

MAY 2024

# The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



## FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR

### Togetherness

“Social distancing” became the catchword of our society during the Covid pandemic of 2020-2022. The benefits of social isolation in terms of maintaining personal health during that time were listed and recounted constantly. However, now that the pandemic appears to have receded into history, other research into the impact of “togetherness” on health is giving us a broader and more balanced view of the subject.

The Journal of the American Medical Association reports that living in community with others significantly benefits one’s health. As reported by the New York Times News Service, “Building on a dozen studies correlating friendship and fellowship with health, a new study has found that people with a broad array of social ties are significantly less likely to catch colds than those with sparse social networks. The incidence of infection among people who knew many kinds of people was nearly half that among those who were relatively isolated, the researchers reported. The lack of diverse social contacts was the strongest of the risk factors for colds that were examined, including smoking, low vitamin C intake, and stress.”

Researchers have found similar health benefits from community for heart disease patients. In one study conducted by a faculty member at Duke University Medical Center, it was found that heart disease patients with few social ties are six times as likely to die within six months as those with many relatives, friends, and acquaintances. Dr. Janice Kiecolt-Glaser and her husband, Dr. Ronald Glaser, both faculty members at Ohio State University, have also reported that a significant social support increases a person’s immune response to vaccines.

Just as participating in community helps keep a person physically healthy, a disciple’s commitment to gather with other followers of Christ on a regular basis helps keep him or her spiritually healthy. Hebrews 10.24-25 reminds us to “consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – all the more as you see the Day approaching” (NIV).

While it’s true that merely sitting in a worship center on Sunday morning doesn’t make a person a Christian any more than sitting in a garage makes a person a car, gathering with other Christians for weekly worship and for weekly prayer/study/fellowship in a small group helps keep a disciple of Jesus spiritually healthy and growing in his or her faith. Gathering with other Christians is not a task we have to do; it’s a privilege we get to do, and exercising that privilege is as important to spiritual health as exercising our bodies is important to physical health.

As we enter the busy month of May and the traditional travel months of summer, let’s remember that committing to regular “togetherness” as the Body of Christ is a year-round priority for well-rounded spiritual health and growth...so don’t forget to “exercise” in the weeks and months ahead.

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

Grace and peace in Christ,

Barry



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

Hello Fairview family!

Spring is winding down and summer is right around the corner, and we have some exciting things coming up for the Youth!

- Sunday School will continue to meet in the Youth Room each Sunday at 10am.

- Youth Group will meet on Sundays at 5:15 to 7:15 in the Social Hall. This is for grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. This month we are starting a series called “Pursuing Jesus.”

- May 18<sup>th</sup> the Youth will be going to River District Social for an afternoon of golf, bowling, food, and fun! (If you want to volunteer to be a chaperone, please let me know ASAP.)

- VBS is June 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. I will need some Youth volunteers to help with the games for the smaller kids.

- July 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> will be our missions week. This year we are going to focus on mission projects close to home and here in our own community. We will meet at the church each morning for breakfast and a devotional time, then we will head to serve a need in our area and finish each day with

a fun activity. If you or your child would like to be involved, please let me know by the end of June.

Thank you to everyone for your love and support!

Remember friends, what the next generation thinks about God and His faithfulness in their present situation tomorrow, is going to be determined by what we tell them about Him today in our present situation. So, let’s tell them all about His love!

In His Service,  
Josh

### May Mission Project

For May, we are collecting items for the Danville Humane Society and the Pittsylvania Pet Center. We are collecting **bleach, old towels, cat and dog treats and food** for the shelters. Please place your gifts around the Tree of Giving. Thanks so much for all your support of these monthly missions. Your response to the House of Hope was incredible!

### OFFICE SUPPLIES

If you are doing any church work and are in need of any office supplies like file folders, hanging files, or pocket folders, please check with Debbie in the office before purchasing them.

We probably have just what you need.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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



## Godly Play

Each Sunday Morning in the Children's Chapel we enter our special worship space to spend time talking with God and listening to God.

We light the Christ Candle to remind us that whenever we gather to worship Jesus is here with us. We sing songs of praise and prepare our hearts to hear the scripture story.

We listen to God as we hear scripture stories told using handmade wooden figures from our story baskets.



We have time to reflect on God's word through art, story re-telling, books or writing.

We close our time together by changing the light of the Christ Candle to remind us that Jesus goes with us everywhere we go.

Each Sunday we need a helper to join us for Godly Play. If you are interested in being part of this worship experience, please sign up on the volunteer list in the lobby. For more information, contact Margaret Snider (336) 963-5935.

## Worship Bags

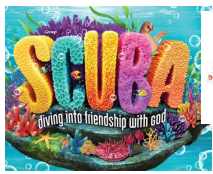
Children's worship bags are available each Sunday morning in the lobby. The bags contain activity pages connected to the message for that day for younger children and special note-taking sheets for older children to use as they listen to the message.

## J.U.M.P News

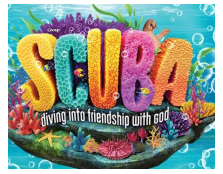
Our children's discipleship group, JUMP, meets each Wednesday night from 6:00 - 7:30. We enjoy music with Ms. Heather at 6:00 and JUMP from 6:30 - 7:30. We finish our practices with Ms. Heather on May 7 and will meet from 6:30-7:30 through the end of May.

This summer we are looking forward to special adventures and family activities together. That schedule will be included in the June Newsletter.

One volunteer is needed each Wednesday evening. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the volunteer sheet in the narthex or contact Margaret Snider @ (336) 963-5935.



# VBS DATES: ---June 16-20, 2024



Your VBS décor team has nearly completed the core parts of our “undersea water-  
scape”. The arches are almost completed, and the sunken ship is being built. These are the main parts of our décor  
for the sanctuary. Many thanks to the two gentlemen who stepped up and made this happen!!

We are now ready to begin the construction of all things for the coral reef. There will be several opportunities to  
gather to construct the pieces that will fit together to create the colorful reef. You have generously contributed  
many of the supplies that will be needed to create the reef. Please continue to bring the supplies noted on our  
VBS “SCUBA” bulletin board. Thank you so much!

There is much work yet to be done. As we planned for the many aspects of our “under the sea”, adventure, we  
identified several opportunities for you to become involved. We will have “construction dates” continuing in May,  
where coral and sea creatures will be made.

Tentative dates planned thus far will be:

Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> -----2:00-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> ----- 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> ----- 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>-----1:00-3:00 p.m.  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

More dates will be added as we progress.

For those that will come to “construct”, dress for messy projects and if possible, bring a hot glue gun, disposable  
gloves, and scissors.

Please stop by the VBS bulletin board to sign up for your desired time and please include your contact information,  
so if changes to the date or time are needed, I can contact you. You may also contact me by email,  
[jbs082652@gmail.com](mailto:jbs082652@gmail.com) .

I have shared information regarding our plans for the décor. Now, I need volunteers to serve as crew leaders, as-  
sistants to the crew leaders and support staff for registration. Please let me know that you are available and want  
to be a part of this amazing VBS. I need your help!

My sincere thanks in advance for all that you will do to make this VBS a wonderful experience for all that enter  
Fairview’s doors!!

This, my friends, is just the preparation for what I know will be an awesome week. Our VBS would not be possible  
without our volunteers as “lifeguards”, registration leaders, and “sea captains”. Let me know where God is leading  
you into being a part of **“this amazing underwater adventure”!!!**

In HIS service and with YOU,

Jackie Stevens, Discipleship Co-chair

# FAIRVIEW CHURCH

## FAMILY FUN DAY

FREE ENTRY!

FREE GAMES!

1013 WESTOVER DRIVE

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

FREE FOOD!

PRIZES!

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

RAIN DATE: MAY 18

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you can sign up to help work the Family Fun Day, we could sure use the help! We are also looking for cake bakers to donate homemade cakes for the Cake Walk. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex to let us know where you can be of assistance. Thanks in advance for helping to make the Fun Day a great experience for all who attend!



Please join us in remembrance of our fallen heroes and loved ones.

### THE PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

will hold its annual

## Law Enforcement Memorial Service

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 • 6:00 p.m.

Chatham Baptist Church • 12 Court Place • Chatham, Virginia

**GUEST SPEAKER: Secretary of Public Safety & Homeland Security Terrance C. Cole**



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF LETTER CARRIERS

# Stamp Out Hunger

FOOD DRIVE

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**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

Place your non-perishable food items in a bag by your mailbox to be delivered to God's Storehouse!

For more information, call **434.793.3663** or visit **[www.godsstorehouse.org](http://www.godsstorehouse.org)**

# WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
<b>April 7</b>	42/107	53	\$37,020.00
<b>April 14</b>	46/138	86	\$9,728.00
<b>April 21</b>	47/92	0	\$14,336.01
<b>April 28</b>	39/111	TBD	\$5,943.20

\*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.

Average Weekly Giving in April 2024:  
\$16,756.80

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

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2024:  
\$11,002.38

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

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Patsy Martin	15 Suzanne Giffen	27 Beth Smith
6 Bill Shelton	Ann Jennings	Tara Mancl
9 Stacy Dillion	Neal Morris	30 Vic Brooks
12 Jim Mitchell	Kaitlyn Sage	Tommy Roberts
Barbara Swanson	17 Beryl Clifton	31 Garrett Franklin
Lisa Moore	22 Neal Tanner	
13 Shane Connor	25 Martha Sue Thompson	

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Forrest & Lynn Burton	17 Mike & Barbara Seamster
5 Acie & Wendy Brooks	18 Mike & Annette Tennant
9 Jason & Angela Broyles	20 Granger & Kaitlyn Woodard
10 Jim & Martha Mitchell	22 Gary & Carrie Jack
11 Brian & Katie Salmon	27 Brian & Julia Boles
12 Joey & Laurie Ann Scearce	31 Steven & Laura Ashworth

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