for \$20/person (\$25/person starting Feb 20) at God’s Storehouse, Karen’s Hallmark, Commonwealth Home Health Care (Piney Forest Rd), Awards and Trophy Shop, Foxglove Clothing Store on West Main, board members, and through EventBrite. Tickets include a simple meal of soup, bread, and water. Guests choose one of the handcrafted bowls from local artisans and are asked to keep the bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in our community. Guest can also participate in a Silent and Chance Auction and purchase bake sale items (new this year). For more information, visit www.godsstorehouse.org, God’s Storehouse Facebook page or call 434-793-3663.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
December 3	36/89	54	\$8,581.00
December 10	30/75	32	\$10,317.30
December 17	30/109	96	\$6,013.56
December 24	30/90	27	\$6,471.00
December 24 (Candlelight)	111		n/a
December 31	117	15	\$5,424.00

Average Weekly Giving in December 2023:
\$7,361.37

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

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2023:
\$8,328.48

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
January 7	32/89	14	\$9,583.20
January 14	23/118	77	\$10,193.00
January 21	99	75	\$5,454.00
January 28	31/94	TBD	\$11,502.00

Average Weekly Giving in January 2024:
\$9,183.05

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

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2024:
\$8,702.30

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

*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. Videos are no longer posted separately to Facebook.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Bettye Parker	10 Carol Black	24 Janice Holt
3 Wesley Ashworth	11 Alan Jack	25 Mary Fulcher
7 Frank Black	12 Nancy South	27 Kendall Hayzlett
7 Bryce Hayzlett	22 Phillip Smith	28 Dave Giffen
8 Betty Jo Call	22 Martha Mitchell	29 Emily Burton
9 James Holt	22 Brittany Roberts	
10 Susann Dahlquist	23 Thelma Alverson	

FROM THE TRUSTEES...

Trustee Projects Completed 2023

1. Added new pavement on back and lower parking areas
2. Filled cracks and sealed front and side parking area and restriped all parking spaces.
3. Gutter-seams resealed and re-bracketed to rafters.
4. Completely refurbished youth room from water damage
5. Added 3 Handicap Commodes to upstairs adult bathrooms.
6. Repair roof leak over men's bathroom along with reconnecting 8inch duct pipe that had fallen loose.
7. Uncluttered 7 rooms in church.
8. Repainted and added new carpet to youth room.
9. Started the process to paint all the rusting wrought iron posts and handrails coming into the building.
10. Cleaned a total of 30 windows and tracks.
11. Completed Disaffiliation from UMC.
12. Replaced all signs and reworded digital sign to remove UMC logo. Revised
13. Trustee Manual to remove all references to UMC.
14. Cleaned and helped setup Pastors study.
15. Approved new emergency door to be installed in BKK wing.
16. Moved Basketball goal and cones beside Pavilion.
17. Plumbed and braced large cross in front of church.
18. Built more shelving in Pavilion for storage and removed 2 pickup loads of items to the landfill.
19. Completed our front lawn landscape project started over two years ago.
20. Replaced lighting in Sanctuary with LED spotlights.
21. Replaced carpet in one of the main hallway rooms.

This does not include the ongoing repair, clean-up, or required maintenance a trustee is on site doing most weeks at the church.

Thanks to all of you for your continued financial support that helps keep our church grounds and building looking beautiful, inside and out.

Respectfully submitted,

Fairview Church Trustees

SEWING CLASSES

Are you interested in learning to sew and make various service projects such as: pillowcases for hospitalized children, items for Becky's Kiddie College, blankets for the homeless, etc.? If yes, please join us for an informational session on **February 12 at 1:30 pm** in the Grace Seekers classroom. In addition to those wishing to learn to sew, we would like to ask members who know how to sew to join us. **We need students and teachers, as well as fabric.** Also, feel free to bring your sewing machine if you have one. If you are interested but unable to attend the information session, please e-mail Debra Tucker at debramillstucker@icloud.com.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

From the Discipleship Team...

A 5-week small group Lenten Bible study is being planned. The bible study will be held in homes and in our church. The study is entitled "5 Ways to Grow Your Faith". The resources for the study include a DVD, leaders guide and a participant guide. All resources will be provided at no cost.

The groups will meet once a week during the weeks beginning February 18 through the week of March 17.

Hosts and leaders are needed for the Bible study. You are not required to lead the study if you are hosting.

Please check the Discipleship Bulletin board in the main hall of the church for more information. There will be opportunities to sign up to be a participant, to host and/or lead a small group. Five small groups currently have hosts.

This is an amazing opportunity to "Grow Our Faith" and become even stronger Disciples of Jesus Christ!!

See you at the Discipleship Bulletin Board!!

Blessings!!!

Jackie Stevens- Discipleship Co-chair



LENTEN CHALLENGE

The Worship Committee is excited to offer you the opportunity to share in spreading the joy and hope of Christmas with our community. We want to have a large scale Nativity Scene at Christmas in front of our church in the years to come.

We are asking for contributions toward this project during Lent. What can you give up so you can contribute -- a coffee...dessert?

Please put contributions in the Little White Church in the Narthex. Let's remind holiday passers-by of the reason for the season!

Sweet BKK Faces & Places



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