

MARCH 2025

# The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



**FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR**

## **B.L.E.S.S. DURING LENT!**

On Ash Wednesday (March 5th), our congregation begins the annual journey through the season of Lent. Lent is the 40-day period leading up to the celebration of Easter. The word is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word for *spring*, when the days *lengthen*.

Lent calls us to prepare to celebrate Easter by confronting the reality of human sinfulness (both individually and collectively) and remembering why the necessary sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross and His subsequent resurrection are the most important events in all of human history.

Recently I came across the following article from The Crossing Church in Columbia, Missouri, which speaks to the use – and misuse – of the Lenten season:

*The Lenten tradition is rich with beauty—giving language to biblical practices and providing a healthy outlet to use them as a reminder of our need for Jesus. However, there is a history of Christians misusing Lent. This happens when Lent becomes:*

*Duty-driven:*

*I give up (fill in the blank) because that's what God wants from me.*

*Approval-driven:*

*I give up (fill in the blank) to prove to God that I love him.*

*Bargaining:*

*I give up (fill in the blank) so God gives me what I want from him.*

*Ritualistic:*

*I do it every year because that's what a good Christian does.*

*All of these are human attempts to bend Lent to our will instead of God's will. Remember, Lent is not a biblical command, so we don't have to observe it. But there is something rich and beautiful that happens when we use Lent to practice dying to our earthly comforts to re-focus on our need for Christ. God can use Lent to transform our hearts, minds, and lives.*

We can also use Lent to re-focus on the world's need for Christ...beginning with those who are already in our network of immediate relationships.

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During Lent our message series will be shaped by the book *B.L.E.S.S.: 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World* by Dave Ferguson and Jon Ferguson. They write: "When you've been transformed by God's love, you can't help but want others to experience the same grace and freedom. But how do you share it without scaring them away or offending them? There are five simple, straightforward practices that will allow any believer to do just that. And by consistently living them out, you can affect not just individual lives but your entire neighborhood and community – one person at a time."

The season of Lent is a great time to make room in our lives for these practices. I hope you'll join us on the Sundays during Lent as we allow God to "transform our hearts, minds, and lives."

As always, it is a privilege to serve as pastor of Fairview Church!

Blessings in Christ,  
Barry

## MISSIONS MOMENT

During March, our monthly mission focus will be on collecting items for the Food Pantry at Salvation Army. All canned and dry foods will be appreciated. Please place your donations in the Missions Drop-Off area of the Fellowship Room. As always, your support of these monthly mission projects is greatly appreciated!



## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to send us cards, check in on us, send us gifts, and stop by the house. A BIG thank you to Pastor Barry for coming to Duke to pray over us and our sweet baby, as well as spend some time and offer a listening ear. We are for ever grateful.

♥ Kaitlyn, Jack, Ronin & Regan

YOU'RE INVITED TO FAIRVIEW'S

# EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA!

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

10:00AM - 12:00PM

CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

FOR ALL CHILDREN & FAMILIES

SPONSORED BY THE DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

EASTER STORY  
EGG DYEING  
GAMES



CRAFTS  
SNACKS  
EASTER EGG HUNT





# FAITH FAMILIES

"WE ARE GOD'S ACCOMPLISHMENT, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO DO GOOD THINGS. GOD PLANNED FOR THESE GOOD THINGS TO BE THE WAY THAT WE LIVE OUR LIVES."

EPHESIANS 2:10

Faith Families is the new name for our children and family ministries here at Fairview Church. FAITH FAMILIES includes BIG FAITH on Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m., GODLY PLAY on Sunday Mornings at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. and J.U.M.P on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

## GODLY PLAY



In our March Godly Play Circles, we will finish our journey through the parables and begin our Lenten Journey to Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week. Each Sunday along the way we will join Jesus as he blesses the children, visits with Zaccheus, and heals Bartimaeus.



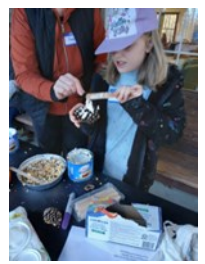
## J.U.M.P. KIDS MISSION POSSIBLE FEBRUARY



In February our Missions Possible Project was continuing our sewing project and creating cards to share with the folks who attend the Young Hearts Luncheon. Special thanks to Jill Cleary for being part of our February Ministry Team. In March we look forward to creating busy bags for children to use in our hospital waiting room.



## CREATION CARE DAY AT CAMP SELAH



## SAVE THE DATES

Easter Egg-Stravaganza  
Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.- Noon

Spring Family Fun Day  
Saturday, May 10

CAMP FIRELIGHT Vacation Bible  
School  
June 22-26

## For more information about FAITH FAMILIES at FAIRVIEW CHURCH

Follow Fairview Church Kids on Facebook  
or call

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Email: [children@gofairviewchurch.org](mailto:children@gofairviewchurch.org)



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

Hello Fairview family!

March is here, which means spring is right around the corner!  
(Thank goodness!!!)

As many of you know, Beth and I recently welcomed our son, Judson (aka Judd) into the world! He decided to make his grand entrance five weeks early, throwing all of our best-laid plans out the window but that's okay! He and Beth are healthy, and that in itself is a tremendous blessing.

Our ROOTS Youth Group has been busy making plans for the remainder of the year, and I am incredibly proud of their hearts for service. This year, for our mission project, our teens have chosen to travel to Western NC to assist in rebuilding efforts after last Fall's devastating floods. Instead of opting for a trip that might be more fun, they have decided to focus on something meaningful and im-

pactful, putting their faith into action by serving others in need. Their willingness to sacrifice comfort for Christ-centered service is a true testament to their faith and their growth in Christ!

On Sunday nights, we've been diving into an important study on social media and how to navigate it as Christians and use it in a way that glorifies God. (Let's be honest, that's something we all could probably focus on a little more!)

I also finally finished the calendar of events for the year! (I had planned to have it done three weeks ago and in parent's hands, but someone (Judd) decided to mess up my timeline! Haha!) This year, we are bringing back Get RAK'd. Random Acts of Kindness! Our youth will be out in the city and community, showing Christ's love to those who need it most in practical and meaningful ways. And that's not all! We've got tons of other fun events planned! Keep an eye on the ROOTS Facebook page and the church calendar in the near future for all the details!

Our numbers continue to hold steady at 12 to 15 each week, and we are grateful for each and every youth the Lord sends our way.

Lastly, Beth, Judd, and I want to say a huge thank you to our amazing youth and parents for the wonderful baby shower you held for us! We are beyond grateful for your generosity, love, and the many gifts given to welcome Judd into this world. The outpouring of support from this congregation has been nothing short of incredible.

Also, a special shoutout to Amy Grogan, Jonquil Winingham, and all the parents who have helped keep things running smoothly while I adjust to being a new dad. I couldn't do this without you!

In His Service,  
Josh Marlowe



# Fairview Maker's Group

The Fairview Maker's Group will meet on Mondays from 1:00-3:00 in the last classroom of the Sunday School hallway (room closest to the playground). We plan to meet through mid May. This classroom will be turned back over to college students for the summer. We plan to work on sewing and crochet items but are open to any creative ideas that will help our church or community. We are currently working on walker and wheelchair bags. Everyone is welcome to learn or teach, regardless of your skill level. Donations of any sewing supplies will be greatly appreciated (batting, fabric, thread, etc.). If you have questions, feel free to contact Gail Carter (434-203-7703) or Debra Tucker (434-251-1311).



Save the  
**DATE!**



Spring Family Fun Day

**May 10, 2025**

Games, Food and Activities for all ages!



## TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY

One of the ministries of the New Beginnings Sunday School class is the Teddy Bears that sit in each pew every Sunday. These bears have sat through worship services, heard prayers and heard songs of praise. If you know of someone who needs a little comfort that only a soft Teddy Bear can bring, please feel free to take one and give it to them.



## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

The pastor will be offering a Church Membership Class March 9, 16 & 23 at 10am. There will be 3 sessions, with an option to take a missed session online through our website. Attendance does not require a commitment to membership at the conclusion of the class; everyone interested in learning more about our church is invited to attend, including recent new members. Please call the church office or contact the pastor for more information.



## FIRST AID CLASS

The trustees will be offering a First Aid class that is open to all church members who are interested. It will be in the Social Hall on April 5, 2025 from 8:00am - 12:00pm. This class is the replacement for the one that was postponed in January. Please see one of the trustees for further information.

## FAIRVIEW LIBRARY

The Fairview Church Library is now open and ready for use. The shelves inside the library have many resources for Sunday School classes and Small Groups. There is a section of Resource Bibles, books about the Bible and characters in the Bible. On the side wall, there are many inspirational books with some of your favorite authors such as Max Lucado, Billy Graham and others. On the shelves outside the library, there are fiction novels, devotional books, prayer books, non-fiction, spiritual guidance books, children's books and books for youth. Every month, a couple of new books will be purchased to add to the collection. When you return a book you have borrowed, please place it on the table inside the library.



Happy reading, everybody!

## LENTEN CHALLENGE

The Worship Committee is offering you the opportunity to enhance our options of using the Advent wreath during our Christmas season worship services. We would like to have the advent wreath on a stand that would be easier for families or acolytes to use. We are asking for contributions to this project during Lent. What can you give up so you will have some extra cash to contribute - a dessert, coffee or soft drink?

Please put your contributions in the Little White Church in the Fellowship Area.

Thank you.

Helen Bedsole

Marilyn Booth





# WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person</u>	<u>Online Worship*</u>	<u>Offering</u>
<b>February 2</b>	42/86	92	\$16,825.75
<b>February 9</b>	29/122	114	\$8,968.50
<b>February 16</b>	38/87	74	\$12,833.53
<b>February 23</b>	42/99	TBD	\$7,660.00

Average Weekly Giving in February 2025:  
\$11,571.94

2025 Budget approved by Admin Board :  
\$573,877.00

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2025:  
\$9,961.39

2025 Weekly Contributions Needed to Meet Budget:  
\$11,036.10

\*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.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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



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