

JULY/AUGUST 2025

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR

AND ARE WE YET ALIVE?

For generations Methodist conferences and clergy gatherings have opened with the following hymn by Charles Wesley:

*And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give
For His almighty grace!*

*What troubles have we seen,
What mighty conflicts past,
Fightings without, and fears within,
Since we assembled last!*

*Yet out of all the Lord
Hath brought us by His love;
And still He doth His help afford,
And hides our life above.*

*Let us take up the cross
Till we the crown obtain,
And gladly reckon all things loss
So we may Jesus gain.*

And are we yet alive? Fairview Church is, in the best possible way, “alive and kickin’!” Glory and thanks to Jesus give for His almighty grace!

As the congregation enters a new season of ministry with new pastoral leadership, “still God doth His help afford, and hides our life above.”

With immense gratitude for the privilege of serving Fairview Church as pastor, and with the same immense measure of confidence in the future of Fairview Church, I pledge to you my on-going prayers. I cannot wait to see where God will bring you “by His love.”

*Let us take up the cross
Till we the crown obtain,
And gladly reckon all things loss
So we may Jesus gain.*

With love and thanksgiving in Christ,

Barry

BKK SUMMER FUN





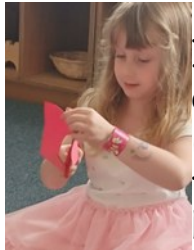
FAITH FAMILIES

"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

Faith Families includes all our children and family ministries here at Fairview Church. FAITH FAMILIES includes BIG FAITH on Sunday Mornings at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m., and GODLY PLAY on Sunday Mornings at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Our Faith Families will also enjoy other fellowship and service opportunities throughout the summer!

GODLY PLAY



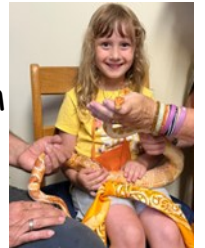
In our July Godly Play Circles, we are spending more time with our VBS Camp Call Out, "When I am afraid, I trust in you. we'll investigate the lives of some of the prophets to discover how they trusted God in all kinds of circumstances. We would love to have you join our circle any Sunday. Contact Margaret Snider to join the Godly Play Ministry team for a day! You'll want to stay!



CAMP FIRELIGHT FUN!



What a great week we had at Camp Firelight with Counselor Sam and Lumen the Firefly! We welcomed children from the community to join us and experience God's presence and his promise to be with us wherever we go!



Sunday School

Big Faith is an opportunity each week for our children to study scripture and build skills to put their faith into practice every day! July's Study is "Going Where God Calls." God calls everyone to join Him in His work, even us!!

WONDER FILLED WEEKDAYS SUMMER FUN!

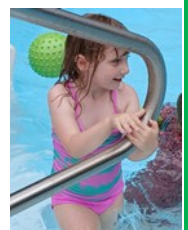
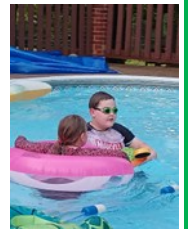
July 3 – Supper and Swim @ 4:00 p.m.

July 10 @ 10:00 a.m. – Volunteer @God's Storehouse

July 13 – Church day at the Otterbots

July 17- Supper and Swim @ 4:00 p.m

And Lots More!



Follow Fairview Church Kids on Facebook for schedule and Event updates or email children@gofairviewchurch.org to be added to our email list.



JOSH MARLOWE
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
MINISTRIES
& CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

ROOTS Youth Ministry

Summer is here, and we've hit the ground running! We started the season by wrapping up an incredible lesson series on the **ACTS of prayer**—Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. I truly believe it impacted not just our teens, but the adults who joined us as well. It was a series that reminded us all how to slow down, draw near to God, and pray with purpose.

We also kicked things off by **serving at Springs of Life Camp**, a local Christian camp just down the road. Our group jumped in to clean dorm rooms, help with grounds work, and tidy up the kitchen to help them prepare for the busy camp season ahead. This was more than just a service project—it was an investment! We're heading back there in October for our Fall Retreat, and it was great for our teens to get some "skin in the game" ahead of time. It's already feeling like home.

Most recently, we wrapped up an **amazing week of VBS!** And we have to give a **HUGE shoutout to Amy Grogan** who led the charge with passion, creativity, and so much joy. From planning and decorating to playing the unforgettable "Camp Counselor Sam," she gave her all. Of course, she had a great team behind her—but Amy, you were a rockstar!

Speaking of rockstars, our teens **SHOWED UP and SHOWED OUT!**



They came early to decorate and showed up every night ready to help lead groups of kids from activity to activity—joining in on games, snacks, story times, and more. And let's not forget, they **definitely led the way when it came to the high-energy worship and dance moves** (yes, we've got the pictures to prove it). I couldn't be prouder of their hearts for service. It's inspiring to see them leading and giving back—just like so many in this church have done for them.

Another highlight of the summer so far was a sweet evening of food and fellowship with the **Koinonia Sunday School class**, who joined us one Sunday night. It was a wonderful time of connection across generations. If you haven't had the chance to hang out with these teens, let me just say—**you're missing out!** Come visit. You'll be blessed, and they'll love having you.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to say a personal and heartfelt **thank you to Barry**. Over the last year and a half, he's poured so much wisdom, love, and support into me as a leader and a man of God. I'm better because of his investment in my life and calling, and I'll always be grateful. We wish him the absolute best in his next chapter of ministry. *(Also, if you know a bass player... we're now taking auditions. Just saying.)*

"Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up." – Galatians 6:9 (CSB)

Thanks for your continued support and prayers—and remember, the youth are watching... so stretch before you join them in those dance moves!

– Josh Marlowe



Camp Firelight VBS 2025

*“Whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in You.” —
Psalm 56:3*

This year our Church was transformed into Camp Firelight, where children from our church and community gathered to explore what it means to trust God — especially when life feels uncertain. From June 22–26, our church was alive with singing, dancing, storytelling, science, games, and snacks, while our campers learned that God is always with us.



Each day brought a new adventure with Counselor Sam and our lightning bug friend, Lu, leading the way. Our campers learned the Camp Callout, a verse from Psalm 56:3:

“Whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in You.”

Each night the campers learned a new Firelight Focus to remind us of God’s presence in every situation — even when we’re afraid. We heard the story of Jacob who

trusted God to go with us, the story of Ruth & Naomi who trusted God to lead the way, the story of young Jesus who trusted God to share wisdom, the story of the disciples and Jesus in the storm who trusted God to give peace, and the story of Philip and the Ethiopian who trusted God to spark joy. This simple yet powerful truth was woven into every song, lesson, and activity to help our children understand that they can turn to God and lean on Him in every situation.



Our mission this year was to support God’s Storehouse by collecting jars of peanut butter and boxes of cereal to stock their pantry. We had an awesome outpouring of love and donations that totaled \$103.03, 54 boxes of cereal, and 38 jars of peanut butter as well as 4 cans of chicken. Our children will have the opportunity to deliver these items to God’s Storehouse and learn about their mission in July.

A special thank you goes out to every volunteer who made Camp Firelight possible. From decorating and planning to leading crews, preparing snacks, organizing games, guiding music, and praying for each child. Whether you were behind the scenes or leading on the front lines, your service helped plant seeds of faith that will grow for years to come. Thank you for your time, energy, and love reflected in the light of Christ and for answering the call to serve!



As we say farewell to Camp Firelight, we give thanks to God for a week filled with fun, friendship, faith, and trust. May the time we shared and the memories we made continue to inspire us all to put our trust in God — no matter what!



Camp Firelight 2025



READING NOOK

By Bobbie Nordon

For the month of July, we have added five new books to the library that have been donated and won (by playing Bingo) by members of our church.

There is something for everyone's taste to read:

We have **The Wager** by David Grann a true story of shipwreck, mutiny and murder on the high seas.

There is **Midnight Black** by Mark Greaney. A exciting thriller with many twists and turns in it.

A novel by Nicholas Sparks **Counting Miracles** that is a mystery with a Christian touch.

The Maid by Nina Prose is a murder mystery with tremendous heart.

Christmas in Bethel is a heart warming romance that will leave you with a little tear of joy at the end.

Happy Reading!



THANK YOU

Dear Fairview Family,

Thank you so very much for all the cards, calls, texts and above all the prayers sent during my recent diagnosis and surgery. It is heartwarming to know so many people are holding me and my family in your prayers.

Love,

Janet Ferrell

MISSIONS MOMENT

During July our monthly mission focus will be on Back to School. During July we will be collecting items that we will donate to 2 close-by elementary schools: Brosville Elementary in the county and Park Avenue in the city. Supplies will be collected, divided and sent to the schools the first week of August. The items we would like to collect are **Lysol or Clorox Wipes, Boxes of Tissues, Bottles of Hand Sanitizer, 24 count boxes of crayons and #2 pencils.**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Ben Boles	11	Cody Jones	18	Dee Dee Dillard
	Cole Grogan	12	Tiffany Setliff	20	Randy Stephens
	Karen McGuire	13	Betsy Hall	25	Shaffer Boles
4	Kenny Whitlock	16	Garland Slayton	26	Kathy Nance
5	Jennings Deane	17	Joey Searce	27	Ellen Thompson
6	Drew Broyles		Karl Wormuth	28	Sharron Burke
7	Katie Eubank		Ralph South	29	Suzanne Long
9	Jerry Soyars	18	Karington Brooks	30	Helen Bedsole
10	Barbara Tanner		John Stroud	31	Sandra Darnell

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	Wayne & Penny Merricks	14th	Jarrod & Amy Grogan
4th	Mary Betterton & Ward Rowland	21st	Kathy & Doug Soyars
6th	Melvin & Patsy Martin	22nd	Dave & Suzanne Giffen
7th	Russ & Sharon Williams	26th	Phillip & Beth Smith
12th	Curtis & Sandra Darnell	29th	Stuart & LaVonne Walden

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Wendy Brooks	7	Michele Holt	18	Maggie Traynham
3	Forrest Burton	9	Parker Ashworth	19	Jason Broyles
	Barbara Nicholas		Donnie Stevens	20	Lindsey Brooks
	Peggy Soyars	11	Nate Lewis	22	Miranda Harden
	Ralph Fillion	13	Dee McGibbon	24	Laura Ashworth
4	Evelyn Collins	14	Scott Thompson		Janet Ferrell
	Mary Betterton		Oleida Edge	26	Jackie Stevens
5	Anna Brooks	16	Jody Broyles		John Hudson Thomas
	Duane Davis		Josh Ratliff	28	Emerson Davis

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1st	Julius & Sara Boles	19th	Jim & Sue Chattin
3rd	David & Nancy Clark	20th	Bill & Sue Franklin
10th	Jonathan & Stacy Dillion	21st	Austin & Maggie Dishman
14th	Rickey & Bettye Parker		
18th	Shawn & Miranda Harden		

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
June 1	54/68	57	\$9,484.50
June 8	34/75	78	\$7,641.50
June 15	56/74	44	\$4,557.50
June 22	51/82	59	\$3,973.50
June 29	136	83	\$6,352.12
July 6	45/83	80	\$11,520.00
July 13	59/117	TBD	\$10,680.50

Average Weekly Giving in June 2025:
\$6,401.82

Average Weekly Giving in July 2025 to Date:
\$11,100.25

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2025:
\$9,608.53

2025 Budget approved by Admin Board :
\$573,877.00

2025 Weekly Contributions Needed to Meet Budget:
\$11,036.10

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

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



**Our Fairview
Family is
growing!**

**Nursery Ministry
Team Members
Needed!**

**9:30 & 11:00
Services**

Sign up today in Fellowship Area

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Danville, Virginia 24541

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