

MARCH 2024

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR

The Middle "C"

My son Joshua plays the guitar (sometimes lead, sometimes bass) for his church's music team. As a proud father, I always enjoy watching and listening as he performs, and I take no small degree of satisfaction in knowing that I gave him his first guitar lessons. Of course, he has far surpassed my knowledge and talent with regard to the guitar; I now ask him

to teach me some of the things he has learned! Nevertheless, I can still tune his guitars when necessary; it's one of the first things I learned with I was a young guitar student. Guitar strings tend to naturally stretch out of tune due to frequent playing, long periods without use, or even weather conditions. Tuning a guitar can be a tedious task, and yet it is necessary before an instrument can make beautiful music.

In *Christian Maturity*, E. Stanley Jones tells of asking a piano tuner how he did his work. The tuner said that the middle C wire was used as standard. Middle C was put in perfect tune through a tuning fork, and then all the wires on each side of it were tuned to it. Jones goes on to state, "Jesus is that Middle C note. He is standard. Everything in heaven and on earth not attuned to Him is out of tune."

In the words of the apostle Paul in Colossians 1.15-20:

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Life today can stretch us to our limits; indeed, it can stretch us "out of tune" with ourselves, with others, and, most importantly, with God. The season of Lent is a time to remember and respond to the fact that God's perfect pitch for life can be seen and heard in the "Middle C" of Jesus Christ. When we are attuned to Him in faith as Lord of our lives, our elements of disharmony come into harmony and our lives make beautiful music by His grace. May this season, with its emphasis on spiritual growth and renewal, be an opportunity to "tune up" to Jesus as the perfect "Middle C" as we prepare for and then celebration the Resurrection of Christ at Easter!

As always, it is a joy and privilege to serve as your pastor! May God bless you!

Grace and peace,
Barry



Hello Fairview Family!

I just wanted to pop in and say HAPPY MARCH!!!

There is a lot going on during the month of March.

FOR THE KIDS:

- JUMP will continue to meet each week from 6-7:30 on Wednesdays.
- Sunday School will meet on Sunday Mornings at 9:45
- Our Family Easter Celebration will happen on March 30th from 10am-noon. Join us for lots of Fun and Fellowship and a time of Celebration.

FOR THE YOUTH:

- Sunday School will continue in the youth room for Each week in March
- Youth group will meet on Sundays 5:15-7:15; we will be finishing the 5 ways Bible study this month.

**KATHERINE LEWIS
DIRECTOR OF
CHRISTIAN
MINISTRIES**

For US ALL

- Our 5th Sunday Fellowship will take place on the 4th Sunday of this month. Join us for a covered Dish meal after our Palm Sunday Worship Services.
- Ladies We will have our Fellowship meals this month on Tuesday March 12th at 6 pm and Wednesday March 13th at noon. Restaurant to be determined. Let me know if you have an idea of a place to go.

Remember our Easter Event! Please see me to get a flier and invite your neighbors, your kids, grandkids, and anyone you would like and join us for a lot of fun that day.

I pray God's blessing on you all during this busy time of year!

Lots of Love,
Kate

**YOU'RE INVITED TO FAIRVIEW'S
EGG-STRAORDINARY
EASTER EVENT!**

**EASTER STORY
EGG DYING
GAMES**



**CRAFTS
SNACKS
EASTER EGG HUNT**

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

10:00AM - 12:00PM

CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

FOR ALL CHILDREN & FAMILIES

SPONSORED BY THE DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 16-20, 2024

Plans are underway for Fairview's 2024 Vacation Bible School, SCUBA. This is going to be a FIN-tastic experience for all who help and attend.

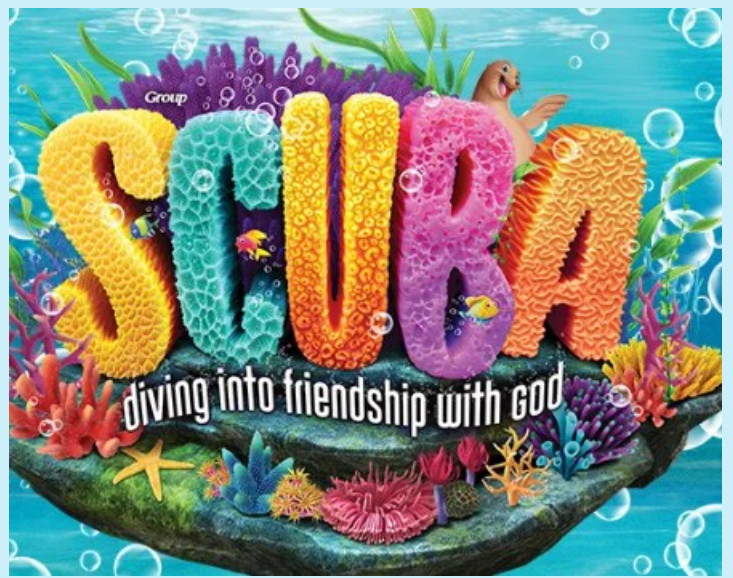
For our goal and focus to be realized, we need many hands to transform and prepare our sanctuary and other spaces into the underwater-themed SCUBA, an experience which will allow God's love and purpose for each person to come to life like never before...touching lives and drawing in kids and adults closer to God who created them.

Our desire is to have work groups to come together to build and create the different spaces.

People would form their own groups, providing a great time of fellowship and fun. Once our work schedule has been established, your group may select from the days and times. More than one group will be able to work at the same time. Now, don't worry, it's mainly cardboard boxes that may need a little paint or some simple framing to ensure they are sturdy. There will also be an opportunity for some sewing (simple bags). There will be other opportunities as our planning progresses. Let me or Kate know how you would like to serve and of the groups that will be forming.

This, my friends, is just the preparation for what I know will be an awesome week. Our VBS would not be possible without all the many hands that make it pull together. We will be needing people for Crafts, Snacks, Bible Story, music and games. Not to mention registration, security, set up, clean up and crew leaders. Please be in prayer about where you can serve. Let Jackie Stevens know where God is leading you into being a part of SCUBA!

Blessings,
Jackie



FAIRVIEW CHURCH

FAMILY FUN DAY

1013 WESTOVER DRIVE

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FREE
ENTRY!

FREE
GAMES!

FREE
FOOD!

PRIZES!

LENT RESOURCES

Lent resources (devotions, activities) will be available each week through Easter. Check out our table in the narthex to see what's new!

MISSION MOMENT

Thanks so much to all of you who helped us by donating warming supplies in February to go to Danville Warming Center. I know they were grateful to receive such awesome donations.

This month's Mission Project is collecting **non-perishable food items** for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. The Salvation Army strives to maintain a food pantry to assist individuals with their food needs. They also use your donations to provide meals for those in need.

Please consider donating any **canned goods and non-perishable food items such as dried beans, rice or pasta** so they can continue assisting the community with food. Thanks for supporting our local mission drive each month!

The Missions Committee is also planning to hold a Rent-a-Table Yard Sale Event on Saturday, May 4 here at the church. If you would like to rent a table to display your Yard Sale items, the cost is \$25 per table. All the proceeds from your sale at your table will belong to you. Your table rental money will go to further the Missions Committee projects. So let's get some Spring cleaning done and rent a table to sell those unwanted and gently used items that you have piling up at your house. Then come out for a fun day of selling those items with your Fairview Family.

A FEW NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ THANK YOU to all of our "5 WAYS" small-group leaders and hosts! If you've been participating in one of our "5 Ways to Grow in God's Grace" groups as a part of our spiritual growth initiative during this Lenten season, thank you and please give us your feedback as we plan possible future small-group experiences.
- ⇒ PALM SUNDAY (MARCH 24th) will feature our children participating in our 11:00 AM traditional worship, and we will celebrate the season with our church-wide Fellowship Dinner following that service.
- ⇒ HOLY WEEK SERVICES this Lent will include a Service of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 28th, at 7:00 PM and a Service of Tenebrae on Good Friday, March 29th, at 7:00 PM. Both services will be in our sanctuary and will be approximately 45 minutes in length. If you require childcare, please let us know at least one week ahead of time.
- ⇒ THE PASTOR'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY that is open to everyone will resume on Wednesday, April 3rd at both 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM. We will be studying the Gospel of Mark in-depth; all materials will be provided. You're invited to join us!
- ⇒ OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP COURSE is in place, and the pastor will be offering the first 3-week class during the Sunday School hour from April 7-21. The Grace Seekers Class has graciously offered to host the class and participate in it. If anyone has joined our church membership in the last 12 months, you're invited to be a part of it. If you are interested in becoming a church member, you are also invited! You are not obligated to join our church membership by attending; if you just want to learn more about our church, you're welcome as well. Materials will be provided and distributed free of charge, and some lesson material will be online in case you can't attend all three sessions. Let the church office know by March 31 if you'd like to participate!

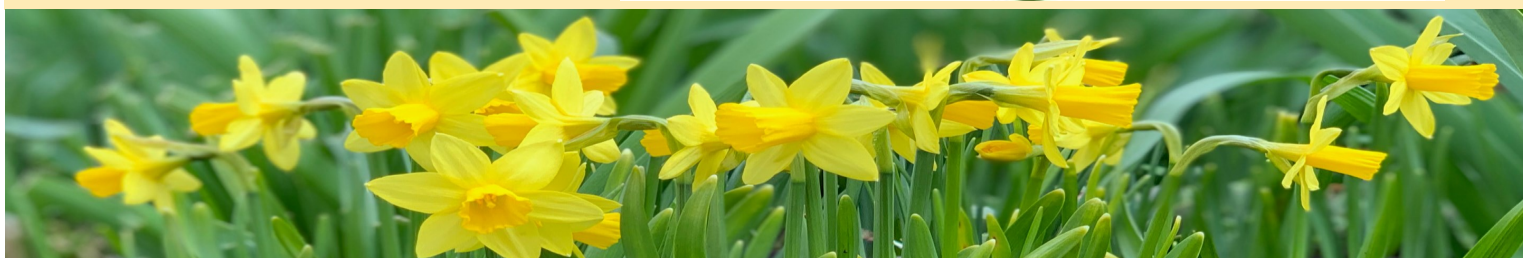
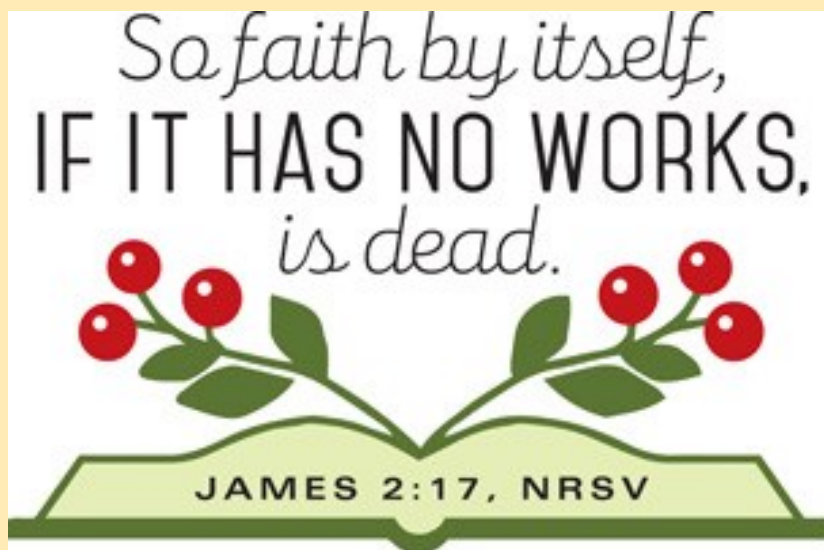
EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Here are the various teams that have been established by the Evangelism Committee. If you have a concern in any of these areas, please see one of the members of the team.

Prayer Team	Card Ministry	Hospitality
Mary Betterton, Leader	Holly Fuqua, Leader	Christi Ragsdale, Leader
Lisa Moore	Mary Fulcher	Gail Carter
Duane Dahlquist	Joyce Burnett	Holly Fuqua
Sue Franklin	Bettye Parker	Angela Hyatt
Susan Fulk	Barbara Swanson	Jean Hudson
Sandra Hardy	Patsy Martin	Lee Ann Dillion
Herbert Hardy	Mary Betterton	
Greeters	Parking Lot Assistance	Welcome Center
Bobbie Nordon, Leader	Bill Franklin, Sr., Leader	Mary Fulcher, Leader
Suzanne Giffen	Neal Morris	Bobbie Nordon
Mary Fulcher	Ralph Fillion	Brenda Brooks
Beryl Clifton	Francis Berger	Marilyn Booth
Nancy Weatherford	Claude Berger	Patty Gann
Linda Jarosz		Beryl Clifton
Jim Jennings		Alice Evans
Bill Franklin, Sr.		Lisa Moore
Ralph Fillion		

2024 Greeter Schedule

January - Linda Jarosz
 February - Jim Jennings
 March - Mary Fulcher
 April - Suzanne Giffen
 May - Beryl Clifton
 June - Nancy Weatherford
 July - Andy Nordon
 August - Mary Fulcher
 September - Bobbie Nordon
 October - Linda Jarosz
 November - Andy Nordon
 December - Jim Jennings



WHAT IS LENT AND WHY DOES IT LAST FORTY DAYS?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.



Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

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time guest
 occasional guest
 regular attendee

date

name(s)

email

phone

address

prayer request
 visit/care request
 update my info
 other (explain below)
 sign me up for:
 I need help with:

CARD TEAM REQUEST

The Card Team is asking for your help. In cooperation with the Office Administrator, we have the responsibility to send cards to friends and loved ones that appear on our Prayer List listed in the bulletin each week. Please use the Welcome Cards that are located in your pew racks to place your prayer requests. If you want them listed in the bulletin, please write that with the request and if they are not a member of the church, please put their address down as well so that we may send them a card. Then be sure you write your name on the front of the card so we may contact you for more information

if needed. If there is a bereaved family on the prayer list, please also give us their address information or at least the funeral home that is serving the family.

The Card Team also wants to remember our loved ones who are **currently** serving in the armed forces. The ones on our prayer list are largely outdated with regard to their address and their connection to the Fairview family. We are looking to take them out of the bulletin but still maintain an address list to send them cards from time to time. If you know any of the service individuals on the current list or if there is a person who is currently serving and you would like to have our team remember them, please let the office know so we can keep a list of their addresses current. Our team is eager to let them know that we appreciate their service.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
February 4	30/121	104	\$12,840.00
February 11	27/133	86	\$15,629.57
February 18	32/100	71	\$7,930.30
February 25	40/103	TBD	\$7,526.00

*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 February 2024:
\$10,981.47

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

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2024
\$10,082.26

2023 Weekly Contributions Needed to Meet Budget:
\$10,496.48

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

04 Lucille Roberts	17 Herb Hardy	26 Jennifer Thomas
06 Denise Hinton	18 Parker Holt	28 Kenny Sage
08 Sue Chattin	Madeline Morris	Evelyn Moore
09 Brandon Ferrell	19 Kinsey Harris	29 Brandon Merricks
12 Taylor Broyles	21 Samuel Burton	Beverly White
13 Mike Lewis	22 Laurie Ann Searce	
15 Jarrod Grogan	23 Carter Dillion	
16 Rafe Thomas	Carol Hobbs	
Carolyn Whitlock	Cathleen McGarvey	

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

06 Kenny & Margaret Sage	14 John & Jody Broyles
11 Andy & Bobbie Nordon	29 Gary & Debra Tucker

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