

APRIL 2026

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH



FROM PASTOR RYAN BEAVERS

Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me... Go instead to my brothers and tell them...”

John 20:17–18

I am so excited to celebrate my first Easter with Fairview! There’s nothing like gathering with your church family on Resurrection Sunday. My hope is that we come with joy and expectation as we celebrate the new life Jesus gives through His finished work on the cross.

In John’s Gospel, Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb overwhelmed with grief—only to encounter the risen Jesus. When He says her name, everything changes. *Jesus is alive!* But then comes a surprising moment: **“Do not hold on to me.”**

It’s kind of a gearshift as you’re reading. But as Jesus continues speaking, it becomes clear—there is work to be done. And Mary is given the incredible role of becoming the first preacher of the resurrection!

I love Easter.

I love what it means... I love how we celebrate... I love being reminded of the new life we have in Jesus.

But Jesus knows something about Mary... and He knows something about us. If Mary wasn’t careful she would simply cling to the resurrected body of her (once dead) friend, teacher, and leader.

And if we’re not careful, we might be tempted to just sit in the comfort of Easter as well.

But after Easter there is work to do. A risen Jesus must be shared... and this world is full of people who need to hear it.

So yes, I’m looking forward to Easter—but I’m also looking beyond it. Because there is work to do. And maybe right on schedule, in the weeks that follow, we’ll spend some time talking about how we step into that calling together.

Be on the lookout for a few opportunities where you can help share the good news.

I’m here for it... I pray you are as well!

Pastor Ryan



FAITH FAMILIES

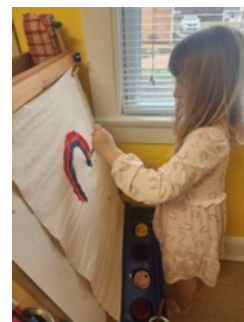
"WE ARE GOD'S ACCOMPLISHMENT, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO DO GOOD THINGS. GOD PLANNED FOR THESE GOOD THINGS TO BE THE WAY THAT WE LIVE OUR LIVES." --EPHESIANS 2:10

During the season of Lent, we have been reflecting on Jesus' last journey to Jerusalem. We talk a lot about how Jesus was determined to go to Jerusalem. He knew He was going to do the hardest thing He would ever have to do, but He kept moving toward Jerusalem. All along the way, Jesus sees people others ignore. Jesus stops to pour His love into them and meet their needs. I am amazed at how our children connect with this idea of doing things the Jesus way. They talk about the hard things God asks them to do. God asks them to be kind to unkind people. God asks them to forgive people who wrong them. God asks them to give up "tablet time" to spend time with our family in scripture and prayer. Our children trust that Jesus is with them, giving them courage and strength to do good things, follow the Jesus way...even when it's hard. Our Children's Ministry Teams are blessed to participate in this growth with each week!

GODLY PLAY



In our April Godly Play Circles, we will finish our Lenten Journey with Jesus to Jerusalem, through the events of Holy Week and celebrate the Miracle of Easter! The Miracle of Easter is so important, it will take us six weeks to celebrate the Easter Season and prepare for Pentecost. As we explore the ministry of Jesus on the way to Jerusalem, we



discover ways we can show Jesus' love. We can show His love in all the places we go each day. We can pray, listen, share a meal, serve and share our faith story with folks we meet on the way and change our community!

J.U.M.P KIDS ON A MISSION



In late March, we were blessed to prepare toys and a craft kit for Mary Betterton and Josh Marlowe to take to the children of the Supai Settlement on their recent missions trip. We are looking forward to hearing about all the ways God used them to serve the Havasupai tribe. In April, we will be preparing activities for the Community Fun Day Children's Area. It's our opportunity to meet new children and invite them to be a part of our J.U.M.P Kids fellowship.

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Spring Bible Study for Parents **RAISING DISCIPLES**

HOW TO MAKE FAITH MATTER FOR OUR KIDS



Almost every time our families gather, conversation turns to the busyness of family life. Everyone is running between work, school, extended family and a myriad of other activities. It's hard to find a still moment. In this study, we will take time to look at God's simple instructions for parents and explore simple, practical ways to weave faith-building experiences into our children's lives "when we are at work, when we are on the road, when we go to bed and when we rise..." (Deuteronomy 6:7)

Join us for this valuable time of learning and growing together. We will meet each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Our nursery and Big Faith Sunday School ministries are available for our children birth - fifth grade during this time. Just scan the QR code and register today!

Questions? Message us or call (434) 792-3391 ext. 105.

SAVE THE DATE!

Family Fun Day
Saturday, April 18
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.



June 14-18
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

VBS Team Members Needed:

Team Leaders
Decoration Crew
Drama Team

Contact Margaret Snider, Children's
Ministries
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JOSH MARLOWE
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
MINISTRIES
& CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

April has arrived, which means a few things are guaranteed around here.

First, the weather starts warming up a little. The grass turns green. The trees wake up. Birds start singing again.

And the pollen arrives like it is getting paid by the pound.

If you live anywhere around here you already know what I mean. One day your car is clean, the next morning it looks like someone dumped a bag of yellow flour all over it. You wipe it off, sneeze seventeen times, and repeat the process again tomorrow. Spring in Virginia is beautiful, but it is also slightly hazardous to your sinuses.

Another very important event in April is that it happens to be my birthday month. Now before anyone gets concerned, let me say right up front that I am fully aware my birthday does not rank very

high on the church calendar. It does not quite rise to the level of Pentecost or Easter. But if anyone accidentally brings cake to church sometime this month, I will gladly help make sure it gets properly taken care of.

Speaking of things that actually matter far more than my birthday, April brings us to the greatest celebration in the Christian faith. Easter.

Easter is the moment everything changed.

Jesus was crucified, buried in a borrowed tomb, and three days later He walked out of that grave alive. The stone was rolled away, the tomb was empty, and death was defeated.

Scripture says in Matthew 28:6 (NIV)

“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”

Those words changed the course of history. The resurrection means sin did not have the final word. Death did not have the final word. The grave did not have the final word.

Jesus did.

And every time I think about that truth, my mind goes to one of my favorite songs that many of us grew up hearing in church. The Gaither song Because He Lives. The words say,

“Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.

Because He lives, all fear is gone.

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because He lives.”

That song captures the heart of Easter so beautifully. Because Jesus lives, we have forgiveness. Because Jesus lives, we have hope. Because Jesus lives, we know the story does not end in darkness.

Easter reminds us that our faith is not built on good ideas or traditions. It is built on a living Savior.

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I also want to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who prayed for and gave toward the recent mission trip to the Havasupai Tribe in Arizona. Your generosity and your prayers truly made that trip possible. It was a powerful experience and a reminder that the gospel reaches far beyond our own community. Thank you for being a church that believes in supporting the work God is doing both here and in places many of us may never personally go.

Another exciting thing happening right now is that our ROOTS youth group has begun walking through Confirmation together.

Confirmation is a really important step in the life of a young believer. It is a time where students begin moving beyond simply attending church or youth group and start really understanding what they believe and why they believe it.

They begin digging into Scripture, asking honest questions, and learning what it truly means to follow Jesus with their own lives. It is about building a faith that is not just inherited from parents or grandparents, but personally owned and lived out.

For many of these students, this is the moment where their faith begins putting down real roots that will carry them through the rest of their lives.

So as April unfolds, with all the pollen, birthdays, and spring weather, I hope we keep our eyes on the greatest reason this month matters.

The empty tomb.

The risen Savior.

The hope that changed the world.

He is risen.

And because He lives, **everything** changes.

Grace and Peace,

Josh Marlowe

BOOK NOOK

By Bobbie Nordon

For the month of April I have added two new books to the church library for April. We have *Plain Beauty* a Mysteries of Lancaster County series by Leslie Gould, and *Bark of Night* by David Rosenfelt who is one of the librarian's favorite authors.



I am adding a new book to our youth section of the library. This was recommended by Zoe Beavers and is by one of her favorite authors. *Hurricane Heist (The Sherlock Society)* by James Ponti.

Come by and browse our new book shelf.

Happy Reading!



HEATHER TAYLOR
DIRECTOR OF BKK

Happy Spring!

The preschool kids are loving the warmer days, and spending more time outside. Praying all the snow is gone for the year.

There is no sweeter sound than squeals and giggles on the playground. We have lots of fun things coming up in the pre-



school world. Easter is on its way and we are excited for our party and Egg hunt. We may even have a special visitor stop by to see us. I have to have a character for every holiday if you have not figured me out yet. They are learning all about how Jesus died for us and rose again 3 days later. To see small children learning just how much Jesus loves us is so special. The things they think of and say amazes me for them to be so young.

We have our Preschool Sunday at Fairview coming up soon. The Sunday after Easter, we hope you all will join us to celebrate the preschool and the ministry it has become. The children will be singing a new song they learned with Josh, though they still ask for Ba Rum Ba Bum Bum every week. It will always be their favorite. We have a VERY special announcement to make that day as well. You will not want to miss that. The future of the preschool is looking so bright and we can not wait to see all the future holds for us and Fairview Church.

I hope everyone has a very blessed Easter!

Much Love,
Heather





The Well

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

CLASS STARTS **APRIL 12TH**

SUNDAYS • 9:30 - 10:30 AM

OPEN SCRIPTURE • DIVE DEEP
DISCUSS TOGETHER

Fairview Church

COMMUNITY DAY

APRIL 18 11AM-2PM

RAIN DATE: MAY 16

*BBQ, Cake Walk, Bounce Houses,
Balloon Art, Bingo, & so much more*



April Missions

In April, our mission focus will be helping the Salvation Army replenish their food supplies. They have been feeding nearly 100 people a day and need food items to help. **Items like canned goods and dry goods (example: canned vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, cereals, crackers, dried beans, rice, etc.) would be greatly appreciated.** You can drop your donations off at the Missions Drop-Off spot in the Fellowship Room. Thanks so much for your generosity!

Save the Date!

VBS

JUNE 14 - 18

SEE MARGARET SNIDER FOR
MORE INFORMATION.



Please Note!

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 6 in observance of Easter Monday, We will re-open at 9:00am on Tuesday, April 7.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (YouTube)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
March 1	50/88	171	\$7,230.50
March 8	53/67	141	\$13,963.68
March 15	58/88	284	\$5,421.50
March 22	74/90	69	\$7,450.50
March 29	77/77	TBD	\$4,826.50

Average Weekly Giving in March 2026:

\$7,778.53

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2026:

\$7,717.36

2026 Budget approved by Admin Board :

\$577,483.00

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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

05 Gary Tucker	17 Bill Franklin, Jr.	27 Kaylee Odell
06 Ethan Broyles	19 Kathy Connor	28 Melvin Martin
09 Debbie Deane	20 Carrie Jack	LaVonne Walden
10 Katelyn Brooks	Parker Johnson	Heather Perryman
11 Austin Scarce	Stuart Walden	Josh Marlowe
Matthew Nosse	Kaitlyn Woodard	29 Penny Merricks
12 Pat Varner	21 Susan Fulk	30 Bryson Hedrick
Brian Boles	22 Duane Dahlquist	
Bill Franklin, Sr.	Evan Scarce	
15 Elizabeth Barrett	26 Shawn Harden	

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

04 Randy & Peggy Stephens	22 Kenny & Susan Hoskins
18 Scott & Ellen Thompson	

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Fairview Church is a Christ-centered, welcoming congregation that loves our community in visible and accountable ways.

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