

APRIL 2025

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH

FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR

UNSHAKEABLE

In his devotional book *Abundant Living*, E. Stanley Jones writes the following words about the fear of death:

Many go through life spoiling it through fear of death. But why should a Christian be afraid of death? To be afraid of that larger life is a species of atheism. Doubt of the future means doubt of the present. It means that the Master, who went down through death and came up and said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me...shall never die," is not dependable for the ultimate things, and therefore not dependable for the immediate things. As the little bird on a twig of the tree, when the storm is about to twist it off its perch, might say, "All right; twist me off – I have another alternative – I have wings," so we can say to Death, "Twist me off my earthly perch – I have another alternative – I have immortality...God." Nothing can shake that.

Jones refers to John 11.25, in which Jesus declares, "'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die' (NIV). Meeting with Martha after the death of her brother Lazarus, Jesus follows His declaration with a question to her: "Do you believe this?" This is the same question Jesus asks us as we prepare to celebrate His resurrection from the dead.

The Apostle Paul, like E. Stanley Jones, had faith that nothing could shake. In Romans 8.37-39 (NIV), he writes:

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In *The Grave Robber*, Mark Batterson writes:

The resurrection of Jesus is the axis around which our faith revolves. When Jesus rose from the dead, it radically redefined reality. When He walked out of the tomb under His own power, the word "impossible" was removed from our vocabulary...

The resurrection isn't something we celebrate once a year by donning an Easter bonnet. It's something we celebrate every day in every way. The resurrection of dead bodies is nothing short of miraculous, and the rematerialization of dead bodies when Christ returns is going to be must-see TV. But the resurrection miracles don't stop there. God raises dreams from the dead. He resurrects dead relationships. And no matter what part of your personality has died at the hands of sin or suffering or Satan himself, the Grave Robber came to give you your life back!

When Jesus died on the cross, Satan smiled. But the Graver Robber got the last laugh. He always does. And if you give Him a chance, He'll give you a second chance.

He will give you your smile back.

He will give you your laugh back.

He will give you your life back.

Do you believe this?

If you do, He will make the impossible possible.

The impossible is possible in the Risen Christ.

And because of that possibility, we can have a faith that is...unshakeable.

Easter blessings,

Barry

YOU'RE INVITED TO FAIRVIEW'S

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA!

**EASTER STORY
EGG DYING
GAMES**



**CRAFTS
SNACKS
EASTER EGG HUNT**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 19
10:00AM - 12:00PM
CHURCH SOCIAL HALL
FOR ALL CHILDREN & FAMILIES
SPONSORED BY THE DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE**





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 is the new name for 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 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and J.U.M.P on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

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 6 weeks to celebrate the Easter Season and prepare for Pentecost.

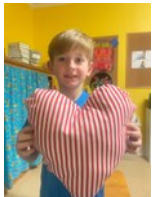


As we explore the ministry of Jesus on the way to Jerusalem, we will explore ways we can show Jesus' love while we are on the way to all the places we go each day. We can pray, listen, share a meal, serve and share our faith story with folks we meet on the way and change our community!

J.U.M.P APRIL MISSIONS



In March we finished up our heart pillow project for Norma's House, the women and children's shelter at House of Hope. In April we are helping create games and activities to use when we welcome children to Family Fun Day here on May 10. We will also be creating our busy bags for places where children spend time waiting like our hospital waiting rooms.



Easter Egg-
Stravaganza
Saturday, April 19,
10 a.m.- Noon
Music, Storytime,
Crafts, Snacks &
EGG HUNT!



Scan the QR Code
and register to par-
ticipate or to join
this event's EGGcel-
lent Ministry Team!

SAVE THE DATES!

Family Fun Day
Saturday, May 10,
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

End of School Swim Party
Sunday, June 1 After
Church

Camp Firelight VBS
June 22-26
6:00 - 8:15 p.m.



June 22-26

VBS Team Members Needed:
Station Leaders
Crew Leaders
Decoration Crew

Contact Amy Grogan, VBS Director
amygro@comcast.net
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Children's Ministries
children@gofairviewchurch.org



JOSH MARLOWE
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
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WORSHIP

Roots Youth Group Update – Spring is Here!

Spring has finally sprung! The flowers are blooming, the birds are singing, and allergy season is in full force—praise God from whom all tissues flow! But in all seriousness, there's something beautiful about this season. Everything that seemed dead or dormant all winter is coming back to life. It's a powerful reminder, especially as we journey through Lent, that we are in a season of reflection and renewal, leading us to Easter—the ultimate celebration of new life through Christ!

Just like the trees are stretching their roots deeper into the soil to grow strong, our youth are doing the same in their faith. (See what I did there? "Roots" Youth Group? Spring? Growing? Okay, I'll stop now.) But really—God is moving in this group! We're having to find

extra chairs and couches each week just to fit everyone in, and that is an amazing blessing!

On Sunday nights, the teens have been working through Barry's small group study B.L.E.S.S., and they are truly leaning into it. They're not just learning—they're actively working on applying it to their daily lives. On Sunday mornings, we've started something new as well. Since the contemporary service moved back to 9:30 to better serve families and reach the unchurched, we realized we unintentionally lost a key time for the teens to engage deeper in their faith. So, we've created a Sunday School option where they can dive into the same sermon Barry is preaching in the sanctuary, using his notes and outlines as a guide. We're not requiring them to attend—if they want to stay in the service, great! But for those who want a space to ask questions and discuss, we've got it covered.

Another exciting update—the teens requested to bring back "Get RAK'd" (Random Acts of Kindness), and we couldn't be more thrilled! Once a month, we'll be heading out to serve and share Christ's love throughout our community. It's incredible to see their excitement for giving back!

How You Can Help!

Now, here's where you come in. No, I'm not asking you to come listen to stories about TikToks and Instagram reels (though if you want a lesson in youth culture, they'll be happy to oblige). But I am asking for some help with food! We've reached the point where even the smell of pizza is making us question our life choices, so the teens put their heads together and came up with a list of their favorite meals. If you'd like to cook a meal for these growing, always-hungry teenagers, let me know, and I'll get you on the schedule! Fair warning: they can eat!

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support. God is doing something incredible in these teens, and I'm so grateful for each of you who help make this ministry possible!

In His Service,

Josh



MISSIONS MOMENT

During April, our monthly mission focus will be on collecting much needed items for God's Storehouse. All non-perishable food items will be appreciated. Please place your donations in the Missions Drop-Off area of the Fellowship Room. As always, your support of these monthly mission projects is greatly appreciated!



April 9 - 12:30pm
April 10 - 6:00pm

Restaurant is Olive Garden.
Please make plans to join us!



FIRST AID CLASS

The trustees will be offering a First Aid class that is open to all church members who are interested. It will be in the Social Hall on April 5, 2025 from 8:00am - 12:00pm. This class is the replacement for the one that was postponed in January. Please see one of the trustees for further information.

READING NOOK

By Bobbie Nordon

For April I would like to spotlight one of our fellow church men, Donnie Stevens. There will be 5 of the books that he has writ-



ten on the new books shelf in the hallway outside the Library. Two of these books Wishbone and You First Loved me were chosen out of 700 books this year by the Christian Writer's Conference and awarded a first place SELAH award. In June he will go to the National Conference to compete in it. Good luck, Donnie!

Happy reading.



LENTEN CHALLENGE

The Worship Committee is offering you the opportunity to enhance our options of using the Advent wreath during our Christmas season worship services. We would like to have the advent wreath on a stand that would be easier for families or acolytes to use. We are asking for contributions to this project during Lent. What can you give up so you will have some extra cash to contribute - a dessert, coffee or soft drink?

Please put your contributions in the Little White Church in the Fellowship Area.

Thank you.

Helen Bedsole

Marilyn Booth



BKK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BKK is a vital growing ministry of Fairview Church. Our preschool program provides a safe and secure environment to grow and learn. If you have ever wanted to learn first hand about this incredible Fairview ministry, we invite you to volunteer to serve in this ministry. A BKK volunteer would choose the day and time that fits their own schedule. BKK is open Monday -Friday from 7:30 am till 5:30 pm. The children range from infants to four year olds. Volunteers would be with the teachers in

the classroom or on the playground. There are many ways to volunteer, which include, playing with a child/children in the classroom, reading to a class, being an extra person on the playground, rocking a baby, strolling the babies, helping to prepare the simple lunches or clerical work. The only requirement to volunteer would be to complete a background check.

If you are interested in being a BKK volunteer, you may contact Jackie Stevens (BKK board member) jbs082652@gmail.com or Heather (BKK Director) bkk.fairviewchurch@gmail.com.



BKK SPRING FUN!!



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person</u> <u>Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship*</u> <u>(Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
March 2	44/81	81	\$11,780.00
March 9	47/86	53	\$7,074.50
March 16	42/82	53	\$6,819.05
March 23	41/81	50	\$6,926.00
March 30	45/87	TBD	\$6,519.50

Average Weekly Giving in March 2025:

\$7,823.81

2025 Budget approved by Admin Board :

\$573,877.00

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2025:

\$9,293.09

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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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

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