

AUGUST 2024

# The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



**FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR**

## UNEXPECTED ENCOUNTERS

In the ninth chapter of the New Testament Book of Acts we meet Saul, a zealous student of the Jewish law determined to stamp out the threat he believed was posed by the Christian faith...and to do so by any means necessary. On his way to the city of Damascus to arrest Christians in the local Jewish synagogues and take them as prisoners back to Jerusalem, the

Lord Jesus unexpectedly confronts Saul in a vision of blinding light. Jesus asks Saul, "Why do you persecute me?" Saul asks, "Who are you, Lord?" The Lord replies, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." Physically blinded by the experience, Saul is led into the city, unable or unwilling to eat or drink for three days.

Jesus subsequently appears in an unexpected vision to Ananias, one of His followers in Damascus, and instructs him to go to Saul and place his hands on him to restore Saul's sight. Saul's murderous reputation had preceded him, and Ananias is clearly reluctant to even go near him. But the Lord says, "Go," and Ananias faithfully carries out Jesus' instruction. As a result, the persecutor Saul is healed and baptized, and he becomes the Apostle Paul. Christianity spreads to Europe through his ministry, and we have much of our New Testament thanks to the inspired writings of Saul/Paul.

I'm going to take a wild guess and say that, if you have any political leanings or inclinations at all, this election year is probably not generating entirely positive feelings about everyone you know on social media. Let's be honest: American society is largely tribalized at this point, with most folks seeing life through the lens of "us versus them." There appears to be less and less "united" left in the ideal that is the United State of America. As a people, we are separated politically, economically, and culturally in ways that would have been unthinkable during the World Wars of the last century, or even following the tragedies of 9/11 twenty-three years ago. Yet here we are, more uncomfortable with interacting with others with whom we differ/disagree than ever before. What a challenge for our country...and, frankly, what a challenge for the Church.

This is where the Book of Acts is so instructive for us today. The book is filled with accounts of the miraculous acts of Jesus's apostles as they carried on His ministry through the power of the Holy Spirit (hence the title of the book). But the greatest miracle recorded in the Book of Acts may be the overarching theme of faithfulness to Jesus' Great Commission to take the Gospel to the world. Time and again, in a world in which political and cultural division alienated people from each other in a way not altogether unlike our time, followers of Jesus responded to His unexpected invitations and opportunities to reach out to others with whom they had little or nothing in common. They overcame their political/cultural barriers and their ingrained fears to offer the Gospel to EVERYONE...and they "turned the world upside down" in the process!

(CONTINUED ON PG. 2)

(CONTINUED FROM PG. 1)

Two thousand years later, the Gospel still has the power to turn the world upside down as we faithfully follow Jesus into a spiritual posture and lifestyle that lives out the world-embracing Great Commission to “make disciples of all nations.” Ananias was willing to approach “the last person on earth he wanted to meet” with the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. He was faithful to Christ’s call by making an unexpected appearance in the life of Saul, and he literally changed the world as a result.

Jesus is still calling His followers to make unexpected appearances in the lives of the last people in the world we think we would ever want to encounter, including those with whom we may disagree politically (and those who may get on our nerves on social media!). He is still calling us to build relationships, show grace and mercy, and share His Gospel in word and deed. It’s the way He has chosen to change the world over the past 2000 years, and He’s still doing it today.

Is He giving you an opportunity today to make a surprising and grace-filled “unexpected appearance” in someone’s life? If so, it’s your chance to “turn the world upside down.”

As always, I am grateful for the privilege of serving as your pastor!

Blessings in Christ,

Barry

## MISSIONS MOMENT

During August, our monthly mission focus will be on Fairview’s Fellowship Fund in honor of Pastor Barry’s first anniversary. All cash and/or checks will be used to help those in our community with assistance for their needs. Please make checks out to Fairview Church and write Fellowship Fund in the memo line. Or you can do your contribution online with a credit card at [gofairviewchurch.org](http://gofairviewchurch.org). Please deposit all cash and checks in the Little White Church in the Fellowship Room.

## AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

August 5 at 6:00 PM - Board of Trustees

August 12 at 6:00 PM - Committee on Finance

August 13 at 6:30 PM - Missions Ministry Team

August 14 at 4:00 PM - Worship Ministry Team

August 15 at 6:00 PM - Evangelism Ministry Team

August 19 at 6:00 PM - Administrative Council

August 22 at 6:00 PM - Discipleship Ministry Team

August 26 at 6:00 PM - Staff-Parish Relations/Nominations & Personnel

(NOTE: BKK Board does not meet in August - will meet in September)

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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



## Godly Play

August will be a time for exploring stories of the early church. We will follow Paul on the road to Damascus and explore his letters.

Sunday August 25 will be our Godly Play Orientation Sunday for families. Parents are invited to the Children's

Chapel at 10:00 a.m. to learn more about Godly play and how they can support their children's spiritual development through the week.

Children are welcome to join our Children's Sunday school class in the JUMP room while parents gather in the Children's Chapel.



## Children In Ministry

Our Children and adult volunteers packed 30 play pails for God's Pit Crew. The materials were purchased with our SCUBA VBS mission offering.

Special thanks to all the adults who came out to support this project and help us get it done. Our next step is a field trip to deliver Play Pails to the God's Pit Crew warehouse.



## J.U.M.P in August

Family Fun Day  
August 11, 1:00 p.m.  
Camp Selah  
Sutherlin, VA



Orientation Sunday  
August 25, 10:00 a.m.  
Fairview Children's Chapel



Our August events are family events! Plan to bring the whole family! Register using the QR code beside each event, or by contacting Margaret Snider (336) 963-5935 or church office (434)792-3391.



**JOSH MARLOWE**  
**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT**  
**MINISTRIES**  
**& CONTEMPORARY**  
**WORSHIP**

Hello Fairview family!

Where is the time going?!? Summer is flying by!

In the month of July the Youth had their Missions Week, and we had a great missions week! We helped God's Pit Crew the first half of the week with work around their facility. We helped them set up a new metal working shop they are going to use and helped clean and rearrange other areas of their warehouse to help them be more efficient in their day to day projects.

The second half of our missions week was spent partnering with Stuart Church of the Living Water (formerly Stuart United Methodist) combining our efforts to rebuild a porch and handicap ramp for a family in need. We got rained on and MUDDY both days, but we had a great time of fellowship with their pastor Tommy Shepherd and his crew.

During missions week we also squeezed in some time to go play golf at River District Social, bowl at Riverside Lanes and eat some delicious Bubba's Ice Cream!

A HUGE thank you to all who helped with Missions Week, whether it was providing us breakfast, or driving us around town or just covering us in prayers.... Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

In August we have some events coming up we are looking forward to: August 11th right after the traditional service we will be accompanying Margaret Snider and the kids ministry out to Camp Selah for a fun afternoon of swimming and outdoor exploring. August 17th we will be attending Manna Fest 2024. This is a FREE Christian concert at Dominion Valley Park in Patrick County with Christian recording artist Jordan St. Cyr. If anyone else in the congregation wishes to attend, please let me know. We would love to have you join us for the free event!

Please continue to keep the Youth ministry in your prayers, and if you feel led to help with the Youth in some capacity please reach out to me. I'll be glad to plug you in wherever you think you would fit best.

In His Service,  
Josh

**SAVE THE**  
**DATE**  
*Fairview*  
*Homecoming!*

**Sunday, September 22**  
Fellowship at 10am  
Worship at 10:45am  
Lunch Celebration at 12:15pm



# YOUTH IN MISSIONS



# SECURITY TEAM UPDATE

## Fairview Church Security

In these days of increased riots and public shootings, you should know that Fairview Church has undertaken to deal with such violence should it occur at our church facilities.

Currently, we have the beginnings of a Safety/Security team consisting of about 10 church members; these members are now receiving training from a national organization which specializes in dealing with such violence in church settings across the country. The training emphasizes a structured approach for how we deal with each of the various situations that could arise.

It is expected that most of our team will complete this training by the end of August, and we will implement the plan's procedures by the Fall of 2024. You will be able to easily identify the Safety/Security Team members by the arm bands which they will wear each Sunday. The primary thrust of our plan is to ensure that threats are confined to the outside of the church building.

A part of the plan necessitates that all church members be made aware of the importance of obeying verbal instructions from the Safety/Security Team Leader, as well as comply with other "do's and don'ts", in the event that we receive security threats here at Fairview.

Soon, the team will make a preliminary presentation to familiarize all of you with the pertinent facets of the plan; further, you will be given documents or charts which describe how you may be affected if such verbal instructions are given.

Jim Jennings



**Camp Selah  
Family Fun Day  
Sunday, August 11  
1-5 p.m.**



Scan the QR Code to register  
OR

Sign up at the Summer Ministries Table in  
the Fellowship Area outside Sanctuary!

## THANK YOU

Dear Fairview Family,

Thank you so much for the incredibly generous love offering. When Pastor Barry handed me that envelope on the last night of VBS & I got home and opened it, I was astounded & speechless, and very touched by the love offering, It was so thoughtful for you to do this for me & my family, I have always known what a benevolent church Fairview is, but to be on the receiving end of that was quite humbling.

I know me leaving was very sudden and not something many saw coming, but it has truly been the best decision I could make for my family. It has not come without some sadness as I truly miss all of my dear friends & kids at the church. After a long tenure with you and having lived through many pivotal moments with so many of you, I can truly say I miss our day to day interactions. Please know you all are loved, prayed for & missed. Thanks again.

Blessings, Kate

Fairview Family,

We would like to thank everyone for your cards and especially your prayers for our family during the death of our dear sister, Frances Kirby. It meant so much to our family.

Thank you,  
Jim & Sue Chattin



## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT SANDRA PHILLIPS

I grew up in Pittsylvania County and graduated from Tunstall High in 1967. I married Eugene Phillips in 1969. We have two children. Our daughter, Shelley Brown and her husband live in Durham, NC and have a son who is attending UNCW. Our son, Bryan and his wife live in Raleigh, NC and have daughter, 14 and a son, 11. I retired from Bank of America in 2007. I was a member of St. Luke's UMC for 28 years before transferring to Fairview Church.

I look forward to being a part of the Fairview Church family.

## DAWN DAVIS



I am a native Danvillian, graduating from GWHS and Averett University with a BS in Early Childhood Education. I started my career teaching in both private and public schools in Danville I also taught summer school at Hargrave Military Academy. In the 80s, I began 25 years working for Dan River Inc, first as manager of Home Fashion Product Development and Packaging and then as Department Head of the Graphic and Print Shop. When Dan River closed, I returned to teaching at Epiphany Episcopal School. I am the mother of one daughter, Leslie Conway who lives in Greensboro, NC. I am a lifelong member of the Methodist Church serving in many capacities including Lay Leader and Certified Lay Speaker. I grew up in Moseley Memorial UMC transferring to Mount Vernon UMC in 1975. I am looking forward to being a part of the Fairview Church family.

# WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
<b>July 7</b>	34/115	39	\$13,295.50
<b>July 14</b>	29/98	36	\$10,054.00
<b>July 21</b>	34/91	48	\$6,857.20
<b>July 28</b>	35/68	TBD	\$6,534.66

\*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 July 2024:  
\$9,185.34

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

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2024:  
\$9,799.04

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

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Wendy Brooks	9 Parker Ashworth	20 Lindsey Brooks
3 Forrest Burton	Donnie Stevens	22 Miranda Harden
Barbara Nicholas	11 Nate Lewis	24 Laura Ashworth
Peggy Soyars	14 Scott Thompson	Janet Ferrell
Ralph Fillion	Oleida Edge	26 Jackie Stevens
4 Evelyn Collins	15 Becky Harris	John Hudson Thomas
Mary Betterton	16 Jody Broyles	28 Emerson Davis
5 Anna Brooks	Josh Ratliff	
7 Michele Holt	19 Jason Broyles	

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1st Julius & Sara Boles	19th Jim & Sue Chattin
3rd David & Nancy Clark	20th Bill & Sue Franklin
10th Jonathan & Stacy Dillion	21st Austin & Maggie Dishman
14th Rickey & Bettye Parker	
18th Shawn & Miranda Harden	



# Fairview Homecoming 2024

All Members, Friends, Families, Pastors of Fairview Church, both past and present, are warmly invited to the **Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, September 22.** Whether the membership is active or inactive, we welcome all.

The event will start with an informal Fellowship & Tours from 10:00 to 10:45.  
(No Sunday School)



Nursery will be provided

Then we will have a special worship service by pastor Rev. Barry Taylor from 10:45 to 12:00 followed by a catered lunch down in the Fellowship Hall.

We will have music by our very own Josh



Marlowe and his Cherrystone Band. Other games and activities will be held outside.

Whether you have attended Fairview for years or just for a few weeks, this day will celebrate the heritage and history Fairview has made in 112 years. Special messages and remembrances will be shared with both new and old friends. We will be mailing out

invitations to all current and past members and pastors. We also will insert RSVP request inside a church bulletin to seek name, phone number and your number attending so that we can get an accurate count for caterer. Bring no food, just come as you are. If you have

a picture, message, or piece of history you would like to share with everyone let us know. If you know of anyone that may be local or out of town that has had an address change, please let us know, or if we may need to add any names to the invitation list? Come and enjoy Fun, Food and Fellowship at our **Homecoming Celebration for Fairview Church Sept 22!**



**Fairview Church**  
**1013 Westover Drive**  
**Danville, Virginia 24541**

**Return Service Requested**

**NON-PROFIT ORG.**

**US POSTAGE PAID**

**PERMIT NO. 4**

**DANVILLE, VIRGINIA**



**STAFF:**

**REV. BARRY L. TAYLOR, PASTOR**

**MARGARET SNIDER, INTERIM CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR**

**JOSH MARLOWE, DIR STUDENT MINISTRIES/CONTEMP WORSHIP**

**DEBBIE DEANE, OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

**HEATHER PERRYMAN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

**DEEDEE DILLARD, PIANIST**

**WWW.GOFAIRVIEWCHURCH.ORG**

**FACEBOOK.COM/FAIRVIEWCHURCHDANVILLE**

**PHONE: 434-792-3391**

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