

JULY 2024

# The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



## FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR

### MOVING OFF THE MAP

I've always had a fondness for maps. As a child, I was fascinated by the road maps used by my parents on our vacation trips, and I loved using them to see where we were going and the route we were traveling to get there. As a youth, I enjoyed examining the detailed highway maps in my dad's Department of Transportation office and discovering all the out-of-the-way (and sometimes forgotten) places in southern West Virginia. As an adult, I now use the GPS

resources on my cellphone to find the most convenient highways in my travels and to estimate my arrival times. As we journey to various destinations, there is a sense of security to be found in maps: they help us understand where we are currently located, where we are going, and the best route to follow. They also remind us that others have traveled our intended paths before us...after all, someone had to draw the map!

When I served as a Minister of Evangelism in Chattanooga, Tennessee, I used city and county maps to locate and visit newcomers to our church. This was when a housing boom was underway and residential developments were springing up so quickly that mapmakers and GPS devices couldn't keep pace. More than once, I found myself moving "off the map" as I attempted to find a visitor's home, and it was quite a disorienting experience.

In a similar way, significant life change can be disorienting, frustrating, and even frightening. All of us tend to have certain plans, expectations, and hopes that are based upon our knowledge, life experience, or observations of others. When sudden or unanticipated change occurs due to difficult circumstances, unexpected opportunities, or a changed landscape of life, it can leave us feeling as though we've "moved off the map" of life itself. How do we respond when change knocks us off our intended or expected course and forces us out of the "comfort zone" of our plans?

This happened in the ministry of the apostle Paul, as recorded in Acts 16.6-10. Paul and his companions apparently planned to preach the Gospel in Asia, but the Holy Spirit did not permit them to do so at that time. So, they tried to enter Bithynia to preach the Gospel, but, again, the Spirit did not allow them to do so. Closed doors kept leading to changed plans for Paul and his colleagues; it must have been a frustrating trip for them. However, Paul had a nighttime vision of a man of Macedonia urging him to "come over to Macedonia and help us." Perceiving that the vision was from God, the travelers immediately made their way into Macedonia. At first glance, this appears to be a simple change in plans; in reality, it was the entrance of the Gospel into the continent of Europe and, through Europe, to the global human community. So, if we claim the name, the cross, and the cause of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord in 21st-century North America, we do so because of Paul's sudden and unexpected change of plans nearly 2,000 years ago. We can trace our Christian "ancestry" back to this simple act of faithfully following Jesus "off the map."

Significant life changes have always been a common occurrence in the human experience; it is considered a normal part of life itself. However, I keep coming across articles stating that there is no longer such a thing as "normal." With the changes in our political and socio-economic culture, along with the changes being brought about by Internet technology, artificial intelligence, and post-pandemic realities, "normal life" appears to be a relic of the past. In response, as a pastor I remind myself that followers of Christ are not to be intimidated by change. When our maps are no longer enough for where we find ourselves, we simply remember one basic truth: God's direction is always the path that leads us closer to Jesus and more faithfully aligned to His will in our lives. Like a child walking in the tracks of a parent through a winter's new-fallen snow, we are to follow closely behind Jesus, stepping where He steps and trusting where He leads us...even when we can't clearly see the way ahead of us. But isn't that the way of faith? After all, whenever we "move off the map," who else should we follow but the One who is "the WAY, the truth, and the life" (John 14.6)?

As always, it is a privilege to serve as your pastor! May your summer be blessed!

Grace and peace in Christ,  
Barry

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



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

## Godly Play

We are looking forward to exploring "sea stories" during the month of July. We are following up our SCUBA VBS with scripture stories that happen on or around the sea.

We continue to need children's worship team members to help on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month in the 11:00 service and each Sunday during the 9:00 service. If you are interested in being part of this worship experience, please sign up at the Summer Ministries table in the lobby. For more information, contact Margaret Snider (336) 963-5935.

## Worship Bags

Children's worship bags are available for our children 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 in JULY

July 6 - 10:00 a.m. Packing Play Pails for God's Pit Crew

July 11 - 10:00 a.m. Impotters Clayworx class

July 25- Slime Day @ Fairview Church

We will need adults to serve with us on these special days. If you are interested in joining the fun, please sign up at the Summer Ministries table in the narthex or contact Margaret Snider.

## SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to all who helped with our SCUBA VBS! We welcomed about fifty-five children into our church to learn more about a friendship with God. Children from preschool - fifth grade joined us were and shown God's love in many ways from conversations in crews to activities, stories, praise, and worship! Our mission offering raised over \$1200 to provide Play Pails for children through God's Pit Crew!

## MISSIONS MOMENT

During July, our monthly mission focus will be on Back to School. We will be collecting items that we will donate to 2 close-by elementary schools: Brosville Elementary in the county and Park Avenue in the city. Supplies will be collected, divided and sent to the schools the first week of August. The items we would like to collect are **Lysol or Clorox Wipes, Boxes of Tissues, Bottles of Hand Sanitizer, 24 count boxes of crayons and #2 pencils.**



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

Hello everyone!

I hope you and your family are having a great summer! VBS is now behind us, and I have to say a special thank you to Margaret Snider and Jackie Stevens for heading up such a successful event! Also, a special thank you to ALL the volunteers who helped make VBS such a great time! To the Youth that helped with games, I couldn't have done it without you! (Although I am going to limit how many water balloons I leave behind to be thrown at me next year!)

This month we have our Mission Project week coming up July 21<sup>st</sup> - July 25th.

We will be starting each day here at the church with breakfast and devotional time then we will be assisting in local projects including God's Pit Crew, as well as building some handicap ramps with an-

other local church.

If you would like to help chaperone or if you have a teenager that wants to participate, please let me know ASAP!

Also, July 7<sup>th</sup> we will be going to a Danville Otterbots game! If your teenager wants to come with us, let me know before July 5th!

On a different note, if you have a knack for technology and want to help with our services here at Fairview we would love to have your help! We desperately need more volunteers to help with either the sound board or running the computer during both services. If you don't have any experience but want to help serve, we will make sure you are trained and capable before we turn you loose on your own! I ask you pray about this if you could be assistance in some way.

Thanks for all the love and support!

In His Service,

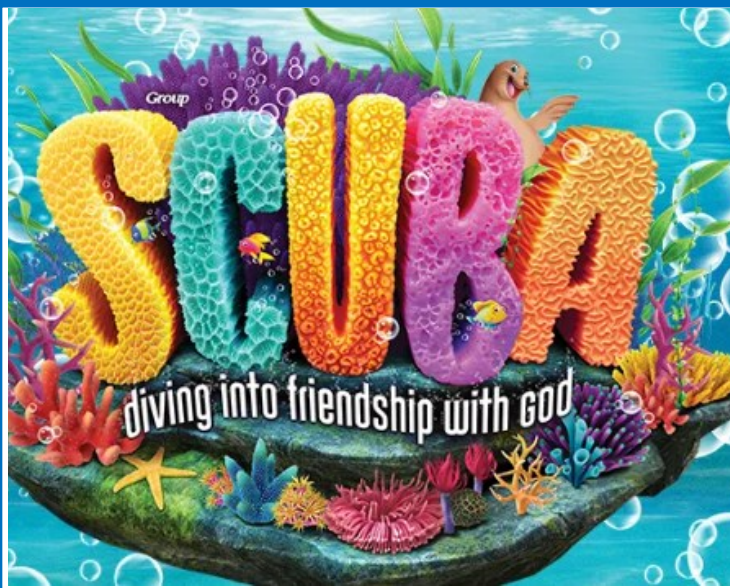
Josh

**SAVE THE  
DATE**

*Fairview  
Homecoming!*

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





Fairview's Scuba Vacation Bible School was incredible!! It was and is an amazing outreach ministry for our Fairview children and the surrounding communities. It was a weeklong event that created memories that help lock Biblical truths in a child's heart and mind for a lifetime, while building relationships with others and with Jesus!!

Have you ever wondered “**why**” VBS is so important to spreading the Gospel and making disciples of Jesus? Well, read on...

On our second night of VBS, three little girls with their grandmother entered our church for the first time. I think perhaps, for one of the little girls, it may have been her first time attending a Vacation Bible School. As she was led from station to station, she asked at the end of each station time, “Is it time to go home?” At the end of the third station, the crew leader asked the little girl, “Do you want to go home?” And to this question, the little girl replied...” No, I never want to go home. I love this!”

This, my Fairview Family, is the “**WHY**”!!

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Our daily average attendance for the week of VBS was 45 children. Our mission focus for the week was to raise funds for God's Pit Crew. Over \$1200.00 was raised to fill “Play Pails” for children that are affected by natural disaster.

I am so thankful and truly grateful for the tremendous support from all that volunteered in any way to ensure that we had a successful 2024 Vacation Bible School. There were **50** adults that served as the “hands and feet of Jesus”!! To the décor team, the station leaders, the crew leaders, the registration team, the support team, the security team and those that stood ready to help at a moment's notice, THANK YOU!!

For those that prayed for every aspect of our VBS...thank you! Those prayers gave us strength and encouragement. I have been blessed to be a part of such an amazing Christian community.

Blessings to each of YOU!!

Jackie Stevens, Discipleship Co-chair

# SUMMER FUN AT BKK



# THANK YOU

Dear Fairview,

I want to just say thank you to everyone who has been saying prayers for my family and myself. As you may know, I have been extremely sick for the better part of five years, the last two being the worst. Some of you have written me notes over the years, and please know they haven't gone unnoticed or forgotten. I am so thankful for all of you. I am also very pleased to say that all prayers have been answered, Seven weeks ago we finally fixed my health issues. I am finally as healthy as I was before everything started, if not even better than before! I am so thankful to everyone for everything y'all have done for my family! We can all finally breathe again and truly live life again!

Much love to you all!

Taylor Tennant



Dear Fairview Church,

Thank you so much for the gifts you gave me on Senior Sunday. I appreciate them very much, and I will put them to good use at college in the Fall.

From,

Shaffer (Boles)



# WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
<b>June 2</b>	44/100	51	\$12,261.00
<b>June 9</b>	43/93	123	\$6,704.65
<b>June 16</b> Father's Day	46/82	66	\$4,502.00
<b>June 23</b>	35/83	56	\$6,155.37
<b>June 30</b>	38/90	TBD	\$5,709.00

\*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 June 2024:  
\$7,066.40

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

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2024:  
\$9,893.45

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

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Ben Boles	12	Tiffany Setliff	20	Randy Stephens
	Cole Grogan	13	Betsy Hall	25	Shaffer Boles
	Karen McGuire	16	Garland Slayton		Aaron Salmon
4	Kenny Whitlock	17	Joey Scarce	26	Kathy Nance
5	Jennings Deane		Karl Wormuth	27	Ellen Thompson
6	Drew Broyles		Ralph South	28	Sharron Burke
9	Jerry Soyars	18	Karington Brooks	29	Suzanne Long
10	Barbara Tanner		John Stroud	30	Helen Bedsole
11	Cody Jones		Dee Dee Dillard	31	Sandra Darnell

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	Wayne & Penny Merricks	12th	Curtis & Sandra Darnell
4th	Mary Betterton & Ward Rowland	14th	Jarrod & Amy Grogan
6th	Melvin & Patsy Martin	22nd	Dave & Suzanne Giffen
7th	Russ & Sharon Williams	26th	Phillip & Beth Smith
8th	Bill & Maggie Traynham	29th	Stuart & LaVonne Walden

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