



SEPTEMBER 2025

# The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH

## THE COVERING OF LOVE

Why is there such a loud outcry for punishment if a public offense has been committed? Perhaps the answer lies in a lack of awareness of grace. If the majority of a people don't believe they are sinners yet they see sin in others, someone must be punished and it ain't gonna be them. There is also a lack of awareness of redemption. There is an assumption that the offender will always behave in the same way. This cynical world view arises from a lack of experience of forgiveness and grace.

The gospel of the world seems to be –

“Not all have sinned and fallen short, (Some of us are perfect. It's always the other guy.) and there is no glory of God.

We have to be perfect because there is no cover for sin.

We must have a scapegoat so that the sin of the evildoers is gone.”

On the other hand, the Gospel is –

“All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

God's love covers a multitude of sins.

Sin is wiped away by the blood of Jesus.”

Ahh! what a breath of fresh air to hear that:

*“Love keeps no record of wrongs.”* 1 Corinthians 13:5.

*“Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.”* Romans 4:7

When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, God covered their sin and shame with animal skins and thus there was the first shedding of blood.

Let us humble ourselves and know who we are – sinners in need of a Savior.

“Oh, precious is the flow

That makes me white as snow

No other fount I know

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.”

– Mary Atwood (reprinted from ChurchLetters.org)

Save the Date!



# TRUNK OR TREAT FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

5:30-7:30PM IN LOWER CHURCH PARKING LOT

SET-UP BEGINS AT 4:30PM/EVENT STARTS AT 5:30PM

PLEASE SIGN UP IN FELLOWSHIP AREA IF YOU WILL PARTICIPATE.

**J.U.M.P  
KIDS**

**We're on a mission!**

Jesus in Us Mission Possible

**Special Agents of Change  
Sunday Nights  
5:00 p.m.**

**Join us on our Mission!  
Beginning September 7**

Special Agents  
PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Making a difference in our  
community one service  
project at a  
time!

Scan QR Code to Register!





# 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."

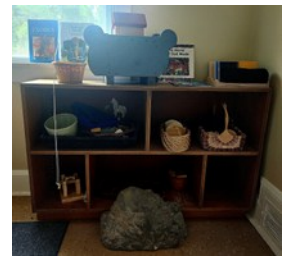
--EPHESIANS 2:10

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

## GODLY PLAY



In September we are moving into our expanded Godly Play Space. Our Children's Chapel will be our Sacred Story Space, and our new Studio will be open for our response time. We will be introduced on how to use our new spaces enjoy the stories of light and Creation.



## FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE LAKE



Special thanks to Ms. Mary & Mr. Ward for hosting us! We made magical memories together!



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! We meet Sunday mornings @ 9:30.

Our September Study Explores the life of Moses.

## UPCOMING FAITH FAMILY EVENTS

August 31 - Taste The Bread: Family Communion Study @ 4:00 p.m.

September 6 - Three Sisters Marathon Encouragement Team @ 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

September 7- J.U.M.P Fall Kickoff @ 5:00 p.m.

September 13 - Donuts with our Veterans @ 9:00 a.m.

Follow Fairview Church Kids on Facebook for schedule and Event updates or email [children.fairviewchurch@gmail.com](mailto:children.fairviewchurch@gmail.com) to be added to our email list.





**JOSH MARLOWE**  
**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT**  
**MINISTRIES**  
**& CONTEMPORARY**  
**WORSHIP**

## ROOTS Youth Group Update

Well, summer has officially been tucked away, and school buses are back on the road (pray for patience in traffic, church family). That also means some of our kids moved up from Children's Ministry into ROOTS—and they didn't tiptoe in, they sprinted! Welcome to Owen, Brennan, and Nate! They've hit the ground running and fit right in with our crew.

On Sunday mornings, Amy Grogan (or should I say "Camp Counselor Sam"—thanks VBS) has been leading our teens in Sunday School. She's even snuck in some life lessons along the way. So if you notice our youth suddenly walking around shaking hands, looking you in the eye, or mailing handwritten letters (yes, teenagers know what stamps are), you've got Amy to thank.

Over the last few months, I've seen more growth in our teens than I can put into words. You've probably noticed it too: more of them showing up in Sunday worship, some even driving themselves now (look out, Danville 🚗 🌳). We're nudging them out of their comfort zones little by little, and the results are powerful. Each Sunday night, a teen leads us in a short devotion of their choosing, or one they put together themselves before I ever teach. Honestly, sometimes I feel like I could ball up my notes, pray, and send everyone home, because the Spirit has already spoken through them.

Beyond that, they're encouraging one another with Bible reading plans and studies during the week. It reminds me of Paul's words in 1 Timothy 4:12—*"Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."* That's exactly what we're watching unfold.

God is moving in ROOTS. Thank you, church family, for cheering them on, praying for them, and helping create a place where they can dig deep and grow strong in Christ.

One more thing, we still need food volunteers!! See me if you want to cook or pay for a meal for our teens!

And as we celebrate what God is doing in our youth, let's also remember His call for all of us. It's easy to get caught up in what we want or how we think things should look. But Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:33, *"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."* When we keep our eyes on Christ and His mission, everything else falls into place. May we be a church that seeks His Kingdom first—together.

I love you all, and I cannot tell you how much your encouragement and support mean to me.

In His Service,  
Josh Marlowe



# READING NOOK

By Bobbie Nordon



For the month of September we have books of faith and hope. We have Paul Harvey's book, **The Rest of The Story**, along with **Book of Amazing Stories** and **101 Amazing Stories of Hope and Faith** by Robert Petterson. We also have **Touch the Top of the World** by Erik Weihe. This is about a blind man's journey to climb farther than the eye can see. We have **Taught By America: A Story of Struggle and Hope in Comp-ton** by Sarah Sentilles about a teacher's struggle in a poverty-stricken school. Lastly we have 2 fiction books; one by Joyce Meyers called **Any Minute**, and **Thursday at Eight** by Debbie Macomber.

Happy Reading!

## DO YOU LOVE TO BAKE?

Your talents are needed to provide care packages for our youth away at college for the first time. It will be a little gift from their church family to let them know they are loved and prayed for. Please call Dee McGibbon at 541-926-4285, if you would like to send some LOVE! ❤️

## MISSIONS MOMENT

During September our monthly mission focus will be on God's Pit Crew. We will be collecting items for the Blessing Buckets. What's in a Blessing Bucket? Items such as **Deodorant, Individual Bars of Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Individual Hand Sanitizers, Pocket-sized**

**Tissue Packs, Combs Body Wipes, Shampoo (15-16 oz.), Washcloths, Full-size Thin Towels, etc.** For a full list, visit [www.godspitcrew.org/blessingbuckets](http://www.godspitcrew.org/blessingbuckets). Any monetary donations should be checks made out to Fairview Church and write God's Pit Crew in the memo line.







## Veteran's Coffee and Conversation

Saturday,  
September 13  
9:00 a.m.

Fairview Church Social Hall

Our Military veterans are invited to join us for Coffee and Donuts.  
Our Children and youth are looking forward to meeting you and hearing about your service.  
Please bring a photo of you in uniform if possible.  
We will be taking photos and recording stories to create a special worship presentation for our Veterans in November.  
Please let us know if you can attend.

# Fun at BKK



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Unified Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
<b>August 3</b>	147	90	\$11,500.50
<b>August 10</b>	136	56	\$5,401.50
<b>August 17</b>	115	60	\$7,108.55
<b>August 24</b>	130	TBD	\$7,310.00
<b>August 31</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD

Average Weekly Giving in August 2025:

\$7,830.13

2025 Budget approved by Admin Board :

\$573,877.00

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2025:

\$9,160.84

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.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Dale Ferrell	10 Julia Boles	26 Nick Langley
William White	10 Owen Davis	27 Rachel Burkett
03 Ronald Brooks, Sr.	11 Sharon Williams	27 Michael Connor
06 Gail Carter	16 Joyce Burnett	28 Julius Boles
08 Marvin Fuqua	Jean Hudson	Amy Grogan
Jamie Holt	19 Scott Carter	Dawn Davis
Neal Ragsdale	Julie Ferris	30 Jim Chattin
Dylan Shelton	22 Joyce Holley	Sylvia Hyler
09 Tony Ratliff	23 Saunders Brooks	Judy Robertson
Lesley Emerson	24 Justin Stevens	Vivian Shelton

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

06 Kenny & Carolyn Whitlock	20 Duane & Susann Dahlquist
07 Dale & Janet Ferrell	23 JB & Carol McGuire
08 Robert & Marti Chattin	26 Ronald & Brenda Brooks
17 Bill & Michele Franklin	27 Ricky & Kathy Dix
18 Mike & Katherine Lewis	30 Ralph & Nancy South
18 Neal & Christi Ragsdale	



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