

SEPTEMBER 2026

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



FROM PASTOR RYAN BEAVERS

The Gospel of Luke tells a story about a tiff between two sisters, Mary and Martha. When Jesus and His disciples are headed to their house, Martha was busy doing what, I imagine, many of us would be busy doing: getting everything ready. Cleaning, dusting, washing the sheets, setting out the "correct" pillows (maybe that's just my house?)

However, her sister Mary chooses to be in the moment with Jesus when He arrives. She sits at His feet, listens to His teaching, and enjoys His presence. Martha, working herself ragged, is not a fan of this... and this is her reaction:

"Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

(Luke 10:40-42)

I remind us all of this story (including myself!) especially as many of us return to busy routines in the Fall. Getting kids/grandkids to and from all the sports, activities, and school itself can seem like we're running ragged... along with everything else that needs to get done.

But here's the hard reminder: **even if certain things go undone**, don't neglect what actually does give us life. Make time to sit with Jesus, be in His Word, and be with His people. If we're honest with ourselves, we know that oftentimes the tasks can wait a few minutes while we sit in His presence.

... just don't forget to pick up your kids! :)

Love you church,

Ryan

BOOK NOOK

By Bobbie Nordon

We have five new books to be placed in the church's library. Thunder Dog by Michael Hingson which is the true story of a blind man, his guide dog and the triumph of trust at ground zero. Ripley by W. Bruce Cameron is about a fire station rescue dog. It is written for youth but adults will love the heart warming story of a dog with a purpose also. When Zachary Beaver Came to Town by Kimberly Holt is an honest coming of age story about a thirteen year old boy struggling to find himself in an imperfect world. For Boys Only by Marc Aronson is also great reading for girls and anyone who would like to know how to fly and land an airplane in case of an emergency, interested in buried treasure, or how to wrestle an alligator. There is a lot of information on lots of topics from how to do card tricks to making fake blood. Pride and Pettiness by Elizabeth Ludwig is the latest book in our mysteries of Lancaster County series.

Happy Reading!



MISSION: GIVE

Our Mission: Give project for September will be helping God's Storehouse stock their shelves since kids have gone back to school. We are looking for a variety of items that will help families prepare meals. Specifically, we would like to collect **breakfast cereals (small & family-sized), peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, pasta, and dried beans**. Items should be within six months of the "Best By" date, be in the original product packaging, and without any damage that could compromise the food. Thank you so much for the generosity you have shown throughout all of our monthly Give projects. Let's show God's Storehouse what Fairview can do!

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the love, prayers, kindness, and support you have shown our family during the loss of our husband, father, and grandfather. Your comforting words, visits, cards, and prayers have been a source of strength and peace during this difficult time.

We would especially like to thank Brenda Brooks, Dee McGibbons, Marilyn Booth, Margaret Snider, and Patty Gann for preparing and serving the wonderful meal following the service. Your generosity and thoughtfulness allowed our family not only to be nourished but to gather together and be comforted by one another. We are deeply grateful for all you did.

Thank you to our entire church family for surrounding us with love. Your kindness will always hold a special place in our hearts.

With sincere appreciation and love,

The family of James (Jimmy) Holt



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

We are celebrating summer's end and getting back into our school routines. Our Summer swims have come to an end. We enjoyed an afternoon at Smith Mountain Lake to celebrate Back to School. Our fellowship of families has grown and the summer has been a time of building strong connections through worship, Parents Small Group, Sunday School and J.U.M.P Kids. Special thanks to Mary Betterton and Ward Rowland for providing the venues for our summer family fellowships.

This school year, our Kids & Family Ministries experiences will be rooted in John 15:5. *"I am the vine and you are the branches, if you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."* In our times of worship, bible study and prayer, we learn to abide in the vine and live God's way. *"When we live God's way He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves loyal in commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely."* (Galatians 5:22-23, The Message) We plan to be a fruity bunch this year! Watch out for all the ways we will bear good fruit in our families, church family and community.

What is a Worship Bag?



Ever notice the canvas bags hanging in the Fellowship area and wonder what's inside? These Worship Bags are a kind of worship tool kit for families, full of tools to help kids successfully be a part of the worship service.

Does this mean they will be quiet and not distract anyone? Nope, A Worship Bags purpose isn't to keep kids quiet, but to disciple them and equip them to worship God.

Curious? Feel free to peek inside a Worship Bag at Fairview Church, you will find a few basic tools that will support a child's engagement in worship. A Worship Guide, a Children's Bible, A Worship Journal, A fidget, Writing and creative art supplies, and a something to bring joy & delight to their time at church and let them know they are seen and loved by their church family. Each child's worship bag is created with them in mind. Our Guest bags are created to engage children in each age group. Each week worship bags are prepared and prayed over for the coming Sunday. Special thanks to Allison Beavers for her work with our Worship Bag Ministry, getting them ready for the new school year.

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WHAT'S NEW?

God's Kids

Starting in September, we will be using God's Kids Sunday School Curriculum from Right Now Media. It offers a pre-school and school-age bible study and activities. The curriculum is grounded in scripture stories of God's Story, God's Character and God's Family.

Starting September 6, we will offer a Sunday School Nursery Ministry. The God's Kids Preschool curriculum offers stories, songs and simple crafts to help our nursery kids explore God's Story, God's Character and God's family as well. We welcome Lauren Ann Scarce and Bobby and Kendra Hardy to this team.

FAMILY APP



Our families can download the RIGHT NOW KIDS Family App. The App provides families with a link to the Sunday School Lesson highlights, scriptures, memory verse and family conversation prompts so they can explore the story together through the week. The App also contains a variety of worship Music for listening in the car and at home. Scan the QR CODE to access the App.



FALL SCHEDULE

Godly Play - Sundays @ 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

God's Kids Sunday School - Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

J.U.M.P Kids - Sundays @ 4:00 - Abiding in the Vine & Bearing Fruit

Silent Knight Christmas Musical Rehearsal - Sundays @ 5:15

J.U.M.P Kids Studio Time -All Ages- Wednesdays @ 6:30

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT KIDS' MINISTRIES AT FAIRVIEW CONTACT:
Margaret Snider: kids@gofairview.org or (434) 792-3391 ext. 105



JOSH MARLOWE
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
MINISTRIES
& CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

Well, school has officially started back!

Parents everywhere are rejoicing... and the kids are, well... not quite as excited. ☹️

But while everybody else is getting back into the rhythm of homework, early mornings, packed lunches, practices, and trying to remember what day of the week it is, we haven't stopped learning here at Fairview either!

Our ROOTS students are still making their way through the Bible in our **"Bible from 30,000 Feet"** series. We've been taking a big-picture look at Scripture, book by book, helping our students understand not just the stories they may have heard growing up, but how all of Scripture fits together.

My goal through this series is pretty simple: I don't want our students to just know a handful of Bible stories. I want them to know **their Bible**. I want them to understand why these books are there, what God was doing through them, how they connect together, and ultimately how the whole story points us toward Jesus.

And I have to say, they've done a great job. They've asked some really good questions, remembered some pretty random Bible facts that I honestly didn't expect them to remember, and they've been willing to dig into some parts of Scripture that probably don't normally make the "Top 10 Youth Group Lessons" list.

We've also loaded our teenagers up with some new **swag** this fall.

For those of you who don't speak teenager, "swag" is basically the cool-kid word for shirts and other stuff you can wear.

So if you see one of our students out at school, around town, at a ballgame, or wherever else wearing a Fairview shirt or a ROOTS shirt, encourage them! Tell them you're glad to see them representing their church and their youth group.

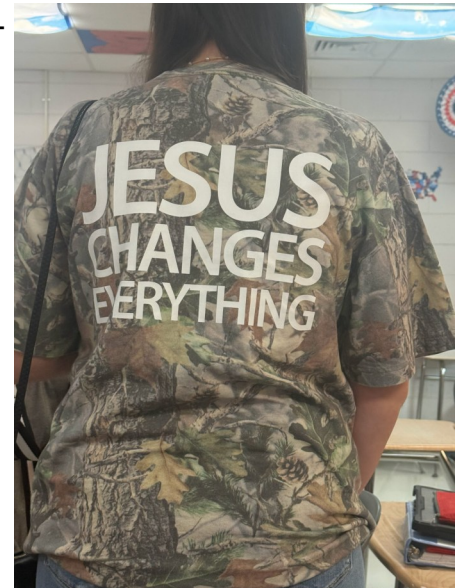
And hey... maybe pull your Fairview shirt out of the closet and wear it the next day

too.

And if you don't have one, come see me.

I gotcha covered on the shirts... or, excuse me... the **swag**.

And really, that ties into something we're going to be talking about a lot more as we look ahead. We want our students to be **ALL IN for Jesus** — not just at youth group, not just when they're wearing a ROOTS shirt, but in the way they live every day. And as their church family, we get to be part of encouraging that. Every conversation, every "I'm proud of you," every prayer, and every time you remind one of these students that you're in their corner matters more than you probably realize.



We closed out the summer with a fun pool party at Mary and Ward's house. We had a great evening just hanging out, eating, swimming, laughing, and enjoying being together before everybody got completely swallowed up by school schedules again.

A huge thank-you to Mary and Ward for opening up their home and pool to us for the evening. Things like that may seem simple, but they mean a whole lot to our students and to our ministry. Some of the best memories and relationships are built in those moments when we're just together.

And just because summer is over doesn't mean the fun is slowing down.

We've already got some great things planned for this fall, including going to visit a corn maze (on a date to be determined) and a **Game Night on October 10th**. So there will be plenty more opportunities for these students to grow together, laugh together, and probably get way too competitive over something that absolutely does not matter.

More than anything, though, I hope you'll continue praying for our students.

The beginning of a new school year brings new schedules, new friendships, new pressures, new opportunities, and sometimes new struggles that nobody else sees. Our teenagers are walking into classrooms and hallways every day where their faith is going to be tested, challenged, and sometimes questioned.



So when you see them wearing that ROOTS shirt or that Fairview shirt, don't just see a teenager wearing church swag.

See a young person who is learning what it means to follow Jesus in the real world.

Encourage them. Pray for them. Ask them how they're doing. Remind them that their church family is behind them.



Because what we are building in these students is bigger than a Sunday-night youth group.

We're praying that God is building a faith in them that will still be there long after they graduate, long after the shirts don't fit anymore, and long after they've outgrown youth group.

And I'm thankful every single day that Fairview gets to be part of that.

In His Service,
Josh Marlowe



HEATHER TAYLOR
DIRECTOR OF FAIRVIEW
PRESCHOOL

Wow! I can't believe it is September. Fall is right around the corner. Fairview Preschool is in full swing with our new school year. All the children are adjusting to their new classrooms and getting into a routine. It amazes me to see how fast kids grow and learn. Seems like our four-year-olds were just babies in the nursery. What an amazing job we have to watch them all grow over the years. We have heard from our new kinder-



gardeners and they are all adjusting to "big school" well, but we sure do miss them.

We are so excited for all the Fall activities in the coming months. We have our Fall field trip to the pumpkin patch planned for October 23rd and our annual Fall Fun Night is planned for October 9th. Of course, we have lots of fun Fall things in between. Watching the seasons change from summer to fall, and the temperature cool off is one of my favorite times of the year. The children love watching the leaves fall and crunching them on the ground with their little feet.

Please keep Fairview Preschool in your prayers for a fun and successful school year. We are so blessed here with the best support and love. Thank you all for supporting this preschool, our staff, and our families. The 26/27 school year is going to be amazing.

Much Love,
Heather

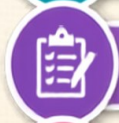
Young Hearts Painting Class

For ages 65 and older

September 12 at 2:00pm
in the Social Hall



Two different designs to choose from.



Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Room.



Cost for those not in Young Hearts will be \$30.

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WE'RE FEEDING THE TEAM

JV + VARSITY FOOTBALL

OCTOBER 23 & 24



INTERESTED IN HELPING?

SEE JOSH MARLOWE

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (YouTube)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
August 2	43/100	93	\$8,727.25
August 9	56/107	89	\$8,717.00
August 16	50/106	75	\$7,548.00
August 23	61/93	65	\$6,788.61
August 30	61/123	TBD	\$4,146.00

Average Weekly Giving in August 2026:

\$7,185.37

2026 Budget approved by Admin Board :

\$577,483.00

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2026:

\$7,937.26

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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Dale Ferrell	Jean Hudson	28 Dawn Davis
William White	19 Ryan Beavers	Amy Grogan
06 Gail Carter	Scott Carter	30 Eli Davis
08 Marvin Fuqua	Julie Ferris	Jim Chattin
Jamie Holt	22 Joyce Holley	Shannon Folley
Neal Ragsdale	23 Saunders Brooks	Sylvia Hyler
Dylan Shelton	24 Justin Stevens	Judy Robertson
10 Owen Davis	25 Gracie Taylor	Vivian Shelton
11 Sharon Williams	26 Nick Langley	
16 Joyce Burnett	27 Rachel Burkett	

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

07 Dale & Janet Ferrell	20 Duane & Susann Dahlquist
08 Robert & Marti Chattin	27 Ricky & Kathy Dix
17 Bill & Michele Franklin	28 Brandon & Jordan Merricks
18 Mike & Katherine Lewis	
18 Neal & Christi Ragsdale	

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