

OCTOBER 2024

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR

Staying Healthy

The arrival of autumn brings the "birthday season" to my family. When my son and daughter were young children, they loved their annual parties and presents; they were not as fond of their yearly medical checkups! However, the examinations were vital to keeping Joshua and Hope healthy. The annual measurement of growth in height, weight, and developmental skills was particularly important. We knew that, if our kids were healthy, growth would occur naturally. If a lack of growth was detected, their doctor would work to locate unhealthy obstacles to their development and would seek to address them immediately.

Rick Warren, author of the best-seller ***The Purpose-Driven Life***, wrote an earlier book entitled ***The Purpose-Driven Church***. In that book, Warren writes that many congregations spend their time asking, "What will *make* our church grow?" However, he sees the key question to be raised by church leaders as, "What is *keeping* our church from growing?" After all, the church is "the body of Christ," a living organism, intended to grow "as God causes it to grow" (Colossians 2.19 NIV). Therefore, the challenge facing congregations is the need to focus on being healthy *spiritually* in order to grow *naturally*.

There is good news here for us as we navigate the difficult challenges of 21st-century American culture. God WANTS His church to grow! God has DESIGNED His church to grow! God gives His church the ABILITY to grow! The part we play in church growth is simply this: we must "stay in shape" spiritually by removing unhealthy attitudes, habits, and lifestyles and by exercising the disciplines of prayer, Bible study, Christian fellowship, giving of talents and resources, and faithful acts of sacrificial outreaching love in and through Jesus. The benefits of staying healthy will be enormous...naturally!

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

Grace and peace,

Barry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



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

GODLY PLAY



As we move into Autumn and settle into the rhythm of our Godly Play Circle, we are exploring familiar stories from the Old Testament. The Great Flood, The Great Family, The Exodus, and the Ten Best Ways to Live. 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 OCTOBER MISSION

Our October Missions Project is creating Sock Buddies to share socks with children in need. At each Meeting, our "Agents" will be busy with this group project and challenged with a "Stealth Project" to complete on their own during the week. If you would like to donate children's socks for this project, please drop them off

in the Children's Ministries Office. You can use the QR code above to register children to participate and to register to serve as part of our adult ministry team. Team members are still needed for February, April & May.



NEW ACOLYTES

We welcome Brennan
And Owen as new
Acolytes.
They begin
serving this month.



For more information
about Children's Ministries
at Fairview call Margaret
(434)792-3391,
Text (336) 963-5935
Or email
children
@gofairviewchurch.org.



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 tentatively Scheduled for
Wed., Dec. 11.



JOSH MARLOWE
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
MINISTRIES
& CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

Hello Fairview family!

As we move into fall, the youth group has been staying active and engaged! We recently wrapped up our study of the book of Matthew, and it was a powerful journey through the life and teachings of Jesus. The students were deeply encouraged by the message of hope, faith, and the call to live out the Gospel in our everyday lives. Now, we are eagerly diving into a new study on the book of Revelation. There's so much excitement around this study as we explore the hope found in Christ's ultimate victory and the promise of His return. It's sure to spark deep discussion and insight as we dig into this important and often misunderstood book of the Bible.

In addition to our studies, we had an amazing outing to Hargrave Military Academy, where the youth got to swim in their indoor Olympic-sized pool! It was a fun day of fellowship, swimming, and enjoying some time together outside of our regular meetings. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make that day possible!

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for the church's annual **Trunk or Treat** event! Some of our youth will be lending a hand with candy distribution and decorating trunks. It's always a great time to connect with the community and bring some joy to the children and families who attend, so mark your calendars and don't miss it!

Finally, be sure to keep an eye on the Youth Group's Facebook page for details about our **Youth Weekend Getaway** in November! We're planning a retreat to Massanutten, where we'll enjoy fellowship, fun, and time to grow deeper in our faith together. Stay tuned for more information as the date approaches!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our youth! God is doing incredible things in their lives, and we are excited for what's ahead.

In His Service,
Josh

HURRICANE HELENE

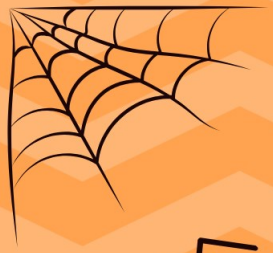
Relief efforts are continuing in the Western North Carolina, Eastern Tennessee and Southwestern Virginia regions. For more information on how you can help, please visit our website at

www.gofairviewchurch.org

And please continue to pray for all those affected by these devastating events.



TRUNK OR TREAT



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024

PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU WILL PARTICIPATE.



The Discipleship Committee will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat event on October 31st from 6:00-8:00 pm.

We need your TRUNKS and of course your presence to distribute the candy to those that come for the event!

You're invited to gather in the parking lot near the pavilion to decorate your trunk starting at 5:00 pm.

We will also be collecting candy for the event. You may drop your candy or monetary donation (for candy) in the labeled tote in the Welcome Center .

Let me know that you can participate by signing up on the sheet that will be posted on the Discipleship bulletin board in the hall!!

Blessings!!

Jackie Stevens Discipleship Co-Chair

MISSIONS MOMENT

During October our monthly mission focus will be on collecting candy for Fairview's Trunk or Treat event. We will be collecting all types of bagged candy to distribute to the participants of Trunk or Treat. Please place your donations at the Tree of Giving or in the plastic tub located in the Welcome Center and, as always, thank you so much for your support of these monthly missions.

ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2024
immediately following worship

This is where our members vote on the church
leadership and budget for 2025.
Please attend this very important meeting.

Look Who's 100!



Rachel Burkett turned 100 years young on September 27! What an amazing milestone! Despite her vision impairments, she continues to be active and has blessed the church with her numerous and beautiful yarn creations to use for prayer blankets among other things. She is a blessing to all who know and love her. We love you Rachel! If you would like to drop her a belated birthday card, her address is:

Rachel Burkett

116 Allison Dr.

Danville, VA 24541

Homecoming Celebration Wrap-Up

What a wonderful day of Celebration as we honored Fairview's 112th year in ministry! It was wonderful to see some faces we hadn't seen in a while and to hear from some of our former pastors who traveled back just to worship and fellowship with us. Our catered meal was enjoyed by all and many folks commented on how good it was! The music by the Cherrystone Band was lively and we were blessed by their songs and talent. Our caterer was Jeff Belton and, for anyone wanting his contact information, here it is:

Jeff Belton
J'licious Kooking and Concessions
Chatham, VA
434-441-6331

Here are just a few of the pictures from that day for you to enjoy! A special thank you to all who prayed and assisted with this special event! The Spirit of God was certainly felt!



Photos courtesy of
Laura Ashworth



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
September 1	55/87	83	\$13,109.00
September 8	58/96	51	\$5,776.00
September 15	44/104	92	\$4,794.00
September 22 Homecoming	199	119	\$5,690.25
September 29	46/78	65	\$10,489.35

*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 September 2024:
\$7,971.72

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

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2024:
\$9,373.68

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Rickey Parker	14 Laura Beasley	22 Meghan Harden
Layton Thomas	16 Callia Richardson	Madisyn Grogan
06 Christi Ragsdale	18 Holly Fuqua	Barry Taylor
08 Ward Rowland	David Harvey	24 Alice Evans
10 Ethan Harden	Morgan Tucker	28 Tayler Tennant
Caleigh Jack	21 Knox Shelton	29 Mary Connor
11 Mark Richardson	Lynn Burton	31 John Ashworth
12 Carter Brooks	JB McGuire	

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

01 Shane & Kathy Connor	25 Parker & Lucille Johnson
11 Neal & Madeline Morris	25 Donnie & Jackie Stevens
23 Chris & Sara Hayzlett	30 Jeffrey & Tiffany Setliff

BKK Fall Field Trip



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.

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1013 Westover Drive
Danville, Virginia 24541

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