

MAY 2026

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



FROM PASTOR RYAN BEAVERS

You Feed Them

Matthew 14 tells the famous story of the feeding of the 5,000. I would imagine that, even without reading it, many of us are familiar with the basic details. Jesus is teaching an enormous crowd and it dawns on His disciples that they are all there with nothing to eat. In the end there is a miracle where 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish are used to feed thousands of people.

But there's a small pivot point in the story that I love. The disciples' first reaction is to send the people away to get something to eat. Jesus' response, undoubtedly, would have surprised them:

"That isn't necessary—you feed them." (Matthew 14:16, NLT)

The church, down through the ages, has built an identity around relief and aid ministries. But here in Matthew 14 is one of the first times that Jesus affirms that His followers have both the ability and responsibility to respond to people's needs.

You've heard us talk about the new direction Fairview is taking with its "Mission: GO" team... and starting on May 3 we'll be ready to get you involved! But as a faithful newsletter reader, we thought you deserved a little preview... :)

Mission: GO

This is our umbrella for hands-on service. From serving within our church to projects in the community and across the region, these opportunities invite us to step into the mission of Jesus with our time, energy, and heart. Consider jumping in to one of our WITHIN, LOCAL, OR REGIONAL projects!

GO: Within

We are launching a cheerful volunteer team to help fellow members travel to worship services, medical appointments and to help with household tasks. Sharing just a little of your time, talents and vehicle could brighten someone's day and make a real difference in their life. Picture the smiles, the laughter and the wonderful conversations that will happen along

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the way. Please let us know if you have any special skills or time to offer. Volunteering is flexible, rewarding and full of God's grace in action.

GO: Local

We are building a joyful team of volunteers who want to love our neighbors and serve our community in practical ways. Whether it's lending a hand, offering encouragement, or simply showing up with a willing heart, small acts of kindness can make a lasting difference. Together we have opportunities to serve at **God's Storehouse** and to support the students and staff at **Park Ave. Elementary School**. Come be part of sharing Christ's love right here in our community—one act of service at a time.

GO: Regional

We are also creating opportunities for those who feel called to serve beyond our immediate community. Through short trips and regional partnerships, volunteers can bring hope, help, and encouragement to people in need just a few hours from home. We will partner with **Appalachia Service Project** to repair homes and serve families in the mountain communities of Appalachia. Whether you enjoy working with your hands or simply want to be part of a team making a difference, these trips are a meaningful way to put God's love into action.

GO: Beyond

International missions will be introduced at a later date!

I'm here for it... I pray you are as well!

Pastor Ryan

BOOK NOOK

By Bobbie Nordon

The library has obtained several new books (to the library) for the month of May.

We have a children's book [A Winter's Dream](#) by Hunter Dunn donated by Ricky and Kathy Dix. Hunter is a very special author from Danville, Va. He is a young man who has cerebral palsy and can not speak or move his arms or hands. He dictated his book by blinking his eyes for the letters of the alphabet. He is planning to write more children's books. He adds a special sparkle to an interesting book. The mystery romance [The Ties That Bind](#) by Janice Thompson. A series of love inspired suspense donated by Duane and Sue Davis: [Scent of Peril](#) by Darlene Turner, [Deadly Ranch Refuge](#) by Amity Steffen, [Texas Cowboy Protector](#) by Connie Queen, and [Danger in the Rockies](#) by Terri Reed. Lastly we have a book for youth and the young at heart in [Big Nate in a Class by Himself](#) by Lincoln Pierce.



We will have at least 2 special books coming in June from a very famous author. They have action and adventure galore. Something to look forward to while staying in the cool this summer.

Happy Reading!



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

Spring has sprung and reminders of new life are all around us! Baby chicks at Tractor Supply, baby birds in their nests, trees budding and flowers blooming all remind us of the miracle of Jesus' Resurrection! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! During the Easter season we are reading scripture stories of Jesus' time with his disciples between his resurrection and his ascension. Each disciple recognizes Jesus' presence with them in different ways. Some by His voice, some by his actions, some by his scars. Each of our children know Jesus in their own way. They experience the Spirit at work in their lives and share Jesus' love with others in so many ways. What a blessing to be celebrating the Season of Easter with them.

GODLY PLAY



In our April Godly Play Circles, we celebrate the Miracle of Easter! The Miracle of Easter is so important we continue to celebrate it for 6 weeks! Each week we see a new way that Jesus is present with his disciples and followers after His resurrection. We reflect and respond to all the ways we know Jesus is alive and with us each day .



J.U.M.P KIDS ON A MISSION



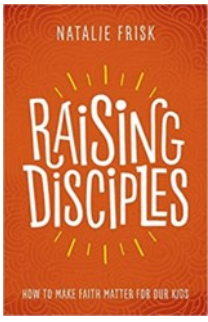
The week before Easter we were a prayer support team for Dr. Mary and Mr. Josh's trip to the Havasupai Settlement. We sent gifts to the children there and during the week we got to see pictures of the ministries happening there. The children



there made pictures to send back to J.U.M.P kids as a thank you. Dr. Mary shared a special slide presentation and stories of the trip with us!

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Our Raising Disciples Parents Bible Study is underway. Join us for this valuable time of learning and growing together. We meet each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the library. Our nursery and Big Faith Sunday School ministries are available for our children to birth - fifth grade during this time so there's a place for everyone in family!

Questions? Text or call Margaret Snider at (336) 963-5935.



Vacation Bible School

June 14-18

6:00- 8:00 p.m.

Children ages 3 years-5th Grade

Just scan the code to register.



Registration forms are also available on Faith Families table in the Fellowship Area .

VBS Team Members Needed:

Team Leaders
Decoration Crew
Drama Team

Contact Margaret Snider to join the team!

children.fairviewchurch@gmail.com



NEXT TRAINING

May 17, 2026

2:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

If you are part of a ministry team serving our children or youth, please plan to attend.

For more information, contact Margaret Snider or Josh Marlowe.

Keep up to date with what's happening with Children and Families at

gofairviewchurch.org

Or follow us on Facebook: [Fairview Church Kids](#)



JOSH MARLOWE
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
MINISTRIES
& CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

If April showers bring May flowers... then I'd like to file a formal complaint with April.

Because I don't remember much "showering" going on. Unless you count pollen. And if pollen counts as precipitation, then we just lived through a full-blown yellow blizzard. I'm pretty sure my truck changed colors at least twice without my permission.

So maybe, just maybe, we can get some good old-fashioned May rain. Not only for the flowers... but to give our sinuses a fighting chance. If you see me outside just standing in the rain smiling, don't worry about me. I'm just enjoying the free pollen wash.

On a more serious note, I want to say thank you again to everyone who prayed for and supported our recent mission trip to the



Havasupai Reservation in Arizona. It truly was an incredible experience. I can honestly say it will not be my last time going.



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There's something about those people, that place, and what God is doing there that leaves a lasting mark on your heart. It wasn't just the scenery, although it was beautiful. It was the relationships, the conversations, the moments of worship, and the reminder that God is moving in places that feel far removed from our everyday lives. I'm so grateful I had the opportunity to be part of it, and I'm excited to share a few pictures with you in this newsletter so you can catch just a glimpse of what the Lord allowed us to experience.

Here at home, we are wrapping up our Confirmation journey with our youth this month. It has been such a joy to watch our teens lean in, ask real questions, and begin to take ownership of their faith in deeper ways. That kind of growth doesn't happen by accident. It comes from consistency, truth, and a willingness to wrestle with what we believe and why we believe it. I'm incredibly thankful for the team that made it possible. Ryan, Allison, Amy, and I have rotated teaching each week, and it's been a blessing to see the consistency, care, and truth poured into these students from every angle. Each week has built on the last, and you can truly see seeds being planted that I believe will bear fruit for years to come.

I also want to take a moment to say how proud I am of the teens who showed up and served at our recent Community Family Fun Day. They didn't just attend, they worked. They helped, they encouraged, they showed kindness, and they represented our church so well. It's one thing to talk about faith inside the walls of a classroom or youth room. It's another thing to live it out in front of others. And they did just that. They were a great picture of what it looks like to love others and serve with joy, and I couldn't be more proud of them.

We also kicked off something new this past month that I'm really excited about. Our college student and young adult Sunday School class, The Well, has officially begun, and it's off to a strong start. We've had over 10 people each week, which is incredibly encouraging. It's been a great space for real conversation, digging into Scripture, and building community. If you know a young adult who is looking to grow spiritually, send them our way. We meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the Social Hall, and there's always a seat and a cup of coffee waiting.

As we move into May, I just want to leave you with a reminder that in every season, God is faithful. Even when things feel dry, uncertain, or a little pollen-covered, He is still working beneath the surface. Growth doesn't always happen where we can see it right away. Sometimes it's quiet. Sometimes it's slow. But it is always intentional in the hands of God.

Galatians 6:9 reminds us,

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Keep going. Keep trusting. Keep planting seeds of faith.

And hopefully... keep an umbrella nearby too.

Grace and Peace,

Josh Marlowe



HEATHER TAYLOR
DIRECTOR OF BKK

Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these, - Mark 10:14

It is the greatest privilege to have a front row seat watching the children here at the preschool learn and grow. We have the greatest job in the world. Are some days hard? Yes, of course. The good days far outweigh the bad. The children are learning their ABC's, counting, letter recognition, and so much more. The most important of all, they are learning about Jesus. That is something you can't put a price tag on. It is something that will stay with them their whole lives, I pray.

This past Sunday we had Preschool Sunday at Fairview Church. It was a celebration of the preschool, teachers, students, and fami-



lies. It was a packed sanctuary and such a joyous day. I am still smiling thinking about it. The children singing was such a highlight. We also made a big an-

nouncement. In August, the preschool will officially change over to Fairview Preschool. We are so excited for the future of the preschool and the church together. We hope to bring the two together more and more and grow both ministries. We are so honored to be here at Fairview Church as Fairview Preschool.

I want to give a big thanks to Josh, Margaret, Pastor Ryan, and Allison for their continued support of this ministry. They are such a huge part of the lives of these kids and families and it is such a great thing to witness. Another huge thanks to Laura Ashworth for designing our new logo and Facebook logo. You are so kind to help us and be a part of this exciting change. Thanks also to the Fairview Preschool Board. Your support of the preschool is so wonderful. Each of you support me and decisions to help the preschool grow and thrive. We truly have the best team all around from staff, our families, and the Board. We are a very blessed ministry and it is an absolute privilege to be the Director of Fairview Preschool.

Much Love, Heather

MISSION:GO

New Opportunities



Hello Fairview Family!

What a blessing it is to be part of this loving church family where we truly care for one another! We are excited to officially introduce our new Mission:GO, hands-on service ministry. Just as Jesus called us to

serve, we now have the opportunity to live out this mission and step into all that He has in store for us to serve our church and our community. As we enter this season of growth and outreach, there are many ways to get involved and opportunities for every age. All that is required is a servant heart that is willing to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

CURRENT MISSION PROJECTS:



If you or someone you know in our church family could use assistance with **small household tasks and need a ride to church or medical appointments**, we would love to help!



If you would like to serve on a work team, we have partnered locally with:

- **God's Storehouse**
- **Park Avenue School**



If you would feel called to go beyond our local area, we have partnered with the **Appalachia Service Project** to send a mission team in **Fall 2026**.



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

We'd love to connect with you! Volunteering is flexible, rewarding, and full of God's grace in action. Just imagine the joy of turning a simple ride into meaningful time of fellowship and encouragement, or the joy of visiting with members of your church family while helping with simple household maintenance. Your willingness to share just a little of your time, talents, and vehicle could brighten someone's day and make a real difference in their life.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:



Visit our Mission:GO table in the Fellowship room to speak to one of our team members.



You'll find request and volunteer forms available here, the welcome center, and on our website.



You may also contact Amy Grogan at **434.203.0034** or **amygro@comcast.net**

GLORIFY GOD
AMONG THE NATIONS



SEEKING HIM
IN ALL GENERATIONS

1 CHRONICLES 16:24 NASB

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

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**Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among the people!**

I Chronicles 16:24

THURSDAY, MAY 7

Prayer Vigil

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Commit to a time to come and pray
as the Spirit Leads.**

Sign up on the chart in the Fellowship Area.

Community Prayer Service

6:30 p.m.

A special time of worship and prayer.

Save the Date!

VBS

JUNE 14 - 18

**SEE MARGARET SNIDER FOR
MORE INFORMATION.**





May Missions

In May, our mission focus will be to give Magnolia House Ministries some supplies to help in their ministry. Magnolia House provides transitional housing for women and children while also offering counseling and teaching basic life skills, **Items like paper towels, toilet paper, dishwasher soap, trash bags and Clorox wipes would be greatly appreciated.** You can drop your donations off at the Missions Drop-Off spot in the Fellowship Room. Thanks so much for your generosity!

TRAVEL DATE : MAY 2027

JOURNEYS OF PAUL

INTERESTED?

EMAIL PASTORRYAN@GOFAIRVIEWCHURCH.ORG

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (YouTube)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
April 5	64/128	167	\$9,470.00
April 12	61/206	113	\$18,199.00
April 19	65/82	98	\$7,444.50
April 26	61/87	TBD	\$6,442.50

Average Weekly Giving in April 2026:

\$10,389.00

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2026:

\$8,345.98

2026 Budget approved by Admin Board :

\$577,483.00

2026 Weekly Contributions Needed to Meet Budget:

\$11,105.44

*Denotes views of online worship videos for the first week available for viewing.

YouTube views are multiplied by 1.5 to account for families watching together.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2	Patsy Martin	15	Suzanne Giffen	Tara Mancl	
6	Bill Shelton		Kaitlyn Sage	30	Vic Brooks
9	Stacy Dillion	17	Beryl Clifton	31	Garrett Franklin
12	Jim Mitchell	22	Neal Tanner		
	Barbara Swanson	25	Martha Sue Thompson		
13	Shane Connor	27	Beth Smith		

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

1	Forrest & Lynn Burton	22	Gary & Carrie Jack
5	Acie & Wendy Brooks	27	Brian & Julia Boles
10	Jim & Martha Mitchell	31	Steven & Laura Ashworth
12	Joey & Laurie Ann Searce		
18	Mike & Annette Tennant		
20	Granger & Kaitlyn Woodard		

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Fairview Church is a Christ-centered, welcoming congregation that loves our community in visible and accountable ways.

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