

DECEMBER 2024/JANUARY 2025

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH

FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR

MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS HYMN



I've often stated that my favorite well-known Christmas hymn is *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* by Charles Wesley. However, my favorite Christmas hymn of all is one that is not as well known: *Glory Be to God on High*. Charles Wesley wrote the hymn to proclaim the great truth behind the celebration of Christmas, which is the incarnation of God in His Son Jesus. The lyrics explain this truth better than many famous volumes of theological work...

*Glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth descend;
Now God comes down, He bows the sky,
And shows Himself our Friend!
God the invisible appears,
God the Blest, the Great I AM,
He sojourns in this vale of tears,
And Jesus is His Name.*

*Him by the angels all adored,
Their Maker and their King;
Lo, tidings of their humbled Lord
They now to mortals bring;
Emptied of His majesty,
Of His dazzling glories shorn,
Our being's Source begins to be,
And God Himself is born!*

*See the eternal Son of God
A mortal Son of Man,
Now dwelling in an earthly clod
Whom Heaven cannot contain!
Stand amazed, ye heavens, look at this!
See the Lord of earth and skies
Low humbled to the dust He is,
And in a manger lies!*

*So do the sons of men rejoice
The Prince of Peace proclaim,
With Heaven's host lift up our voice,
And shout Immanuel's Name;
Our knees and hearts to Him we bow;
Of our flesh, and of our bone,
See—Jesus is our Brother now,
And God is all our own! -- Charles Wesley*

God chose to become human and live among the vast majority of humankind, namely the poor and powerless peoples of the world. The Ruler of the Universe was born to an impoverished unmarried Jewish girl from a remote outpost of the Roman Empire known for insurrection. He was born in a barn and laid in a feed trough. The first witnesses to his birth were hard-working and hard-living shepherds; men who earned their living with their hands working with animals. Why did God choose this? Why?

*Our knees and hearts to Him we bow;
Of our flesh, and of our bone,
See—Jesus is our Brother now,
And God is all our own!*

Jesus is indeed our brother now, and God is indeed all our own!

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year to all of you!

Barry

Holiday Bazaar Results

20 VENDORS - \$500.00 TABLE SET UP

NEW BEGINNINGS CLASS - \$76.00

4 CHARITY VENDORS

YOUTH - \$427.00

ARC – \$60.00 (River District Artisan)

HOMESTEAD CHRISTIAN MINISTRY - \$250.00

HAIL MARY DOG RESCUE - \$80.00

YOUTH - \$427.00

Thank you everyone that made this possible! Special thanks to all who volunteered. It was very successful, people sharing their talents. There were lots of outside community people there.

DONATIONS - \$32.00

We were able to hand out church information and invites to Fairview. The outside missions passed information and knowledge about their local mission.

GOD'S STOREHOUSE

COLLECTED 17 CANS FOOD

1 CHILD TOY



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

OUR ADVENT JOURNEY IN GODLY PLAY

The mystery of Christmas is so big that it takes four weeks for us to get ready for Christmas Sunday. During these weeks of Advent, we are all on our way to Bethlehem. But who will show us the way? The Prophets, Mary & Joseph, the Shepherds, and the Magi all show us the way. Each week the light from our Advent Candles glow more brightly as we get closer to Christmas. Children ages 3 yrs - 3rd grade are invited to be part of this special season of worship during both services on Sunday Mornings.



J.U.M.P. KidS December

In December, Our J.U.M.P Kids Mission Possible is our Christmas Worship Program. We will share God's message in song and story. We will also be contributing decorations for the First Wednesday Night Meal and participating in the Mission Team's blanket project.



The Christmas Llama Drama

Children's Musical

Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 6:00 p.m.

In the Sanctuary

Join us in the Fellowship Area after the program for Cookies and Cocoa.

Advent at Home

Advent is my favorite season in the company of children. It is the time when we are getting ready for the birth of Jesus. It can also be the busiest time of year for families. Time to prepare our hearts and our homes for Jesus' birth swirls away in the chaos and the meaning of the season can be lost.

This Advent, make time to bring your family together each day. Slow down, take a deep breath and turn your eyes to the miracle of Christmas. Advent devotionals are available in the Fellowship Area for individuals and families. Pick yours up this week to guide your family's advent journey.

For more information about Children's Ministries at Fairview call Margaret

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JOSH MARLOWE
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
MINISTRIES
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WORSHIP

Youth Group Update: December & January

Hello Church Family!

As we enter this special season, our Youth Group has been focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—celebrating the birth of Christ and preparing our hearts for the New Year. We've just finished an incredible study of the book of Revelation, and now we're diving into a week-by-week journey through Advent to take us up to Christmas. The teens are learning about the hope, peace, joy, and love that Jesus' arrival brings, and it's been a wonderful way for all of us to pause and focus on the miracle of His birth.

Looking Ahead to the New Year

With 2025 around the corner, we're excited to announce that we're working on adding small group time on Wednesday nights for the Youth! These smaller, more personal discussions are a great way for our teens to dig deeper, ask questions, and build meaningful relationships with each other and with Christ. Small groups give them a chance to grow closer as a group and to talk through how they can live out their faith each day.

In January, we'll kick off a new lesson series that includes something unique—a podcast accompanying each lesson! This will help reinforce the teachings, giving the teens a way to revisit each lesson and also share these messages with others. These podcasts will be recorded here at church and will be unique to each lesson. These podcasts are another tool to help our youth grow in faith and become leaders in their community.

A Growing Group and a Growing Need for Volunteers

We're truly blessed to see the Youth Group growing each week. It's exciting to see God moving in our teens' lives, but with more teens comes the need for more helping hands! We'd love to welcome volunteers to join us on Sunday nights, whether that's helping serve meals or joining in to support the lessons. If you're interested in helping with food, please get in touch with me so we can accommodate to some food allergies and preferences (we do have a few picky eaters, too, if you can believe it!).



Worship Night – December 13th

Mark your calendars for a special worship night on **Wednesday, December 13th from 6 PM to 8 PM**. This is open to everyone—church members, friends, neighbors, you name it! Join us in the Fellowship Hall (that cozy space with the comfy couch & chairs!) for hot chocolate, hot cider, and Christmas cookies. The evening will include time for fellowship, Christmas hymns, praise and worship, and a Christmas devotional from Pastor Barry.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas filled with His peace and joy, and a blessed New Year filled with hope and purpose.

In Christ,
Josh Marlowe

***** PLEASE NOTE *****

Our Contemporary Service will start at 8:45am beginning December 15, 2024.

Saturday, January 18

Grace Seekers/New Beginnings Brunswick Stew

Stew Price is TBD.

See a class member to pre-order



FIRST AID CLASS

The trustees will be offering a First Aid class that is open to all church members who are interested. It will be in the Social Hall on January 11, 2025 from 8:00am - 12:00pm. Please see one of the trustees for further information.

MISSIONS MOMENT

During December our monthly mission focus will be on collecting funds for the Fellowship Fund to assist with needs in the community. Please place your donations in the Little White Church or in the offering plate with an envelope stating it's for the Fellowship Fund and, as always, thank you so much for your support of these monthly missions.

BKK Fun



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
October 27	40/117	105	\$5,174.10
November 3	38/109	39	\$15,307.00
November 10	40/114	95	\$7,020.10
November 17	54/96	45	\$6,337.00
November 24	32/115	TBD	\$7,418.00

*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 November 2024:

\$10,314.05

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2024:

\$9,756.35

2024 Budget approved by Admin Board :

\$545,817.00

2024 Weekly Contributions Needed to Meet Budget:

\$10,496.48

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Sandra Phillips	6 Andy Nordon	17 Doug Haraway
3 Gary Jack	8 Sam Swanson	18 Austin Dishman
4 Joanne Barnes	10 Emily Broyles	20 Esme Woodard
Margaret Snider	Wayne Merricks	24 Angela Hyatt
Sue Franklin	13 Matthew Snider	28 Marilyn Booth
Debra Tucker	15 George Harvey	Jonathan Dillion
6 Bryce Connor	Chris Hayzlett	

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

21 Bill & Bonny Shelton
23 Jim & Ann Jennings

29 Scott & Gail Carter

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Maggie Dishman	13 Linda Fitzgerald	25 Russ Williams
Zachery Ratliff	16 Emery Dillion	27 Duane Davis
2 Lee Ann Dillion	Patty Gann	Paul Davis
3 Chelsea Franklin	20 Michele Franklin	28 Susan Hoskins
5 Chaz Nickens	Ricky Dix	30 Brenda Brooks
11 Nancy Clark	21 Katherine Lewis	Jennifer Shelton
12 Derek Merricks	23 Nancy Batterman	Annette Tennant
Ronnie Boyles	25 Kenny Hoskins	

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

8 Garrett & Chelsea Franklin

25 Josh & Beth Marlowe

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