

NOVEMBER 2024

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH

FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR

The Work That Is (Always) Ahead

2 Peter 1.8-9 states the following:

The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins.

This passage from the New Living Translation of the Bible is expressed in positive terms. However, in the original New Testament Greek, the text is expressed in negative terms: *The more you grow like this, the less you'll be lazy and worthless...*

Lazy and worthless? Ouch!

In his commentary on this passage, Grant Osborne writes: "Peter was picturing a person who could be working but preferred to sit idly in the marketplace doing nothing, of no use to anyone. Fruitfulness in the Christian life is a primary demand...Peter's point is that we must work with all our energy to produce these virtues (moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, endurance, godliness, brotherly affection, love) under the empowering presence of the Spirit, and we must yield to the Spirit so that they progressively grow and produce a harvest of right living...God does not magically infuse them in us through the Spirit. We are expected to work very hard at putting them into practice in our daily lives."

"Work very hard?" Double ouch!

In the early 1500's, a German priest named Martin Luther was determined to live in a right relationship with God for all eternity. In keeping with the perspective of the Roman Catholic Church's teaching at the time, he sought to earn God's salvation through constant efforts to do "good works." In the process, he found himself disappointed and disillusioned at his prospects. However, Luther was a brilliant and devoted student of the Bible, and he rediscovered the powerful New Testament truth that salvation is a gift to be received rather than a reward to be earned. Salvation (in essence a right relationship with God) has been made possible by Jesus' death and resurrection; Jesus has already completed the "good work" needed to provide this salvation. Passages such as Ephesians 2.8-9 hammered home this ultimate truth to Luther:

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Luther's recovery of this central New Testament teaching led to the movement known as the Protestant Reformation, which shook the Church and the world...and is continuing to do so. October 31 is celebrated each year as Reformation Day, commemorating Luther's reported nailing of his written proclamation of "faith alone, by grace alone, through Christ alone" to the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

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Appropriately, November 1 is All Saints Day, which we celebrate in worship on the first Sunday of November in each year.

It is fitting, in this transition into the month of November, that we reaffirm “the faith that was once and for all entrusted to the saints” (Jude 3) and celebrate the faithful work of the saints who have ultimately delivered this faith unto us. This work goes on in our day...not in terms of “working our way into God’s favor,” but in terms of our commitment to work diligently in proclaiming the Good News of God’s salvation by grace through faith in Christ to a world that so desperately needs it.

I want to return for a moment to Ephesians 2.8-9. You see, the Apostle Paul doesn’t conclude his paragraph (and thus his thought) with verse nine; the paragraph concludes with verse ten. Here is his complete thought:

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Despite what the next month or the next year may hold in store, we CAN do the work of evangelism...and be productive in it...for it is what we are created in Christ to do. May we take up the work of evangelism and, through it, find God creating in us and through us His masterpiece!

Just a Reminder:

November is Stewardship Month for our congregation. After our worship services on November 17th, our Ministry will offer us a sign-up opportunity to participate in various church ministries in 2025. On November 24, we’ll celebrate Consecration Sunday with an opportunity to commit to underwriting our church budget for 2025. Both of these stewardship events are critical to the life and health of our congregation. Please be in prayer for them and plan to attend worship on these Sundays.

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

Grace and peace,

Barry

ALL SAINT’S SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

A list of all those who have passed away since November 5, 2023:

Fairview Church Members

Donna Coleman

Terry Haraway

Ramon Moore

Carol Black

Thelma Alverson

Tommy Roberts

Fairview Family

Mildred Betterton

Betty Buntin

Leon Hayes

Frances Kirby

J.C. Lee

Donna LeFevers

Barbara McSwain

Faye Pizzulo

Norma Ruble

Mary Alice Swanson

James W. Thomas, Sr.

Berta Watson

Reuben Williams



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



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

GODLY PLAY



We are continuing our journey through the desert stories in November. We will explore The A.R.K and The Tent, The A.R.K. and the Temple, The Exile and Return and the Prophets. Godly Play Parent Pages will be available each week to help families explore the week's Sacred Story together at home. We welcome 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.



J.U.M.P. KIDS NOVEMBER MISSION



Our October Sock Buddies project was a success! We collected over 100 pairs of socks! In November we will be collecting canned food items for God's Storehouse. Each week our "special agents" will work together on our group missions project and each week we have individual stealth projects to complete at home. All children ages Pre-K - 5th grade are welcome to join us!



The Christmas Llama Drama Children's Musical

Rehearsals Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room .

All children Pre-K through 5th Grade welcome!
Performance will be Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 6:00 p.m.

If you would like to be part of the ministry team behind the scenes, we can use folks to help create our sets and props. Donations of cookies welcomed for "Cookies and Cocoa" after the show. Contact Margaret Snider to volunteer!

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.



Kids In Ministry!





JOSH MARLOWE
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
MINISTRIES
& CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

Greetings, Church Family!

As we enter into the season of Thanksgiving, I can't help but reflect on all the incredible things God is doing in our Youth Group. Week after week, I'm filled with gratitude—not just because we've seen growth in numbers (we're now averaging around 15 teens each week!), but more importantly, I'm thankful for the hearts of these young people.

This fall, the youth themselves chose to dive into the book of Revelation for our study series. Let me tell you, their eagerness to dig into such a deep and complex book of the Bible has been truly inspiring! It's not every day you see teenagers this excited about Scripture, and it's a clear reminder of how God is moving among us. The study has sparked meaningful conversations, and I'm watching them grow in their faith, asking challenging questions, and seeking to understand God's ultimate plan.

We'll be continuing this series on Revelation up until the beginning of Advent, preparing our hearts for the Christmas season. As we journey through this book together, I'm reminded of the incredible ways God has been guiding our Youth Group. Yes, I'm grateful for the increased attendance, but I'm even more thankful for the spiritual growth I see in these kids.

God's blessings over our Youth program are abundant, and I'm so thankful for His guidance in each step. It's a joy and a privilege to walk alongside these teens as they grow in their relationship with Christ. I encourage you all to continue to pray for them as they seek to understand more of God's Word and live it out in their daily lives.

Wishing you all a blessed Thanksgiving, filled with reminders of God's goodness and grace!

In Christ's love and service,

Josh

THANK YOU!

Dear Church,

I can't thank you enough for all the beautiful Birthday cards I received on my 100th birthday. They were all so special and I enjoyed reading them over and over. I love our church and everyone and treasure the memories at Fairview. Thank you for your past prayers and for your future prayers.

With love, your sister in Christ,
Rachel Burkett

SHRED OUT HUNGER



Saturday, November 2, 2024
9 a.m. to noon
God's Storehouse
750 Memorial Drive, Danville

- **Please donate 10 canned foods per box of shredded items.**
- **Monetary donations accepted.**
- **Personal items only.**



**Call (434) 793-3663 or visit our website
www.godsstorehouse.org for more information.**

MISSIONS MOMENT

During November our monthly mission focus will be on collecting lap throws for the area nursing homes. We are looking for all types of small throws (not full-size blankets) to donate to the residents of the nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Please place your donations at the Mission Drop Off area of the Fellowship Room and, as always, thank you so much for your support of these monthly missions.



God's Pit Crew has the opportunity to receive a **\$100,000** donation from The NASCAR Foundation to provide more Play Pails to children impacted by disaster.

One of this year's four finalists for the Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award is right here in our community volunteering with God's Pit Crew – Ms. Judy Simmons! **Help us push Judy to the top of the vote!**

The NASCAR Foundation's Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award recognizes NASCAR Fans who volunteer for children's causes in their racing communities. It is the premier sports philanthropic award –

decided upon by the voters.

Each year, The NASCAR Foundation donates a total of \$175,000 to each of the four finalists' children's charities. Each finalist is guaranteed



a minimum \$25,000 donation from The NASCAR Foundation, with the winner's charity receiving a \$100,000 donation!

Vote for Judy daily from October 22 at 4:30 PM (EST) – November 18 at 6:00 PM (EST) by clicking the VOTE NOW button on godspitcrew.org. Click the "VOTE" button at the top of the web page and scroll to the VOTE NOW button near the end of the page.

VETERAN'S DAY SUNDAY

We will honor our veterans on Sunday, November 10. If you are new to the church and have served in the military, or have a family member who served in the military, we want to add your name to our Veteran's Roster for insert in the Veteran's Day bulletin. Please call the office to either make sure you or your family member(s) are on the list, or to put your name or your family member name(s) on the list. You can reach us at 434-792-3391 or email office.fairviewchurch@gmail.com.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
October 6	37/78	69	\$15,117.00
October 13	33/89	44	\$6,916.64
October 20	43/85	TBD	\$17,535.25
October 27	TBD	TBD	TBD

*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 2024:
\$13,189.63

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

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2024:
\$9,935.53

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03 Sara Hayzlett	13 Nancy Weatherford	23 Peggy Stephens
07 Claude Berger	Kim Nickens	24 Nathan Snider
09 Sandy Helton	14 Sara Boles	26 Lucille Johnson
Mike Seamster	15 Rebecca Landrum	Marcus Shelton
10 Margaret Sage	18 John Broyles	28 Ella Brooks
Barry Weatherford	Sandy Hardy	29 Rumell Goodson
11 Devyn Connor	19 Susan Ratliff	Mary Jane Brooks
Claude Moore	Adrey Stevens	Susan Burnett
12 Barbara Seamster	19 Natalie Franklin	30 Kathy Dix

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

01 James & Janice Holt





YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Holiday Bazaar

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

9AM-1PM

FAIRVIEW CHURCH

1013 WESTOVER DRIVE

Over 25 vendors!

Baked Goods

Crafts

Home Decor

Please bring a canned food or child's toy is
much appreciated but not required for entry



Nuts for Sale!

Fresh, shelled, this year's crop of delicious nuts ready for your holiday baking or gift giving.

Stock Up Now!

Please complete the order form below and place it in the offering plate or mail it in to the Church Office at

1013 Westover Drive Danville, VA 24541.

Please enter the quantity desired next to each type you wish to order and the money amount of your order in total.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Pecan Halves (16oz) - \$14.00 - _____

Pecan Pieces (16oz) - \$14.00 - _____

Chocolate Covered Pecans (12oz) - \$10.00 - _____

Roasted & Salted Pecans (12oz) - \$10.00 - _____

Cashews (12oz) - \$10.00 - _____

Pecan Caramel Clusters (8oz) - \$8.00 - _____

Total Cost: _____

(Checks may be made payable to "Fairview Church")

Payment is preferred at the time of order but must be received at pick-up. You will be notified of delivery or pick-up dates & times. Tentative arrival time for nuts is during or after the middle of November, before Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your support of the Missions at Fairview Church! For questions, please see Evelyn Moore or call

434-334-7589.

Pecans Sale

Pecans for your holiday baking have been ordered. Please fill out the order form in the below and turn it in to the office **with payment** or mail to 1013 Westover Dr., Danville, VA 24541. Or, you can call the church with an order but please note that order must be paid before you can pick up your pecans. They should arrive around the middle of November sometime before Thanksgiving. Proceeds go to help Missions here at Fairview Church. For more information, please contact Evelyn Moore at (434)334-7589.

Fairview Church
1013 Westover Drive
Danville, Virginia 24541

Return Service Requested

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Fairview Church is a Christ-centered, welcoming congregation that loves our community in visible and accountable ways.

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