

SEPTEMBER 2023

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR:

The people God uses...

In his book Golfing with the Master, Phil Callaway writes about the mercy of God in the following way:

Have you ever wondered what would happen if certain Bible characters sent letters of application for ministry positions in a church? Would the search committee meeting sound something like this?

"Let's talk about this Adam."

"Well, he seems like a good man, but he takes bad directions from his wife. And you don't even want to know what he wears in the woods."

"How about Noah?"

"He's prone to taking on huge building projects without a permit. He's a pessimist too."

"And Moses?"

"Are you kidding? He's a lousy communicator. He stutters and stammers. He has a bad temper and has been known to hit things with a stick."

"So he's a golfer then?"

"That's another of his shortcomings."

"What about Elijah?"

"No way. Prone to depression. Collapses under pressure. Spends too much time by himself in the wilderness."

"And Sampson?"

"Hair's too long."

"Jonah?"

"Good runner, but he makes up big fish tales. Has been disobedient to God."

"Matthew?"

"Not a chance. Works for the IRS."

"What about this John the Baptist?"

"He sure doesn't dress like a Baptist. Strange diet. Makes the Pharisees mad."

"And Peter?"

"Bad temper. Curses sometimes. Claims to have visions."

"What about these others on the list?"

"Zacchaeus is too short."

"Timothy is way too young."

"Methuselah is too old."

"Sarah laughed too much."

"What about Judas?"

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"Well, let's talk about him. He comes with good character references. Good connections. He's conservative, so he won't rock the boat. Handles money well. Maybe he's the one."

Aren't you glad God in His mercy chose to use the likes of these? They literally shaped the course of human history. And He will do it again through you.

"Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy" (1 Peter 2.10).

We are a people of mercy...our salvation in Christ is through God's mercy, and our opportunities to serve are gifts of His mercy. There will always be those who will find fault with us as individuals and suggest limitations upon our usefulness to God, focusing more upon our past than our future. But, in a reversal of the old saying, they "can't see the trees for the forest." The limitless force of God's Kingdom is directly related to the limitless potential of individual followers of Christ surrendered in complete abandon to Kingdom mission and ministry.

"According to his (God's) great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1.3 ESV). We are born again to a living hope...and to a meaningful place in ministry within God's Kingdom.

Never underestimate what God can do through you. Never underestimate the worth of your witness, never underestimate the consequence of your contribution, and never underestimate the impact of your influence.

It's a privilege to serve as your pastor!

Grace and peace,
Barry

Eat Out to Help Out!

On **Tuesday, September 5th**, these restaurants
will donate 10% of their total sales to
God's Storehouse:

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Bubba's	King Cropp
Buffalo Wild Wings (9/6)	Korner Kafe
Checkered Pig	La Nostra Cucina (9/6)
Chuck's Meat & Deli	Links Coffee House
Crema & Vine	Me's Burgers & Brews
Culture	Midtown Market
Dell' Anno's Pizzeria	Nonni's
Main Street	O'Kelly's Piney Forest
Dell' Anno's Pizza Kitchen	O'Kelly's So. Boston
Martinsville Hwy	River District Golf
Frank's Italian Rest.(9/14)	San Marcos Danville
Golden Skillet	Uncle Al's Street Hotdogs
Piney Forest (9/6)	Western Sizzlin
Golden Skillet Chatham	Village's Pizza



***Check GSH Facebook and website
for updated restaurants***





KATHERINE LEWIS
DIRECTOR OF
CHRISTIAN
MINISTRIES

September is here and I am so excited about all the opportunities we have coming together.

I know I have shared this before but in my mind it is worth sharing again and again. At some point in time when I was more active in our local Emmaus community, one of my precious Pastor friends, Ann Robertson was preaching. During this time she was talking about how we present Jesus to the world. She told this particular group of ladies that we needed to write the word Represent on our paper. So we all did. Then she hit us with what felt like a Holy 2 x 4. When we claim to be representing Christ to others, we are *re-presenting* him. WE are, in our daily living re-presenting HIM to people on a regular basis. Then she asked the hard question. Is your Presentation of Christ accurate? Are you showing His love to a broken and dying world? These were all hard words to hear. I had to think about that for a while. Do my actions pre-

sent Christ in a favorable light to others or could I be a stumbling block in someone's walk? It was a lot to think about. Friends, none of us are perfect. The fact is, the reason this has come to mind for me today was that earlier just this morning my actions were not very Christ-like. But I am grateful that He knows me, He loves me and He forgives me when I repent! He will do the same for you! Love to all of you friends!

Here are some of the highlights that are coming for September:

For our Children:

Sunday September 10th, during worship, we will celebrate Promotion and the opening of a new Sunday School Class for our kids. This class will begin on the 17th during the Sunday school hour. Teachers are still needed let me know if you would like to join a teaching rotation.

Sunday September 17th, JUMP will return. Exact time will be announced but we have some fun things coming your way.

For our Youth:

Youth group will meet on September 10, 17 and 24th. We meet from 5:15-7:15. We plan to begin in the social hall and will then move up to the youth room for a time of learning and sharing. We are in need of some people or groups willing to sponsor a dinner or even join our dinner rotation. Please let me know if that is something you would like to help with.

Sunday School is each Sunday morning in the youth room.

Other Happenings:

Ladies, Our monthly meal will be on Wednesday September 13th at noon and Thursday September 14th at 6p.m. This month's restaurant is La Nostra Cucina.

Also Save the Date:

October 14th will be Fairview's 2nd Fall Fun Day! Many hands are needed.

October 28th will be Trunk or Treat time TBD WE will need candy and trunks for this awesome outreach evening.

November 4th is our Holiday Bazaar. Time for Christmas shopping!

I look forward to working with you on many things this fall. I pray we will all be able to re-present Christ as we daily represent him well!

Blessings,
Kate

I would like to ask all of you to take a few minutes in the days and weeks ahead and reach out to our college students. Here is a list of addresses I have received thus far. There will be more to come. Also, I will have a list here at the office if you need a copy.

Thanks, Kate

Jackson Boles
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Statesboro, GA 30458

Ella Brooks
USC Mail ID#85873
1300 Wheat Street
Columbia, SC 29225-0112

Karington Brooks
1620 Catawba Avenue
Columbia, SC 29225

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6275 Riverside Drive
Danville, VA 24541

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5007 Cobblestone Drive
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9415 Martinsville Hwy
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Farmville, VA 23901

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PO Box 6580
Radford, VA 24142

Austin Scarce
Liberty University
1971 University Blvd.
Flames Box 196779
Lynchburg, VA 24515



Mission Corner

The Missions committee is always amazed to see how well our church shows up for our monthly mission at the Tree of Giving. This has been a wonderful opportunity for us to join together as a body of Christ each month for a purpose...helping the lives of others. During August we gave food to God's Storehouse. Watch the bulletin for a final count but at mid month as the picture shows, WE donated 53 boxes of cereal, 52 jars of peanut butter and 134 boxes of macaroni & cheese!

For the month of September we will be doing **Canned goods**. These will be going to the Salvation Army. Much Like God's Storehouse, the Salvation Army helps people with Lots of needs including food. So this month, Bring us your canned goods and let's see what a mighty work we can do together for the Salvation Army!

BISHOP DICKSON OCHUTO

Bishop Dickson Ochuto is from Kenya, Africa. He has come to share his ministry with Fairview Church on two different occasions. He blessed us with a great message in April and again in August. On his first visit with us, the Fairview family, through much generosity, donated enough money to buy 15 sewing machines for the ladies at the HeartBeat High School in Kenya. He stated he has 38 young girls and 30 young men living at the school. Their new mission is to help raise enough money to build bathroom facilities to accommodate these young people. They have two at present. He shared about his life and that he was an orphan boy and fed himself out of the garbage cans of food left from hotels to survive. A missionary adopted him and led him to the Lord. He attended University of Ghana Business School where he received his degree. His mission is to help educate young boys and girls, who are infected with Aids. Our prayers are with him and his continued ministry in Kenya, Africa. Rev. Sexton also spoke of his journey to Kenya to witness Bishop Dickson's mission in Kenya and spoke highly of Bishop Dickson because he saw first hand the need.





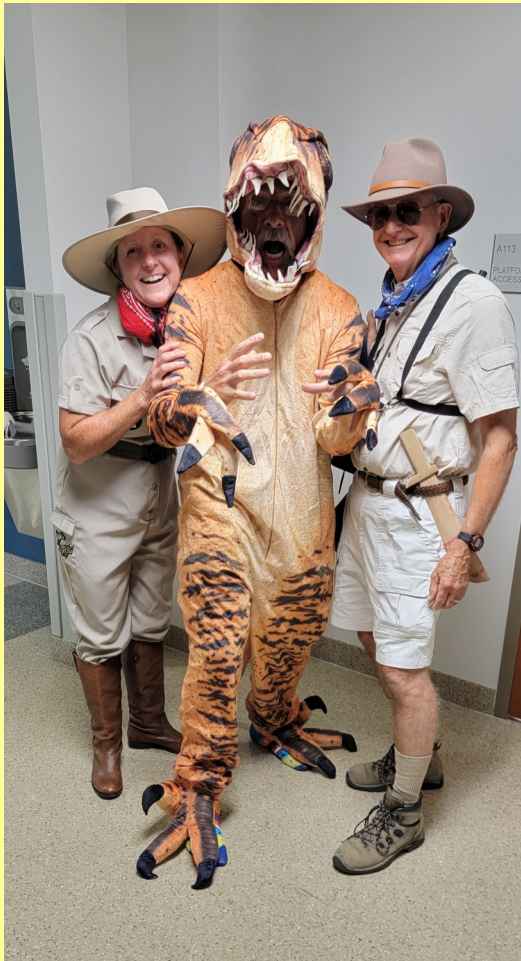
Camp Rainbow Connection
Celebrating God's Love Since 1985

UPDATE

Camp Rainbow Connection was so very appreciative of all the contributions for camp this year. Our theme was "Our God is Dinomighty". The amount of shower curtains was unbelievable. There should be enough for next year too. Also, I was able to purchase snacks for every day of the week. 2024 theme will be Olympic centered. The dates are July 13-19th if you are interested in volunteering.

Blessings,

Christi



NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Please join us in welcoming Ricky and Kathy Dix who joined us by transfer of membership from Trinity United Methodist Church on January 15, 2023.

They were married on September 27, 1980 and have two daughters. Jordan lives in Ruckersville with her husband, Alex, and children, Noah who is 4 and Lettie Lou who is 1. Taylor lives in Richmond and is married to Joe, and they have a son, Will who is 2.

Their hobbies consist of traveling and being dedicated to their health and fitness at the YMCA. And, of course, let's not forget their grandbabies!

Kathy is retired from 32 years at Food Lion and now works at the Danville Family YMCA as a Wellness Coach.

Ricky is a retired District Manager from Frito-Lay with 32 years of service. He is on the Board of Directors for the Danville Life Saving Crew and also the Board of Directors for Roman Eagle Health Care Center.



We are so glad to have you as a part of the Fairview Family and look forward to ministry with you!



HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Effective Sunday, September 3, 2023, for the primary purpose of sharing Holy communion on the first Sunday of each month, Fairview Church is reviving its ministry of visiting those members who are homebound, hospitalized or otherwise unable to attend church. We endeavor to keep our list of those people current; if you feel you or someone else have been overlooked, please let Debbie in the church office know at 792-3391 so that we may update our list.

Our current team members for this ministry are Kim Nickens, Jim Jennings, Barbara Seamster, Barbara Swanson, and Barry Taylor. Andy Nordon and Bill Shelton will be available for this ministry later. We feel this ministry is an excellent way to help Pastor Barry come to know our church members, as well as become familiar with the community served by Fairview.

Know that our policy is to always call those persons for the purpose of arranging a favorable time before visiting; such visits may occur on Communion Sundays, or within a couple of days thereafter. Know also that Pastor Barry will have blessed and sanctified the elements of communion before those team members visit. If you feel called to be a part of this ministry in the coming months, please let Jim Jennings know.

Upcoming Dates to Note

September 4: Church Office closed for Labor Day

September 10: Promotion Sunday at 11:00 worship

October 1: World Communion Sunday

October 14: FALL FESTIVAL - SAVE THE DATE - more details to come



1ST ANNUAL CITY VS COUNTY CHARITY GAME
@ AMERICAN LEGION FIELD
HOME OF THE OTTERBOTS

START TIME	SEPTEMBER	TICKETS
6:00 PM	11th, 2023	\$12 or 12 cans of food

All Proceeds Go To God's Storehouse

1st Sundays: Worship at 8:30 and 11:00

Monthly on each first Sunday
8:30 worship features contemporary music with Josh Marlowe



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Please note new info:

To be added to our phone or email notification system, contact us!

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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
August 6	27/79	N/A	\$12,872.56
August 13	113	N/A	\$4,948.00
August 20	103	95	\$8,706.00
August 27	106	N/A	\$4,458.00

*Denotes views of online worship videos for the first week available for viewing.
Actual Vimeo views are multiplied by 1.5 to account for families watching together.

Average Weekly Giving in August 2023:
\$7,746.14

2023 Budget approved by Admin Board :
\$481,096.00

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2023:
\$8,172.03

2023 Weekly Contributions Needed to Meet Budget:
\$9,077.29

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Dale Ferrell	10 Owen Davis	27 Michael Connor
William White	11 Sharon Williams	28 Julius Boles
03 Ronald Brooks, Sr.	16 Joyce Burnett	Amy Grogan
06 Gail Carter	Jean Hudson	30 Jim Chattin
08 Marvin Fuqua	19 Scott Carter	Sylvia Hyler
Jamie Holt	Julie Ferris	Judy Robertson
Neal Ragsdale	22 Joyce Holley	Vivian Shelton
Dylan Shelton	23 Saunders Brooks	Eli Davis
09 Tony Ratliff	24 Justin Stevens	
Lesley Emerson	26 Nick Langley	
10 Julia Boles	27 Rachel Burkett	

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

06 Kenny & Carolyn Whitlock	18 Neal & Christi Ragsdale
07 Dale & Janet Ferrell	20 Duane & Susann Dahlquist
08 Robert & Marti Chattin	26 Ronald & Brenda Brooks
17 Bill & Michele Franklin	27 Ricky & Kathy Dix
18 Mike & Katherine Lewis	30 Ralph & Nancy South

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*Fairview is a Christ-centered
welcoming church that loves the community
in undeniable ways.*

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