

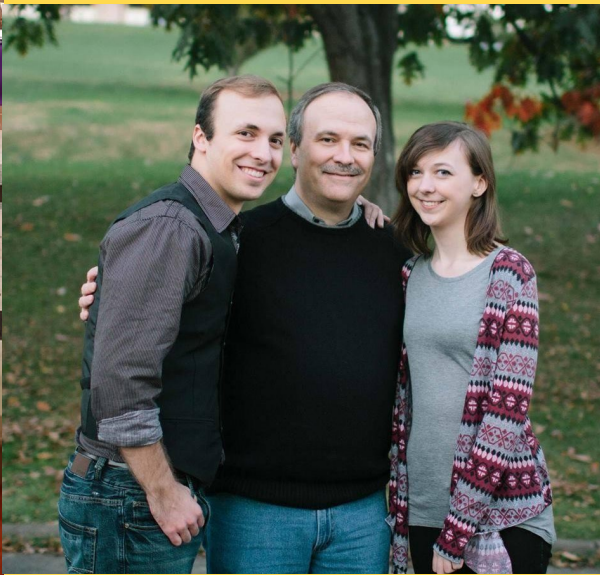
AUGUST 2023

# The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH

## WELCOME REV. BARRY TAYLOR

Rev. Barry L. Taylor is a native of Bluefield, West Virginia, and a graduate of Bluefield High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Concord University and a Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary; he is currently pursuing an additional master's degree in teaching. Early in his ministry he served as a United Methodist pastor in West Virginia, in Virginia's New River Valley, and in Tennessee, working in a variety of congregational and community settings. He subsequently served in the Evangelical Methodist Church as a church planter, a campus planter/pastor, and as a ministry consultant and interim pastor in denominational and nondenominational settings ([www.theshepherdswell.com](http://www.theshepherdswell.com)). During times of pastoral ministry in part-time settings, he has worked for the State of West Virginia in the areas of administrative law, human services, and taxation and revenue. He is the author of *Five Ways to Grow Your Faith*, a video-based six-week small group experience designed for churchwide use. On April 7, 2023, he was recognized as an ordained Elder in the Global Methodist Church. His son Joshua is a missionary/translator for the Jesus Film Project of CRU based in Orlando, FL; his daughter Hope is a manager for a local animal shelter and lives with her new husband Jacob in Wheeling, WV. He enjoys all things historic, the guitar, and playing golf badly!





**KATHERINE LEWIS**  
**DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN**  
**MINISTRIES**

I have been thinking a lot lately about TIME. Where does it go and why does there never seem to be enough of it? And for me, as August is approaching, how in the world is time flying so quickly, how is Nate almost 10? How is it possible that I just celebrated the beginning of my 14<sup>th</sup> year here at Fairview? And yet for as fast as those times have come, why does it seem so long when God has us in a season of Waiting? Why does time go slow when we want it to go the fastest?

Time appears to me to be relative to what is happening within our lives. Just like the Bible says in Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8: *There is a time and purpose for everything under Heaven.* There is a lot of Comfort in that for me. I just wish sometimes time would slow down just a bit so we could enjoy it more!

It is TIME for some new things here at Fairview Church. I am so excited that we will be welcoming Pastor Barry during the month of August! This will be an awesome time of growth and excitement. I am also very thrilled to be truly planning again and working on future plans. I am ready to put my new planner to use and start working out details for a lot of our upcoming dates and activities. It is time for us to again be able to look forward to all we have coming and how we can open our hearts and doors to the community in mission and outreach and I am excited to once again be prepared to begin those things again with you! I am also open to new ideas. The month of August will be full of planning and preparation for what is to come this year! I can't wait to serve beside you all!

During August I am sure we will be working together as a staff and individuals to bring you lots more info on all the comings and goings. Here are some of the needs we have in the student ministries area:

I need someone who would be willing to teach Children's Sunday School. It is time to separate our kids into 2 groups and I need some more teachers!

I need someone who would be willing to be available to be with our College kids in when they are home. WE have a room ready and I can't wait for them to have somewhere to land when they are home for weekend visits.

We need people to help serve on our Backpack teams.

Our Closet of blessings needs some volunteers to help with up keep.

We need adults willing to do meals for our youth group on Sunday nights and also people who are willing to be our second adult.

There are lots of other places we need people with willing hearts to serve. Let me know if you are ready to be plugged into something new!

Lots of love and blessings coming your way.

Kate





## LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Ladies,

I am so sorry we missed our monthly fellowship meal during July. Life got crazy and so did I!

This month we will plan our meal for Wednesday, August 16 at noon and Thursday, August 17th at 6:00pm at Captain Cook Seafood on Piney Forest Road.

Please sign up to let us know if you will be able to attend. This helps the restaurant best prepare for our group.

Thanks,

Kate

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Garland L. Slayton

Please join us in welcoming Garland Slayton to the Fairview Family. He joined by transfer from Shady Grove United Methodist Church in Providence, NC on July 16 which was also his 95th birthday.

“Some people make the world a better place simply with their presence. Garland L. Slayton is one of them, according to the staff at American Red Cross Blood Services in Durham, NC, where Slayton has donated blood for ‘longer than I can remember.’ Slayton, who is 95, is a regular platelet donor. But it’s not just his donations that make him so loved by his blood center staff. ‘It’s Garland’s incredible attitude,’ says Mary Spradlin, Apheresis Team Supervisor. “No one can recall a time when he was ever in a bad mood.’ Slayton drives an hour each way from his home in Danville, Virginia to donate. He always has a smile and hug for staff when he arrives. And he often brings gifts like hot biscuits, flowers and candy. Throw in his sense of humor, caring attitude and positive outlook on life and there isn’t a person Garland meets who doesn’t want to be just like him when they ‘grow up’”



-- Copied from the American Red Cross website



## MORE NEW FACES

Also, we give a warm welcome to David and Nancy Clark who transferred to us from Trinity United Methodist Church on March 5.

Married since 1981, they have 1 daughter, Becky. She lives in Littleton, Colorado with her husband, Russell, and their 4 and 7 year old boys, Ronan and Colin respectively.

Joint hobbies are hiking and fly fishing and being history buffs.

Nancy is a retired optometrist. She has done about 30 mission trips to Latin America to provide eyecare and glasses. Her other hobbies include bridge, quilting, reading, and tying flies.

Dave is a retired professional with the Boy Scouts of America. He still volunteers with the Scouts. His hobbies also include hunting and (being a relic from the 18th century) shooting flintlock rifles.

So great to be in ministry with you!

## MISSION MOMENT

Many thanks to all who participate in these monthly mission projects. It has been a huge success! All the school supplies were so appreciated in July.

Now our focus is on our August mission project. God's Storehouse has expressed a need for jars of peanut butter, boxes of cereal and boxes of macaroni & cheese to restock their shelves. Did you know that God's Storehouse usually distributes over SIX HUNDRED boxes of cereal per week? That's a lot of cereal, huh?

Please consider donating these items when you visit the grocery store in August.

Again, thanks so much for all your contributions!

## Upcoming Dates to Note

**August 6: 8:30 worship with Josh Marlowe, 11:00 traditional worship, Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Guest Speaker will be David Abernathy**

**September 4: Church office closed for Labor Day**

**October 7: FALL FESTIVAL - TENTATIVELY SAVE THE DATE - more details to come**

## BACKPACK PROGRAM UPDATE - Suzanne Giffen

James 2:15-16, ***“Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. . .If anyone of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed, but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?’”***

Ann Frank said, “No one has ever become poor by giving.”

“You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.” Amy Carmichael wrote.

Today in our city there are hundreds, maybe thousands, of children who don't know when they will eat next. This is heart breaking. . .and Fairview Church has been doing something about that. Most of you know that our church has a BACKPACK Program for helping to feed children from Park Avenue Elementary School. Over the several years that we have been doing this program, we know that children, who might have gone hungry, now receive bags of food that go home with them once a week.

Our church has four (sometimes five) teams, and each team has one week a month to bag and pack. We are very blessed that Christi Ragsdale arranges all the food purchases, stocks the food in our food pantry, one of the teams prepares the 120 (last year) bags (which takes usually less than an hour so that NEAL and CHRISTI deliver before they go to their jobs) the bags to Park Avenue each Wednesday one bag per child! Many of these children may not have three meals a day.

Those of us who have been working on this program for six or more years. . .are SO APPRECIATIVE of the support this congregation has given. THANK YOU!! For four years we also have applied for and received a grant to help offset some of the funds you give for food, which does not cover all funds. Thanks to Anna Brooks and Kate Lewis who have written the grants. . .and to those who have (or will) contribute in our church through your specified offering to this program.

THANK THOSE OF YOU WHO OVER THE YEARS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ANY WAY CONTRIBUTING TO A CHILD NOT GOING HUNGRY from Park Avenue School! Please let Kate or me (Suzanne Giffen 822.1727) know if you want to help for an hour once a month on Monday or Tuesday morning. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!





# Reflections from Vacation Bible School July 9-13, 2023



*Fairview Methodist Church  
VBS 2023*





# WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
<b>July 2</b>	22/90	N/A	\$10,033.00
<b>July 9</b>	132	134	\$9,935.56
<b>July 16</b>	95	N/A	\$6,367.79
<b>July 23</b>	84	N/A	\$4,836.00
<b>July 30</b>	122	N/A	\$7,869.00

\*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 July 2023

\$7,808.27

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2023:

\$8,226.98

2023 Budget approved by Admin Board :

\$481,096.00

2023 Weekly Contributions Needed to Meet Budget:

\$9,077.29

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Wendy Brooks	10	Donnie Stevens	22	Miranda Harden
3	Forrest Burton	11	Nate Lewis	24	Laura Ashworth
	Ramon Moore	14	Scott Thompson		Janet Ferrell
	Barbara Nicholas	15	Becky Harris	26	Jackie Stevens
	Peggy Soyars	16	Jody Broyles		John Hudson Thomas
4	Evelyn Collins		Josh Ratliff	28	Emerson Davis
5	Anna Brooks	19	Jason Broyles		
7	Michele Holt		Angela Broyles		
9	Parker Ashworth	20	Lindsey Brooks		

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1st	Julius & Sara Boles	19th	Frank & Carol Black
3rd	David & Nancy Clark		Jim & Sue Chattin
10th	Jonathan & Stacy Dillion	21st	Austin & Maggie Dishman
14th	Rickey & Bettye Parker	28th	Steve & Linda Jarosz
18th	Shawn & Miranda Harden		

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