



The Fairview Christian Newsletter

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Monday to Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Services:
Sunday School - 9:40 a.m.

Regular Worship Hours:
Blended - 11:00 a.m.

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BOY SCOUT SUNDAY Sunday, February 5

Please join us as
Boy Scout Troop No. 4
participates in the worship service.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Sunday, February 5

Join forces and battle hunger with thousands
of youth by dropping \$1 in a soup pot as you leave
worship this Sunday.
Every dollar dropped in a soup pot helps people in need
feel the power of God's love.
Our offering this year will go to support our Community Outreach meal.



ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER
to benefit Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, February 11
at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children ages 3-10 years old,
and free for children under 3 years. Menu includes spaghetti,
bread, salad and dessert. After dinner, stay for some fun rounds of Bingo.

There also will be a Silent Auction.

Please see Chad or Nannette Boswell, Stacey Jones, Brenda Rowland or
another of the Relay for Life team members to purchase your tickets.

CANDY KISS ROSES FOR SALE:

The Fairview Christian Youth Relay for Life team is
selling candy kiss roses to benefit their Relay goal.

Roses are \$2 each, three (3) for \$5, or a dozen for \$15.

Please see Jeanette Tyree to order yours.

Roses will be available for pick up at the spaghetti fundraiser on February
11 or at church on Sunday, February 12.



PASTORAL PONDERINGS

I'm going to talk just a minute about stewardship, something that I rarely push as much as maybe I should. Shirley Tucker was talking at the Christian Education meeting on Sunday about how the children rarely bring offerings anymore for Sunday School. This points out an opportunity for parents to cultivate in their children an understanding of giving. If you have a child in the primary or youth departments, cultivate opportunities to teach them about earning money and returning a portion to God in the form of offering either during Sunday School or Church.

Give
Onto
the
Lord



The second leg of this discussion that makes me uncomfortable is that we have many, many good, even great, causes coming down the road in the weeks ahead that equal above and beyond giving.

Personally I find myself wanting to help with them all. I ask you to prayerfully consider your own giving to the needs above your regular giving and the great causes that will be spot lighted over the next weeks. A few of these are: Week of Compassion, Souper Bowl of Giving, Youth Mission Trip, Relay for Life Events, Youth Fund Raisers, etc.... If we all do our part and are faithful with our resources in sharing for the Kingdom, then there will be plenty.

We adults need as always to serve as good examples to the children. Maybe they are not bringing offerings anymore because we are not setting the example. Just a thought.

Thumbing through my oldest personal Bible I found this thought: *"Someone is waiting right outside your door. Someone is waiting whom you've never seen before. Not the thousands or the millions who crowd the city streets, but someone is lying at your feet, someone is lying at your feet."* (By Ken Medema, publ. by Word, Inc, Waco, Texas)

Blessings,
Pastor Curtis

FACTS -n- FIGURES - January 29
Sunday School - 104
11:00 Worship - 153
Sunday School Offering - \$2,183.00
Total Offering - \$4,796.00

CHATTER from CHRIS

Camps and Mission Trip News

The youth present at our youth group meetings have had a serious discussion about camps at Craig Springs this summer. All of the youth present decided that they wanted to go to camp this year and that they wanted to go to AMPDD camp. AMPDD stands for Art, Music, Photography, Dance, and Drama and it offers one of the most creative and unique Christian summer camp experiences available. Each camper selects one of the interest groups to explore for the week and a portion of each day is dedicated to spending time in a group led by an adult counselor with experience in the chosen field. Campers are able to do this without sacrificing the experience of a positive, accepting faith-based community or curriculum. At the end of the week campers put on a show and exhibition of their work that family, friends and church members are invited to attend. This year AMPDD Camp will be held July 22-27, and the price per camper is \$285.



In addition, our youth are very interested in attending the youth mission trip to Appalachian Kentucky that is being offered by the Disciples of Christ/Christian Church in Virginia. This trip will explore our Disciple heritage in Kentucky, provide volunteer help for several not-for-profit groups, learn about drug addiction and economic hardship in the Appalachian area, and provide mission work while learning about people in the mountain regions. The price of this trip has not been set in stone, but it is tentatively set at between \$250 and \$300 dollars.

As you can see our youth will need money to go on these events, so we will be planning fund raisers to put on the church calendar in the coming weeks. In addition, if anyone would like to sponsor any of our youth, please contact Chris Harris at artmusicministry@gmail.com or call 434-200-0168.

Camp Opportunities for Children!

New Covenant is an amazing camping experience for youth who have completed 1st through completed 4th grades. Last year I was gifted with the opportunity to go with Sarah and Joshua Lynn, and I hope more of our children will have the opportunity to go this year. The experiences we have at Christian camp settings can deeply impact our spiritual development and provide us with friendships that are some of the best we may ever have. The younger this starts the better. New Covenant Camp will be August 5-10 and cost \$300 – the price increase is because midday snacks at the Camp Canteen are included.

For those even younger and older, there is Family Retreat. This is an option to bring younger children for the first time and share camp as parent and child, or even take your whole family to experience camp together for a true intergenerational time! Family Retreat is August 10-13 and has a special pricing structure based on age.

PRAYERS / CONCERNS

HOME: Nancy Jamerson., 1209 Woods Rd., Lyg 24502

Virginia Hubbard, 302 Peters Dr., Forest 24551

TEMPORARY: LaVerne Tweedy, Westminster Canterbury - Drinkard Center, Room 611A, 501 VES Rd., Lyg 24503

SYMPATHY TO: The family of **Gladys Blanks Davis.** Mrs. Davis grew up in Fairview Christian Church and was a member at West Lynchburg Baptist Church where she was the organist for many years and earned the title of organist emeritus. Mrs. Davis graciously served as an organist when we needed one.

The family of **Alvin Gunner**, brother of **Dorine Graybill**, uncle of Laura Conner, great uncle to Carter Graybill & Meagan Conner.

CONCERNS: Marie Ashworth, Tyler & Millie Burdick, Sarah Augis, Grace Bell, Ed & Alice Clark, Gladys Clements, Jennifer Colbert, Pat Cox, Kathy Coleman, Nancy Crance, Verna Cundiff, Laura Cyrus, Arlene Davis, David Doss

SPECIAL CONCERNS: Ruth Roach**, Nancy Jamerson*, **Rev. Jim Moon** (cousin of Patsy Alter & Dottie Moore, nephew of Frances Saunders) **Robin James** (niece of Shirley Tucker)

PRAYER CHAIN: If you need to activate the prayer chain, call **Shirley Fleshman (239-5083)** or church office.

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Pastor Curtis Wheeler - 851-1642

THANK NOTES

Thanks for my gift at Christmas! I miss Fairview so much. Thanks, too, for all the cards and calls. May God bless each of you and your new minister, too, in the new year! **Louise Rigney**

How blessed we are to have such a caring church family. Your many expressions of kindness have made these 6 months of Milton's confinement less stressful for Milton as well as for me and our extended family. When Milton suffered a seizure the day after Thanksgiving, we learned that his care needs make it impossible for him to live at home. Thus on December 21 he was moved from the Medical Care Center to the Virginia Veterans Care Center in Roanoke. Please continue to lift Milton up in prayer. With my love in Christ, **Nancy Gregory**

Many thanks for the gift I received at Christmas and for the calls and concerns during the year. **Kathy Martin**

Thank you for the lovely slippers given to me at Christmas and for remembering me throughout the year. God bless, **Mary 'Tillie' Godsie**

NOTES and NEWS

DAY SPRING SINGERS: A rehearsal is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, at 2 p.m. All singers - and those who would like to join the group - are encouraged to attend!



ATTENTION DEACONS & ELDERS: The 2012 team and serving schedule is now available. Please see Al Krantz on Sunday or stop by the church office during business hours to obtain your copy.

HELP NEEDED! The Property Department is seeking two volunteers per month who will be responsible for locking all church doors after the worship service on Sunday. The months of August to December are open. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office.



WEEK OF COMPASSION GIVING CALENDAR: In the newsletter this last week, a calendar for giving to the Week of Compassion offering was placed on the back of the church activity calendar. This calendar can be used as a guideline, helping you to be aware of the things we take for granted and for which we should be thankful.

WOC, often thought of as responding only worldwide, also meets the disaster needs of those here in the U.S. In 2010 and 2011, WOC responded to the flooding in Nashville, TN, flooding in the midwest last summer, and the tornadoes that ravaged Joplin, MO, Alabama and Mississippi last spring. When you plan your giving this year, or when using the calendar, think of the things you have that could be lost to disaster, then give generously as you have been blessed. WOC offering will be received on February 19 and February 26. Our goal is \$2,500. Envelopes for this offering are in your offering envelope box. If you do not have a set, a regular envelope marked "Week of Compassion" with the amount on it will suffice.



CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS! Primary youth Sunday School opening program begins at 9:45 a.m. Classes begin promptly at 10 a.m. Please have your child(ren) here on time to eliminate any distractions to their learning experience.

EASTER PROGRAM REHEARSALS: The primary youth will present an Easter play to the congregation on Palm Sunday, April 1. Rehearsals will be held during Children's Worship. All children who are interested in being a part of the play need to be at all rehearsals.

Jack's Jotting


Words are totally inadequate to express to all of you our gratitude for Saturday's reception in recognition of our eight year ministry with you! It was such a joy to be with you and share together food and fellowship!

Please know how much we love all of you and how deeply we appreciate your love gifts, cards and other acknowledgments of our ministry with you and for you! In our time together, you became not only our flock, but also our family. We have shared life together through laughter and tears, joys and sorrows, good times and bad times, mountain tops and valleys! Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and for the joy that we had of doing ministry together in Christ's name!

The blind and deaf Helen Keller was once asked what she considered to be the greatest tragedy that could befall a person. She instinctively replied, "To have sight but lack of vision."

The same question is valid for a congregation! With the coming of the Rev. Curtis Wheeler as your new Senior Pastor, you, indeed, are at the threshold of a new beginning! Go forth with faith, love and vision! Dream big dreams and envision what God would have you do and be, and get on with it! And the Lord be with you!

With all our love,
Jack & Vivian Hamilton

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Sunday, February 5, 2012

ELDER: Les Davidson
DEACONS: Ken Alter, Chad Boswell, Dennis Campbell, Lowell Clark, Sylvia Clark, Dennis Dodson
CHOIR SERVERS: Carolyn Brown
GREETERS: Estelle Eller
NURSERY: Catherine St. John, Mary Beth Reid
4 - 9 years old - **Children's Worship**
Bus/Van Driver: Ray Maddox
Acolytes: Matthew Gordon
Worship Leader – Hunter Moore

THIS WEEK: February 3 - 9, 2012

SUN: -9:40 am Sunday School
-11 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
-Souper Bowl of Caring
-Boy Scout Sunday
-Youth
-AA mtg, 8 pm
MON: -Girl Scouts, PAR, 6 pm
TUE: -Bridge, FH, 9:30 am
-DSS, rehearsal, 2 pm
-Community Dinner, 6 pm
-Scouts, 7 pm
WED: -Daisies GSA group, PAR, 6 pm
THU: -AA mtg, 8 pm



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."

EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV