



The Fairview Christian Newsletter

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Office Hours:

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.

Fairview Nights
To Be Announced

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DISCIPLES WOMEN YARD SALE Saturday, March 6 Fellowship Hall 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.



The Disciples Women will have a yard sale here at the church this Saturday. Proceeds from the sale will benefit expenses to the Women's Quadrennial in Greensboro, NC in June. If anyone has items they would like to donate, please bring to the church on **Friday, March 5.**

CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES

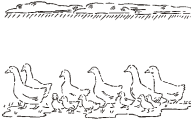


Families or individuals who were unable to have their portrait taken for the church directory will have an opportunity again to have a photo taken after the 11 a.m. worship service this Sunday, March 7. Please meet at the front of the Sanctuary after the service. Everyone is important to our congregation and we want you to be included.

The following Sunday School class pictures will be taken this Sunday: Adult Bible, Christian Workers, Genesis, Men & Women's (Chapel) and the youth (6th - Senior High classes).

JACK'S JOTTINGS

As a being who has been created by God to mount to lofty heights, we have instead been tragically grounded, only the shadow of the person we might have been and could be. Is this not what the poet, Kenneth Kaufman, describes so well in his lines entitled, "Tame Duck"?



*There are three tame ducks in our backyard,
Dabbling in mud and trying hard
to get their share and maybe more
of the overflowing barnyard store;
Satisfied with the task they're at
of eating and sleeping and getting fat.
But, whenever the free, wild ducks go by,
In a long line streaming down the sky,
They cock a quizzical eye
and flap their wings and try to fly.
I think my soul is a tame old duck
Dabbling around in barnyard muck,
Fat and lazy with useless wings.
But sometimes when the North wind sings
and the wild ones hurtle overhead,
It remembers something lost and dead
And cocks a wary, bewildered eye
And makes a feeble attempt to fly.
It's fairly content with the state it's in,
But it isn't the duck it might have been.*

Whenever we are less alive, less alert, less sensitive, less human, less responsive, and hence, less responsible, we ground ourselves and fail to live up to our potential as a child of God, never the person whom we were created to be! How goes it with you?

Prayerfully,

Jack

FACTS -n- FIGURES - February 28
Sunday School - 122
11:00 Worship - 125
Sunday School Offering - \$2,970.00
Total Offering - \$4,778.00

PRAYERS / CONCERNS

HOME: Tom Marshall, 109 Berkshire Pl, Lyg 24502
Lawrence "Sammy" Duff, 310 Crestside Dr.,
Evington 24550

L.C. Arthur, Jr. , 335 Wyndhurst Dr., Lyg 24502

REQUESTED ADDRESS: Joyce Webb, 2140 Coon
Ridge Rd., Hillsville, VA 24343 (Bernice Maddox's sister)

TEMPORARY ADDRESS: Waverly Almond, Summit
Health & Rehab, Rm 127, 1300 Enterprise Dr., Lyg 24502
Julia Stinnette, Summit Health & Rehab, Rm 102,
1300 Enterprise Dr., Lyg 24502

SYMPATHY: To the family of **Berkely Courtney Smith**,
a faith and long-time member of Fairview and a member
of the Loyal Men's Class.

To the family of **Ellenor Childress Austin**,
cousin of *Kenneth Lipscomb*.

To the family of **Warren Bunnell**, husband of
Wanda Dodgion Bunnell, and uncle to *David Dodgion*.

To the family of **Garvey Billings**, uncle of *Karen
Warren*.

CONCERNS: Kenneth & Beckie Shy, Wally Snead,
Germaine Sutfenfield, Joyce Shifflet Taylor, Gladys Trent,
Carrie Turner, Katherine Vest, Annie Weber, Emma
Willis, Annie B. Wright, Harold Wright, Madeline Wright,
Ottie Wright

SPECIAL CONCERNS: Matt Roach (Bethesda);
Sherman Feagans; Donna Maddox

PRAYER CHAIN: If you need to activate the prayer chain,
please call Jean Reynolds (845-7859) or church office.

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Jack Hamilton - 851-1641; Joshua Bell - 851-1642

*Special Concerns Requests will remain on the list for
four weeks as indicated by the *s.*

*If you wish to renew a request after four weeks,
please fill out a new yellow card on Sunday
(found in the pew rack).*

THANK YOU NOTES

To Our Church Family,

We would like to thank each of you for your prayers, concern, support and monetary gifts during this difficult time for our family. Our son Matthew was hit by an IED while serving a tour with the marines in Afghanistan. He received shrapnel to his face and a ruptured right ear drum. He is at Bethesda Naval Hospital where he has undergone surgery to repair his eardrum. He is doing really well and should be able to come home this week for 30 days of leave. It is only by the grace of God that we still have our son. Please continue to pray for our family and especially for Matthew as he heals and returns to his base in Hawaii. Remember all of our troops in your prayers because our freedom doesn't come free. Thank you all. **Todd, Sheila & family**

NOTES and NEWS

ELDERS MEETING is Monday, March 8, at 6 p.m.



DAYSRING SINGERS: On Tuesday, March 9, the group will sing at Fairmont Crossing at 2:30 p.m. At 11:30 a.m., the bus will leave for Amherst for the group to have lunch at the Briar Patch. Please wear black/white combination with colorful scarf/tie or seasonal, St. Patrick's Day green.

ATTENTION PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, at 7 p.m. All members are asked to be in attendance.

CABINET MEETING: The next Cabinet meeting is Thursday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m.

PRE-EASTER LUNCHEON will be held at Fairview Christian Church on Wednesday, March 31, at noon. Cost of the lunch is \$6. Ann Gibbons, Associate Chaplain at Lynchburg College, is the guest speaker. To make your reservation, contact the church office by Wednesday, March 24.

24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL: Fairview Christian Church will participate in a 24-hour prayer vigil with other Disciples congregations around the world this Easter season. This year, the vigil will take place beginning Thursday, April 1, starting at 7:30 p.m. and ending Friday, April 2, at 6 p.m. (last prayer time starts at 5:30 p.m.) A sign up sheet will be available next week on the office door for you to pick a time to pray.



SPRING 2010 SPA DAY: Ladies, mark your calendar for Saturday, May 22 for the Spring SPA (Self-Care, Prayer and Action) Days for Women at Loudon Avenue Christian Church in Roanoke. The theme this year: Revelation of Hope. This annual event provides time away for women to gather to pray, study and fellowship together. Women's resources are introduced and events for the upcoming year showcased. This year's bible study of the book of Revelation will be explored through the arts. Various modes for the study of this challenging book will be presented, as well as information about the spring projects for Disciples women. For registration information and cost of the event, see the poster on the bulletin board outside the church office. **Registration must be received at the Regional Office one week prior to the event.**



ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: The spring quarter literature is now available in the classrooms. If you are receiving too much literature and feel it is being wasted, please contact the church office with the amount/quantity of literature that needs to be

reduced from your current order by March 14. This also includes the quantity of devotionals being placed in the room.


CHURCH VOLUNTEERS: The following poem was written by Beckie Rowland in honor of the men of Fairview Christian Church who have painted, constructed, rebuilt, torn down, plumbed, landscaped, wired, rewired, and generally made a mess of themselves in their hard work at no pay except for the gratitude of those who have taken notice.

The Church Team

We are a working team; we get things done,
At the church and on the farm.
At times we work from sun up 'til sun down.
Some jobs are hard; they make take a week,
But we don't quit until the work is complete.
We enjoy working together as a team;
We repair and fix lots of things
at the church and on the farm.
God is our leader; He's beside us all day long.
He watches over us as we work on the farm.
He sees every nail we drive, everything we paint.
He blesses us and gives us strength.
Some of us can't do as much work as others,
But that's OK, we are all brothers,
Working together making the church farm
look so much better.
The farm is a beautiful place
Where our church family and friends can meet,
Have Christian fellowship with each other,
And enjoy the farm together.
In the summer we have a church picnic
with lots of good food;
Plenty of sweets and all the desserts you can eat.
Check out the church, go down to the farm,
Look around you will see some of the work
this team has done,
At the church and on the farm.

WORLD OUTREACH NEWS

HYGIENE KITS UPDATE: We again had a wonderful response to the making of the Hygiene Kits on Saturday, February 28. With the items collected and donated, *Hygiene Kits* an additional 40 kits were made. More items were donated on Sunday, creating two more kits, giving us a total of 59 kits. Additional kits can be made with the amount of donations we have left, but to complete them we need 10 nail clippers. If you can find these, please bring them on Sunday. The hygiene kits we made will be taken to the Regional Assembly at Lynchburg College the first weekend in June, so if you still wish to help, there is time. Thank you to everyone for your generous response to this project! **Vivian Hamilton, WO Chairperson**

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WORSHIP  WITH US!

Sunday, March 7, 2010

ELDER: Les Davidson

DEACONS: Ken Alter, Carolyn Brown, Fred Brown
(Narthex), Lowell Clark, Sylvia Clark, Chris Colbert,
Erin Colbert, Ruth A. Davidson, Susan Elder, Nancy
Jamerson, Brandon Jefferson, Franklin Jefferson

CHOIR SERVERS: Carolyn Brown, Christine Brown

GREETERS  SCHEDULE

Lydia Ledin, Gloria Doss



11:00 a.m. - Brenda Rowland
4 - 9 years old - **Children's Worship**

Bus/Van Driver: Stacey Jones

(Van leaves church at 9 a.m. to begin pick up)

Acolytes: Matthew Gordon, Dakota Roach

Worship Leader - 11:00 - Joy Webster

Sunday School Secretary - Carolyn Brown

THIS WEEK: March 5 - March 11, 2010

FRI -FH in use

-Elders/Deacons Retreat, Christmount

SAT: -Yard Sale, FH, 8 am-1 pm

-CWF mtg, 9 am

SUN: **-11 am Worship Service, Sanct.**

-9:40 am - Sunday School

-Third Sunday in Lent

-Youth, 5:30 pm

-AA mtg, 8 pm

MON: -Elders mtg, 6 pm

TUE: -Bridge Group, FH, 9:30 am

-DSS, Fairmon Crossing, 2:30 pm; lunch out,
leaving on bus at 11:30 am

-Personnel Comm mtg, 7 pm

-Scouts, 7 pm

WED -Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm

THU: -Cabinet mtg, 6:30 pm

-AA mtg, 8 pm



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