

DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



FROM PASTOR RYAN BEAVERS

My family and I have been looking forward to our first holiday season in Danville—decorating a new home, discovering new traditions and events in our town, and celebrating with our new church family. You'll soon receive all the details for Advent and Christmas through announcements, emails, and a short video, and I hope you'll join us whenever you can.

Because this is a two-month issue, I want to use this space to look ahead to the New Year. While I'm still new, one theme has been clearly on my heart for 2026: **the Word**. I'd love for this next year to be a season of intentionally engaging Scripture—both personally and together as a church.

We'll start the year with a six-week sermon series called **"Long Story Short,"** beginning **Sunday, January 11**. We'll look at the Bible as one story told in six movements, helping us see how the whole narrative fits together.



That same week, we'll relaunch our Wednesday study, now called **"Bible Unpacked,"** beginning **January 14**. These sessions will move through Scripture slowly and thoughtfully—exploring context, history, and literary details. We'll offer an **11:00am morning session** and an **evening gathering with dinner at 5:45pm and study at 6:30pm**.

A people called the Bereans are mentioned only briefly in Scripture, yet their eagerness to learn and their daily engagement with God's Word left a lasting mark. May the same spirit shape us in the year ahead.

Acts 17:11-12

And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth. As a result, many Jews believed, as did many of the prominent Greek women and men.

For the Kingdom,
Ryan



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."

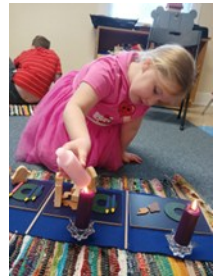
--EPHESIANS 2:10

Faith Families includes all our children and family ministries here at Fairview Church. FAITH FAMILIES includes BIG FAITH on Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m., GODLY PLAY on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and J.U.M.P. Kids on Sundays @5:00 p.m. Our Faith Families will also enjoy other fellowship and service opportunities throughout the year! In January, we will have Open J.U.M.P. on Wednesday Evenings. It will be a time for fellowship, games and creativity!

GODLY PLAY



In our December Godly Play Circles, we are celebrating the season of Advent as we journey toward Bethlehem. Our paraments change to purple, the color for "getting ready." Our sacred stories lead us on the journey to Bethlehem as we get ready to celebrate Christmas! Our January Godly Play Circles will explore Jesus' childhood and baptism as He prepares for His Ministry in the world.



Sunday School
9:30am

For December, our Big Faith study is **The Big Picture**. As we celebrate Advent, children will see the "big picture" of Jesus' birth as they journey through the story of Jesus coming into the world. They will learn about Jesus' genealogy, Mary, preparing for His birth, the magi journeying to meet Jesus. Children will learn that the good news of Jesus is for all people.

Our December Mission project is collecting items for Christmas Stockings the Fairview Makers group is creating for Assisted Living Center. Individual tissue packs, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, candies, etc. Donations can be dropped off in the J.U.M.P room.

J.U.M.P.

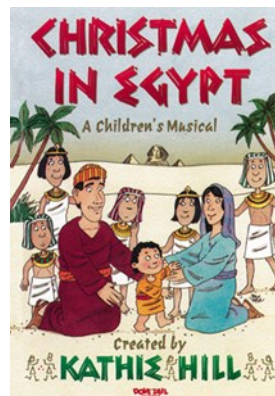
Jesus and Us Mission Possible!

Kids!

Christmas In Egypt!
December 10 @6:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' first birthday in Egypt with story and song!

COOKIES AND COCOA in Fellowship Area after the Program.



Faith Families Fun!

Sundays @ 10:00 a.m. - Big Faith Sunday School

Sundays @ 5:00 p.m. - J.U.M.P. Kids

Friday - December 12 @ 6:00 p.m.
Advent Night of Worship

Follow Fairview Church Kids on Facebook to see what God is doing in our midst!
Email children.fairviewchurch@gmail.com to be added to our email list.



JOSH MARLOWE
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
MINISTRIES
& CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

Friends, somehow we've made it to December.

I don't know how that happened, because it feels like I was just dodging golf balls at River District Social last week, but here we are. Advent is here, Christmas is on the horizon, and Fairview is already buzzing in the best kind of way.

This time of year always makes me slow down a bit and look around at what God is doing, and I can honestly say He has been so good to us. Our ROOTS Youth Group has averaged around fourteen teens every Sunday night, and a few weeks ago we even hit sixteen. Sixteen teenagers... on a Sunday night... opening their Bibles and leaning in. That alone is enough to make a youth director tear up. These kids aren't just showing up to hang out. They're coming hungry for the Word and hungry for community.

We also had a Youth Council meeting with parents, leaders, and helpers, and it was one of the most encouraging meetings I've been part of. We talked through some upcoming changes for 2026 that we believe will serve our families really well. Starting in January 2026, our Sunday evening youth group will shift to meeting from 4pm to 6pm. This gets everyone home earlier on a school night and pulls us out of that crowded 5pm to 7pm suppertime window.

With that shift comes another change. For the past couple years we've provided full meals every Sunday night, and those meals have been such a blessing. The fellowship around the table has been one of my favorite parts of ROOTS. But planning and providing those meals every single week takes a lot of time, money, and effort. So beginning in 2026, we won't have weekly meals anymore. However, we *will* still do meals occasionally for special events and bigger nights. We're not saying goodbye to food forever. We're just being wise with our time so we can focus on games, small groups, and most importantly, more time in Scripture.

Something else I'm excited about is the return of Wednesday night Bible study for the adults in 2026. When Pastor Ryan shared that vision, Amy and myself knew immediately we needed something for our teens as well. So ROOTS will add a Wednesday night connection for them too. One night each week where the whole church family is under the same roof growing together. I love that.

Now, I have to brag on our teens for a minute. This past year, they have shown up for this church in ways that have blown me away. Every single event we've had... they've been there. Helping, volunteering, serving, and smiling wherever needed. They have taken ownership of being a part of Fairview, and that is one of the most encouraging things I've witnessed since becoming their youth director. These aren't kids who sit on the sidelines. They serve like they belong here, because they do. And they make us proud.

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And then there's the #PewCrew. If you haven't heard that phrase floating around yet, that's what we call our teens sitting together on Sunday mornings in worship. They've started gathering together in one section of the sanctuary, worshipping as a group, singing, paying attention, and being part of the service in a real way. To look out and see a whole row of teenagers worshipping together... I can't explain how much that encourages me. That's what a healthy church looks like. That's what the future looks like.

Now for something a little more immediate. On December 19 we're having a youth lock in. This will double as our Christmas party, and we would welcome any snacks or baked goodies you want to send our way. And if anyone feels brave enough to stay up all night with sixteen teenagers, just let me know. I'll buy you coffee. A lot of it.

Through all of this, I continue to be so thankful for the helpers, parents, staff, and church members who make this ministry possible. Your support is felt every single week. You have cooked, you have shown up, you pray, you encourage, and you make Fairview the kind of place where teenagers actually want to be. That's a gift.

But more than anything, I'm thankful for our teens. They make me proud every single week. I see real faith taking root in them. I see them asking questions, serving, caring for each other, and growing in ways that only God can do. Watching that happen has been one of the greatest joys of my ministry.

As we step into this Advent season, my prayer is simple. That in the middle of the lights, the music, the schedules, and the noise, we will make room in our hearts for Jesus. He really did step into our world on purpose and for a purpose. And that truth still changes lives.

Grace and peace,

Josh

THANK YOU

Dear Fairview Church,

Thank you very much for all of the thoughtful cards the past few weeks! I appreciate everyone who took the time to send their love my way. I am so blessed to have a wonderful church family supporting me.

Love, Parker

Dear Fairview Church family,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful care package. I appreciate how much you have always shown me love and support throughout my life!

Thank you again, Hallie Holt

Dear Fairview Church,

Thank you for all the cards and prayers. I have finally received a consultation visit for a liver transplant on December 23 @ Carilion Clinic in Roanoke.

Love, Sandra Darnell



HEATHER TAYLOR
DIRECTOR OF BKK

Hey guys!

December is such a fun and busy month for BKK. There are so many activities that we have planned. Seeing the joy and excitement of Christmas through a child's eyes is the best thing in the world. It brings so much joy to me to be a part of BKK and Fairview Church. Seeing all the excitement happening all around is wonderful.

Pastor Ryan began Wake Up Wednesday this past month. He, along with Josh, Margaret, and myself served coffee and greeted our BKK parents. It was a great time of making connections and loving on our parents. He will serve coffee the first Wednesday of each month. What a great treat parents have to look forward to each month.

We will host Brookdale Assisted Living on December 8th to decorate gingerbread houses with our three and four-year-olds. We painted pumpkins together in October, and were so excited to

welcome them back. We hope to grow this relationship even more in the future. Seeing young children form connections with the older generation is priceless.

BKK is graciously going to be a part of Worship Night this year. The children have been practicing every Thursday with Josh learning their song. I hear it echoing down the hall all day everyday by all ages. It brings a smile to my face seeing how excited they are each week to practice. We are in for a treat that evening.

We will have our BKK Christmas program on December 19th at 10 am. We invite everyone to come watch the children sing their little hearts out. They are practicing each day and I hope they sing as loud and proud as they do in their classrooms at the program. They are so excited to celebrate Jesus' birthday.



I have the best job in the world being able to watch these babies learn and grow each day. It is truly an honor to be a part of BKK. We have the best families around. This ministry is reaching so many children and their families. When your child attends BKK you become a member of a much larger family. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





ADVENT WORSHIP NIGHT

Join us on
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
FROM 6:00-7:30 PM

for our 2nd annual Advent Worship Night! This special evening is all about lifting our voices together in praise to the King of Kings as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. After worship, stick around for a warm time of fellowship with *hot chocolate* and Christmas cookies.



READING NOOK

By Bobbie Nordon

We have several different types of new books for December. We have Revival by Fire by Welsey Duewel which describes many unusual revival sessions that have changed many people's lives. We have Take Your Mark, a book with Motivational stories about Women of Achievement. For those who have loved ones suffering from dementia we have My Past is My Future to help us learn how to cope as well as maybe help ourselves if we see ourselves going that way. We have three books: A Victorian Christmas Collection (Historical love stories celebrating romance and the way it is meant to be) and two romance novels, Another's Treasure by Nancy Mehl and Flight of the Sparrows by Annie Jones. Our last book is by Max Lucado Because of Bethlehem. A great Christmas read showing that Love is born, Hope is here.



Have a joyous Christmas season!



FAIRVIEW CHURCH CHOIR PRESENTS...

AN *EVENING* IN
DECEMBER

DECEMBER 14 | 9:00AM



Christmas Eve

Lessons, Carols, & Candlelight

5:00pm | Fairview Sanctuary

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Unified Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (YouTube)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
November 2	119	87	\$11,905.00
November 9	117	107	\$13,536.00
November 16	106	71	\$6,465.50
November 23	143	59	\$9,669.50
November 30	48/84	TBD	\$5,521.50

Average Weekly Giving in November 2025:
\$9,419.50

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

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2025:
\$9,343.22

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

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

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Sandra Phillips	8	Sam Swanson	20	Esme Woodard
4	Joanne Barnes	10	Emily Broyles	23	Robert Chattin
	Margaret Snider		Wayne Merricks	24	Angela Hyatt
	Sue Franklin	13	Matthew Snider	27	Sue Davis
	Debra Tucker	15	George Harvey	28	Marilyn Booth
6	Bryce Connor		Chris Hayzlett		Jonathan Dillion
	Andy Nordon	17	Doug Haraway		

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3	Lisa & James Moore	23	Jim & Ann Jennings
21	Bill & Bonny Shelton	29	Scott & Gail Carter

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Lee Ann Dillion	16	Emery Dillion	27	Duane Davis
3	Chelsea Franklin		Patty Gann		Paul Davis
5	Chaz Nickens	20	Michele Franklin	28	Susan Hoskins
9	Emma Franklin		Ricky Dix	30	Brenda Brooks
11	Nancy Clark	21	Katherine Lewis		Jennifer Shelton
12	Derek Merrick	23	Nancy Batterman		Annette Tennant
	Ronnie Boyles	25	Kenny Hoskins		
13	Linda Fitzgerald		Russ Williams		

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

8	Garrett & Chelsea Franklin	25	Josh & Beth Marlowe
10	Ryan & Allison Beavers		

HOLIDAY BAZAAR WRAP-UP

Thank you to everyone that supported and helped with our holiday bazaar on November 1. It was truly a blessed success. We raised \$1,445.00 to sponsor local mission work. We also provided canned goods to the Salvation Army by donating 59 lbs. of food. See you next year on the first Saturday in November.

Lavonne Walden

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee would like to thank those who donated toward our new Advent wreath, floor stand and candles. A special donation was given in memory of Barbara Coleman by her family. We look forward to using this during Advent for many years to come.

Helen Bedsole and Marilyn Booth

FAIRVIEW MAKERS GROUP

The Fairview Maker's Group has started back meeting on Mondays from 1-3 pm. If you sew, or want to learn to sew, or want to fellowship and assist us, please come.

Also, if you have fabric, batting, thread or sewing machines, we appreciate all donations. We make walker bags, bibs, neck pillows, etc. If you know of a need, please let us know.

Debra Tucker

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS?

With the new worship times, the Koinonia Class will be meeting at 10:15am after 9:00am worship.

Come and join us. We would love to have you.

Blessings,

The Koinonia Class

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Committee members are: Margaret Snider, Marilyn Booth, Brenda Brooks, Andy Nordon, Patty Gann and Dee McGibbon.

This committee was established to help with making sure the church will be ready when we have funerals at Fairview Church.

There is a pall available in case someone wants to drape the casket in place of flowers. The committee will make sure it is cleaned and pressed in that event.

Thank you to each member who volunteered.

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