

MARCH 2026

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



FROM PASTOR RYAN BEAVERS

Maundy Thursday Meal Packing with Rise Against Hunger Thursday, April 2 at 6:00pm

The Book of John tells a particular story that we don't see anywhere else. In the lead up to His death and resurrection, we actually find Jesus in a position that was reserved for servants. Jesus chooses to wash His disciples' feet.

Right before this the story mentions that Jesus is well aware of what is about to happen. The betrayal of Judas, and where it ultimately leads, will not be a surprise to Him. And so, knowing where things are headed, Jesus chooses one of His last acts before the cross to be an act of service.

Down through the ages this act of service, as well as the meal that Jesus and the disciples were sharing at the time, has been observed on the Thursday before Easter... called **Maundy Thursday**.

Some churches will have Communion, others will re-create the meal almost entirely (a Seder meal), and still others may have a foot-washing service. All of this is, of course, an attempt to tap into the events, the emotions, and the timeline of that first Holy Week.

So please allow me to be the first to invite you to this year's Maundy Thursday event at Fairview... only we're going to try something a little bit different. To observe and celebrate Jesus' act of service, we're not going to simply have another church service...

We're going to serve.

Your new "Missions: GO" Team is planning a special event on **Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 6:00pm** with an organization called Rise Against Hunger. They will pull up to Fairview with, literally, a truckload of raw food ingredients. Then YOU will take part in practical service as we package these ingredients into "just add water" meals that are shipped to locations experiencing food insecurity.

It will very much resemble an assembly line of Fairview people, working side by side. You can do this if you're 3 years old, or if you're 93 years old! And at the end of the event we will have packaged 10,000 meals for those in need!

Church, I'm so excited about all of my "firsts" over this year. My first Christmas and first Ash Wednesday were wonderful... and I can't wait until my first Easter with you all. But right now, I'm so excited about Maundy Thursday. I know we can make such a huge difference by working and serving together!

Mark it on your calendars right now... you won't want to miss it!

I'm here for it... I hope you are as well.

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

GODLY PLAY, SUNDAYS @ 9:00 & 11:00



In our Godly Play Circle, we are on our Lenten journey to Jerusalem with Jesus and his followers. As Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem, we will see his great love for us in his healing and provision for people he meets along the way. In this season of getting ready to celebrate Easter, we are learning how to care for others the Jesus Way.



Sunday School
10:00am

Our Big Faith Sunday School offers children the opportunity to study God's word and put their faith into practice every day. During Lent, children will be learning that faith requires trust, and in this unit children will learn that Jesus shows us how to trust God and how everyday people, like Jairus and the disciples, trusted God as well.

J.U.M.P Kids Mission for March will be creating kid kits to send with Mary Betterton and Josh Marlowe on their Mission trip to the Havasupai Tribe in Arizona at the end of March. We will also be learning more about the Havasupai tribe and customs.

J.U.M.P

Jesus and Us Mission Possible!

Kids!

Faith Families Fun!

Sundays @ 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Godly Play Circle

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

Sundays @ 4:00 p.m. - J.U.M.P Kids Missions & Music



Save the Date!

Kids Connect VBS
June 14-18
@ 6:00 p.m.

Join the VBS Ministry Team Today!
Contact Margaret Snider
children.fairviewchurch@gmail.com

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



JOSH MARLOWE
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
MINISTRIES
& CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

If you stepped outside the last week or so and thought, “Wait a second... is that... warmth?” just know you weren’t imagining it. Spring is right around the corner and THANK GOODNESS. After the winter weather we had in February, I am officially in full Spring Mode. I don’t know about you, but I have reached my annual limit of scraping windshields, shoveling snow, and saying things like, “It’s not that cold,” when it is, in fact, VERY cold.

Spring just does something to you. Everything that looked lifeless suddenly begins to wake up. The trees that looked like sticks start growing leaves again. The grass turns green. Flowers bloom. What looked dead wasn’t dead at all. It was just waiting for the right season.

And honestly, that’s exactly what I’m watching happen with our youth group.

ROOTS is growing deeper in Christ each week, and I couldn’t be happier to watch it. These students aren’t just showing up. They’re leaning in. They’re asking questions. They’re wrestling with truth. They’re growing roots that will hold firm for the rest of their lives.

Right now, we are walking through the Book of Romans together, and there’s a reason Romans is so important. Romans explains the Gospel more clearly and completely than any other book in the Bible. It answers the biggest questions every human being faces. Why do I feel broken? Why does sin seem so real? How can I be made right with God? And the answer Romans gives is both humbling and freeing. We cannot save ourselves, but God, in His mercy, has done for us what we could never do on our own.

Romans 5:8 tells us, **“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** (NIV)

That means Jesus didn’t wait for us to get our lives cleaned up. He stepped in while we were still a mess. He didn’t love a future, improved version of us. He loved us at our worst. And that truth changes everything.

We also had the opportunity to attend Winter Jam this past month, and it was an incredible night. I remember going to Winter Jam as a teenager myself, and let me tell you, seeing some of the same bands still playing really made me feel my age. I’m looking at you, NewSong. Apparently, they discovered the secret to aging without stopping.

But in all seriousness, there was something powerful about standing in a room with thousands of believers and watching our students pour their hearts out in worship. No distractions. No pretending. Just genuine worship of the King. It reminded me that God is moving in this generation, and He is calling young hearts to Himself in a very real way.

Now we have entered the season of Lent, and we are moving closer and closer to Easter. Lent is a time of reflection, repentance, and preparation. It’s a time where we remember what Christ has done and allow God to prepare our hearts again.

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There's something fitting about Lent happening as spring approaches. Just as the earth begins to come alive again, Lent reminds us of the new life we have through Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, ***“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here.”*** (NIV)

Spring reminds us that God is in the business of making things new. The cross reminds us what it cost Him to do it.

This season invites us to slow down and reflect. To remember that Easter isn't just a holiday. It's the moment that changed everything. The moment death was defeated. The moment hope became permanent.

As we move into March, I also want to ask for your prayers. From March 28th through April 2nd, I will be traveling with Mary Betterton to the Havasupai Reservation in Arizona. Mary and a team of Christian veterinarians will be serving the tribal community by offering free veterinary care, and I will have the opportunity to serve as the spiritual leader for the team, sharing the Gospel and encouraging both the team and the people we meet.

This is an incredible opportunity to bring the hope of Christ to a very remote community, and I would deeply appreciate your prayers for safe travel, open hearts, and boldness to share the truth of Jesus.

Thank you, as always, for supporting ROOTS and investing in the lives of these students. You may not always see it, but God is working. Seeds are being planted. Roots are growing deeper. And just like spring reminds us every year, new life is always closer than we think.

Grace and peace,

Josh Marlowe



BOOK NOOK

By Bobbie Nordon

For the month of March we have several different types of books to choose from. Kathy and Rickey Dix donated books from John Grisham and Clive Cussler; also a few inspirational books along with a couple of history books and a Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale book. We also have Stamp of Approval by Anne Rodgers, a heartwarming Christian mystery book from our book club.



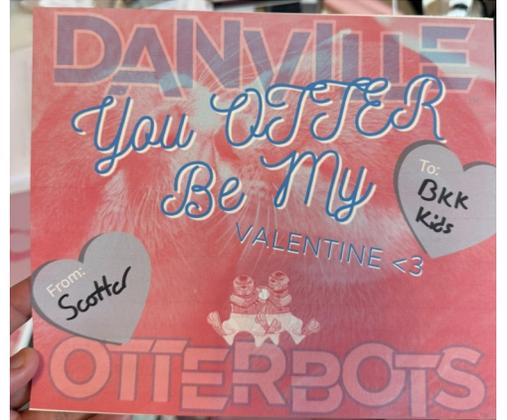
Come by and browse our new book shelf.

Happy Reading!



HEATHER TAYLOR
DIRECTOR OF BKK

Things have been busy at BKK this past month. We have had lots of fun participating in Hearts Around the World, We've received Valentine's from almost every state in the US as well as about 10 different countries. We even had Scotter, the Otterbots mascot, come visit us and deliver a Valentine. The kids have loved gathering every day to see the mail we received that day. This was a great lesson to show the kids that God made the World and all the different places in the World. He created every person, whether they live close or thousands of miles away. It was so sweet of so many people to take time to mail us a card. Thank you to everyone who did. We covered three whole walls outside the preschool with cards. We will keep them up a few more weeks, so stop by and look at them if you can.



We celebrated Valentine's Day, and had a party with lots of yummy treats. The kids enjoyed exchanging Valentine cards also. We are gearing up for my favorite week of the year next week, Dr. Seuss Week. We have lots of fun activities planned and a special visitor. BKK has welcomed



three new babies this month. We are so excited for all the things God is doing through BKK. We continue to grow this ministry, and are so blessed families entrust us with their sweet babies.

On a sadder note, we lost two special people to BKK this past month. Phillip Smith, a beloved Board member for many years. He will be missed terribly. We also lost a sweet child of BKK, Briggs Pullin. Our hearts have been so heavy. It has shown us all that we need to love the people in our lives fiercely. Please keep the families of Phillip and Briggs, the BKK staff, and Board members in your thoughts and prayers as we navigate the losses.



Much Love,
Heather

BKK Board Tribute

In Loving Memory of Phillip Smith

It is with deep sadness and heartfelt gratitude for a life well lived that we celebrate the life of Phillip Smith, a devoted member of our BKK Preschool community and the Board's trusted Financial Advisor.

Phillip faithfully served BKK with wisdom, integrity, and a quiet spirit of generosity. His thoughtful guidance and steady leadership helped strengthen the financial foundation of our preschool, ensuring that we could continue to provide a nurturing, Christ-centered environment for the children and families we serve. He approached his work not simply as numbers on a page, but as a ministry — understanding that behind every budget line was a child, a family, and a future.

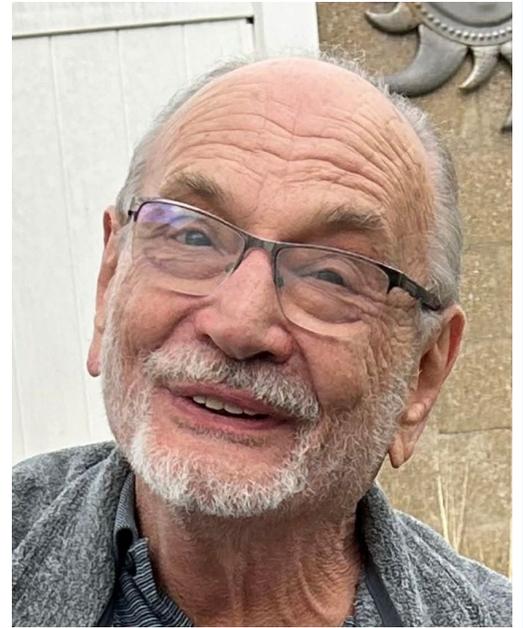
Phillip's commitment to stewardship reflected his deep faith and his belief in investing in the next generation. He cared deeply about making sure BKK remained accessible to families in our community, especially those facing unexpected challenges.

In honor of his life and legacy, the BKK Board is establishing the **Phillip Smith Fellowship Fund**. This fund will provide financial assistance to BKK families who experience temporary hardships and need help with daycare tuition. Through this fellowship, Phillip's legacy of compassion and faithful stewardship will continue to bless families for years to come. If you wish to donate to the fund, please make your checks out to Becky's Kiddie Kollege and write Phillip Smith Fund in the memo line. All donations are greatly appreciated.

We are grateful for Phillip's service, his friendship, and the lasting impact he made on our preschool ministry. We ask that you keep his family in your prayers during this time of loss.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace." — 1 Peter 4:10

May we honor Phillip's memory by continuing to serve one another with generosity, wisdom, and love.



THANK YOU

Dear Fairview Family, Thank you so much for the generous gift card. It was very helpful over Christmas break. Thank you for always supporting me and keeping me in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you again. Love, Austin Scarce

Dear Fairview Friends, My family and I are most appreciative for all the thoughtful cards and prayers sent our way after Don's passing. I read them over and over again, as they are a real source of comfort. It warms my heart at how so many of you wanted to come to his memorial service, but could not because of the weather. Fairview has truly welcomed us into your beautiful fellowship - thank you! Most Sincerely, Dee McGibbon and family.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (YouTube)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
February 1	0/0 (Weather)	159	\$
February 8	73/88	128	\$
February 15	52/96	195	\$
February 22	62/86	TBD	\$

Average Weekly Giving in January 2026:
\$

2026 Budget approved by Admin Board :
\$577,483.00

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2026:
\$

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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

04 Lucille Roberts	17 Herb Hardy	23 Cathleen McGarvey
06 Denise Hinton	18 Parker Holt	26 Jennifer Thomas
09 Brandon Ferrell	Madeline Morris	28 Kenny Sage
12 Taylor Broyles	19 Kinsey Harris	Evelyn Moore
13 Mike Lewis	21 Samuel Burton	29 Brandon Merricks
15 Jarrod Grogan	22 Laurie Ann Searce	Beverly White
16 Rafe Thomas	23 Carter Dillion	
Carolyn Whitlock	Carol Hobbs	

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

06 Kenny & Margaret Sage	29 Gary & Debra Tucker
11 Andy & Bobbie Nordon	



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