

APRIL 2024

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR

Answering the Call

A few years ago, I received a summons to jury duty. While provisions for excusal were included, the summons made it clear that requesting to be excused from service would not be granted if I simply did not want to serve due to personal preference or scheduling inconvenience. As stated in the summons, "The call to jury service is both a duty and a privilege of citizenship. Please accept our best wishes and congratulations."

Any call to service presents a unique set of challenges and inconveniences, and the call to serve God in a particular manner is no different in this regard. Consider the example of Moses in Exodus 3-4. A Hebrew by birth, Moses had been saved from death by an Egyptian princess and raised as her own son. At age 40, Moses killed an Egyptian who was beating an Israelite slave mercilessly, and the act forced him to flee to the Sinai desert. Finding a home among the family of Jethro, he became a shepherd and tended flocks for the next 40 years. At age 80, while tending his flock, Moses heard God speak to him from a bush that was not being consumed even though it was on fire. From the bush Moses heard God say, "the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Moses responded with a series of excuses. In answer to the call to approach the all-powerful leader of Egypt, Moses asked, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh?" God's answer was, "I will be with you." Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you?'" God proceeded to demonstrate to Moses His power, and showed Moses that he would perform incredible works through him. Finally, Moses stated, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." God replied, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." God also promised that Aaron, Moses' brother, would help him as a spokesperson. God had a provision for every excuse!

God's call to service comes to His servants in a variety of ways, with some calls appearing easier to answer than others. However, all calls to God's ministry present challenge and inconvenience. When God calls you or me to a particular ministry or action, it's easy to respond with an excuse...but God has a provision for every excuse! It is the great privilege of every believer who has received God's Son, Jesus, as Savior and Lord to follow Him into the world as participants in His mission, gifted by the Spirit for the task. In the words of the old saying, "where God guides, He provides," and it is incredible to experience both His provision and the way He works through the likes of you and me as we faithfully answer His call.

There was a television commercial years ago for a provider of cell phone service that ended with the question, "Can you hear me now?" As Easter people redeemed and commissioned by our Resurrected Lord Jesus, God calls us continually to serve Him by His grace in ways both great and small. Can you hear Him now?

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

Blessings in Christ,

Barry



KATHERINE LEWIS
DIRECTOR OF FAMILY & CHILDREN MINISTRIES

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!! Thank goodness. Winter is fine but I LOVE spring when there is so much new life and the flowers and trees are blooming and the days are longer. I can even tolerate the allergies all of that brings since it is so pretty.

We have a lot of opportunities blooming as well. There is a lot of fun coming our way; please let me know where you would like to get plugged in and volunteer.

Each week we have some wonderful Discipleship opportunities for our Children:

- Children's Church happens during the worship services at 9 or 11. During this time we utilize a curriculum called Godly Play. Godly Play is a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance. Children have a time of worship and hear a story followed by a time of "wondering" and then have some sort of Response. Their response time is their own, they can think about the story, retell the story or even choose another story from the shelves to tell. They also can choose to color or draw. This is a very precious time. I can honestly say that I am blessed every week by what our children take away from Children's church. This takes place in our Children's chapel. Take a few minutes the next time you are here and look at all the stories that are in the space. We are in need of volunteers to join a rotation once per month to be the door keeper. See me or Margaret Snider for more information on what this entails.
- Sunday School happens Each week for all ages including our Children. This happens each Sunday from 9:45-10:45. The Kiddos have fun and learn a lot!
- J.U.M.P. is our mid-week Discipleship opportunity for our Elementary aged kids. J.U.M.P. stands for Jesus + Us = Mission Possible. We meet on Wednesdays from 6-7:30. From 6-6:30 we have Music in the Choir room with Heather. Then we head upstairs to our Classroom. We have lessons, do Crafts and sometimes hands on experiments and learning activities. This is often a very fun time of fellowship along with a time of learning.
- Lastly, don't forget to stop by our new Nursery. It is really coming together nicely. Stop by on Sunday Mornings and say hello to Sandra and begin praying for the little ones that will be using this room soon. I am so grateful to the trustees and the church for stepping out in faith to bring this back. Now it is just time to fill it up!

Fairview is in need of Volunteers in all areas of ministry but currently we are in need of a lot of volunteers with our Children and Youth. Please see me if we can get you plugged in in one of these areas. We do have Guidelines and a Policy that is to be followed, including a background check to serve in these areas. That small investment of time to do our training and background check will result in a huge blessing for you. I am going to be actively seeking out people to help in these areas please let me know if you have any questions, and would like to get your training done.

OUR YOUNG HEARTS EVENT IS BACK!

Mark your calendar! Are you older than 70 years old? Do you enjoy eating a yummy lunch? Do you enjoy fellowship with your friends? Do you like to play BINGO and win Prizes? If the answer to any and all of these questions is yes Please sign up for our Young Hearts lunch. This will be held on Saturday, April 20th and is hosted by our children and Scouts.

Other Notable Dates and Times

Sunday April 14th

This will be Becky's Kiddie Kollege Sunday. We have invited our Weekday, preschool family to come and join us for our 11:00 worship service. We are excited for you to meet the staff and families we serve through this vital ministry of our church.

Tuesday April 9 & Thursday April 25th

Wear your work clothes and join us in the pavilion to help begin creating an under water adventure for our Summer Vacation Bible School. Both of those days we will meet from 1-3 and then 6-8. We will be working on building our main set. So come and help us create. Even if you are not the crafty type we will have jobs for you to do. Let us know you are coming by signing up on the board outside my office so we can prepare materials and jobs to be done.

Saturday May 11th

Fairview Family Fun Day will be an awesome day to reach out to our community. Join us in the kids area with Bounce houses and lots of fun activities and crafts. Including face Painting, sidewalk chalk, and so much more. You will see more info coming from our Evangelism committee.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is June 16-20.

Mark your calendars and watch bulletins and other communications for ways to be involved and serve.

It is so good to watch and see our family here at Fairview grow and to see the Mighty things we can do in Ministry.

Blessed to serve beside you!

Kate



April 16 - 6:00pm

April 17 - 12:00pm

Restaurant is Ciro's Pizza on Piney Forest Rd.

Please see sign up sheet to get on the list!



JOSH MARLOWE

**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
MINISTRIES
& CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP**

Hello Fairview Family!

Let me take a quick second to introduce myself. I'm Josh Marlowe and I'm honored and excited to be coming on board as your new " Director of Student Ministries & Contemporary Worship" (Long title I know. Don't try to say it all in one breath).

If I haven't had a chance to meet you yet, I look forward to getting to meet and know you very soon.

FOR THE YOUTH:

- Sunday School will continue to meet in the youth room each week for the month of April.
- Youth Group will meet on Sundays at 5:15 til 7:15 in the Social Hall. This month is just going to be a time for the youth and myself to

get to know each other and build some relationships ! We will start a new study series with them in May.

I pray God blesses you and your family this upcoming month, and I ask for your prayers as we start this new journey together!

In His Service,
Josh



Young Hearts Luncheon



The *Young Hearts* (70 years young +) of Fairview Church are invited to attend a luncheon while enjoying a time of fellowship and Bingo!

When: Saturday April 20, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m.

Where: Fairview Church Fellowship Hall

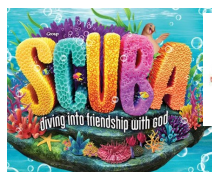
Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Dessert, Tea and Water

The meal will be served by the Boys Scouts and Cub Scouts of Pack 374.

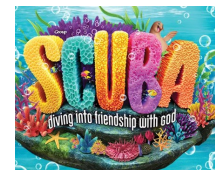
Please visit the Discipleship bulletin board in the main hall to **sign up**.

It is important to have an accurate head count for the preparation of the food.





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



Our VBS preliminary plans are well under way, where kids and adults alike will dive into a friendship with God. This year's VBS goal is to take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God.

I love how kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!!

As noted in the March *Flame*, we will need assistance with the décor... assembling and constructing the “set” for the sanctuary and the different station. Let us know, where you would like to serve as we move forward with plans for “SCUBA”...diving into friendship with God.

As we planned for the various stations in our “under the sea,” adventure, we identified several opportunities for you to become involved. We will have “construction dates” beginning in April, where coral and sea creatures will be made. Our construction projects will transform our sanctuary into a beautiful coral reef! The location for our construction will be in the pavilion. Those tentative dates will provide two slots for each day. Our first VBS construction date will be **Tuesday April 9th from 1:00- 3:00 p.m. and again from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** The second date will be **Thursday April 25th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and again from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Additional dates will be scheduled in May and June. 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.

As we studied the construction “blueprints,” we noted many items which would be helpful and offset some of the cost of the décor. I have listed several items that may be donated to make our coral reef a reality. I will place a VBS donation box just outside the Sanctuary, in front of the steps going into the IT booth for your donations. Y'all, when looking for any of these items...**Dollar Tree is the place.** The long skewers can be found at Walmart in the camping section. 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!!

- Long Wooden Skewers (32") Colorful spools of deco mesh Paper towel tubes
- Short Kabob Skewers Empty egg cartons Regular size white cupcake liners
- Mini cupcake liners Mesh cheap shower sponges Pipe cleaners
- Colorful Tissue paper Empty pie pans Large seashells
- Glue dots Green plastic tablecloths Crepe paper
- Hawaiian Leis Any pieces of Styrofoam

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!!!”** Additional information along with the registration form will be included in the May *Flame*.

In HIS service and with YOU,

Jackie Stevens, Discipleship Co-chair

THANK YOU NOTES...

Fairview Church,

I can't begin to thank you all for the incredible support these last 8 weeks. The donations, cards, the support with the fundraiser and allowing it to be done downstairs, meant a lot to me. And, most of all, the prayers, please continue to keep me in your prayers and thanks for the prayers already sent up. I've always known I was blessed, but I'm not sure how much until this journey began.

Thanks so much!!

Ms. Lea Lea
Pre-K4 (BKK)

The Fairview Congregation,

Don and I have been overwhelmed by your many cards and prayers of encouragement during his recent hospitalization, rehab and healing period.

I have felt the love as I meet members around town who always inquire as to how we are doing.

We feel part of a family here - one we are looking forward to being a part of. Bless you all so very much.

Sincerely,

Don & Dee McGibbon



Welcome New Members

On March 10, we were delighted to welcome 8 new members into our Fairview Family! Please join us in welcoming J.B. & Carol McGuire who are transferring from Hampstead UMC in Hampstead, NC, Mike & Karen McGuire who are transferring from St. Luke's UMC, Sandra Darnell who is joining by Profession of Faith, Sharron Burke who is transferring from Swansonville Church and Paul Davis & Tara Mancl who are joining by Profession of Faith. We are excited to have you as members and look forward to working in ministry with you!

Easter Fun at Fairview & BKK



Our New Nursery!



Many, many thanks to all the folks who helped get this room ready. Now, all we need are the babies and toddlers to give it life! Please tell your friends and family to bring their children and come worship with us at Fairview!



Our first beginners sewing class was a great success! Many thanks to Debra Tucker for organizing and leading the class and to her additional instructors, Nancy Clark, Gail Carter, Mary Fulcher (not pictured), and LaVonne Walden (not pictured). The picture on the left is all of the students except Jackie Stevens. They have placed pocket tissue holders throughout the church which were sewn by all these ladies. Stay tuned for additional classes in the near future!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
March 3	37/106	114	\$13,619.20
March 10	34/111	62	\$8,989.00
March 17	28/103	86	\$5,028.00
March 24	25/110	83	\$5,475.00
March 31	51/163	TBD	\$6,139.00

*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. Videos are no longer posted separately to Facebook.

Average Weekly Giving in March 2024:
\$7,850.04

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

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2024:
\$9,223.71

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



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

05	Barbara Nodtvedt	17	Bill Franklin, Jr.	27	Kaylee Odell
	Gary Tucker	19	Kathy Connor	28	Melvin Martin
06	Ethan Broyles		Steve Jarosz		LaVonne Walden
09	Debbie Deane	20	Carrie Jack		Heather Perryman
10	Katelyn Brooks		Parker Johnson		Josh Marlowe
11	Austin Scarce		Stuart Walden	29	Penny Merricks
12	Allen Connor		Kaitlyn Woodard		
	Pat Varner	21	Susan Fulk		
12	Brian Boles	22	Duane Dahlquist		
	Bill Franklin, Sr.		Evan Scarce		
15	Elizabeth Barrett	26	Shawn Harden		

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

04 Randy & Peggy Stephens
18 Scott & Ellen Thompson

22 Kenny & Susan Hoskins

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