



FROM PASTOR BARRY TAYLOR

Praying For Our Critics

John Killinger tells the story of a woman who was juggling a great bundle of books in her arms. Standing in the parking lot of a local bookstore, a friend of the woman asked her, “What in the world are you doing? Are you opening your own bookstore?” “No,” the woman replied, “these are all books about prayer. All my life I have been hearing about the importance of prayer, so I finally decided to learn how to pray. I have bought fourteen books on the subject. And not only that, I have signed up for two courses on prayer: one at my church, and one at a friend’s church. I am really going to master this subject!”

Several weeks later, the friend ran into the woman at a grocery store. “How is the big project going?” he asked. “Have you learned to pray?” She hung her head and made a gesture of despair. “It was too complicated,” she said, “and I gave it up. Now I’m taking a course in Yoga.”

It’s true that there is a plethora of books on prayer, expressing many different theological perspectives and practical viewpoints. There are also many courses on prayer that are available for classroom study, small-group ministry, or personal growth. However, the four Gospels in the New Testament are still our best guide to understanding prayer, and what we find in the teaching of Jesus is not very complicated. Nevertheless, His instructions on the subject can be challenging at times.

For example, Jesus taught His disciples to pray for their enemies. “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you” (Luke 6.27-28). Killinger writes that the disciples were instructed to desire and to pray for the salvation of others, “regardless of how they felt about their enemies. And the amazing thing they doubtless discovered as they prayed for their

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enemies was that they no longer had enemies! An enemy prayed for is no longer an enemy.” This is an important lesson for church leaders, for, while it would be difficult to say that the church of today has the same type of “enemies” it had two thousand years ago, the church is never without its critics. In fact, the only way church leaders can avoid criticism is to do nothing at all...and even then, critics would level the charge of laziness against the church!

Church leaders must face the reality that criticism can never be avoided and often never truly defused once expressed. The answer to criticism is always found in praying for the critics; it may not change the criticism, but it helps prevent church leaders from viewing critics as “enemies.” Prayerfully evaluating criticism also helps keep our hearts humble and our attention focused on the greatness and goodness of God. Criticism should always serve as a reminder that “it’s not about us;” it’s about “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1.27 NIV). We are the body of Christ, continuing His ministry in today’s world. While that is an awesome task, it is also an awesome privilege. We must never allow criticism to rob us of the wonder and the joy of that privilege...a privilege that is by the grace of God alone.

And, as always, it is a privilege to serve as your pastor!

Blessings in Christ,

Barry

MISSIONS MOMENT

The Missions Committee wants to thank everyone who has participated in our monthly missions projects so far. We have helped many organizations with their various needs thanks to each of you! For the month of June, we will take a break from our missions projects so we can gear up for July which will be back to school items. Enjoy your month and we will see you in July!





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."

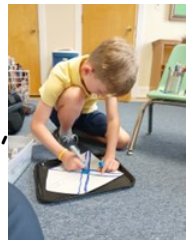
EPHESIANS 2:10

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 8:30 and 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

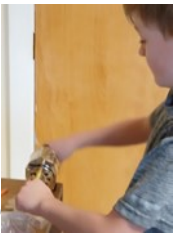


In our June Godly Play Circles, we are celebrating the Power of Pentecost in the Early Church and in us! We will experience the Holy Spirit at work in us as we tell God's story and share his love, just like those followers in the early church. We would love to have you join our circle any Sunday. Contact Margaret Snider to join the Godly Play Ministry team for a day! You'll want to stay!



J.U.M.P MAY Missions

As our J.U.M.P year draws to a close, we are celebrating J.U.M.P Kids secret agents of change! We have created sock pals for Salvation Army, collected canned food for Thanksgiving drive, created heart pillows for children at Norma's Place and Busy Bags for children in medical waiting rooms. We led in worship during Christmas and on Palm Sunday. What a year! We are looking forward to the summer with many more opportunities to serve.



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! June's study is "EMPOWERED"! We will be exploring the promise, arrival and power of the Holy Spirit in the early church and in our own lives.

WONDER FILLED

WEEKDAYS SUMMER FUN!

Sunday, June 1 – End of School Pool Party

June 22-26 –Camp Firelight VBS

June 28 – Ice Cream Social with Norma's Place Families

July 13 – Church Day at the Otterbots

And Lots More!

Follow Fairview Church Kids on Facebook for schedule and Event updates or email children@gofairviewchurch.org to be added to our email list.





JOSH MARLOWE
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
MINISTRIES
& CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP

Hey Fairview Family,

Summer is finally here! And listen... I'm usually the guy who thrives in hoodie weather, hot coffee, and a chill in the air. But for some reason, this year? I'm ready for the sunshine, the cookouts, and maybe even mowing the yard (okay, let's not go that far). ☺

Worship Update

On the contemporary worship side of things, I just want to brag on our praise band for a second. Week after week, they show up, put in the work, and give their best—not for a spotlight, but to glorify the Lord and help usher our congregation into worship. I'm so proud of the way they continue to grow and give their hearts to this ministry.

We've also been blessed to have Miss Allison White join us on piano (when her college schedule allows—#AdulthoodIsHard). She's brought such a sweet spirit and beautiful gift to our worship time, and we are so grateful.

Also, one of our teenagers, Drew Broyles, has been playing with the band again and we absolutely love it when we can get our youth involved in

worship leadership!

Also, huge thanks to Ronnie Boyles for giving our band a Sunday of rest and worship right after Easter. Ronnie, we love you and appreciate the way you always step up with grace and talent.

ROOTS Youth Group Update

Our youth group continues to grow—both in number and in their walk with Jesus (and probably in height too... I think they're all taller than me now). Right now, we're digging into a study on prayer, using the A.C.T.S. model (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication). We're learning that prayer isn't just something we check off like it's a spiritual to-do list. It's not flossing... it's more like breathing. We need it. And, dare I say, we're even learning to enjoy it!

Of course, summer also means fun. We're talking pool parties, mini golf, and yes—even baseball! We're “teaming” up (see what I did there?) with the Children's Ministry for a Baseball Night with the Danville Otterbots on July 13th!

Mark your calendars and grab a glove—we want YOU there with us. More info will be coming soon!

Feeding the Flock (of Teens)

A big THANK YOU to everyone who's helped feed our youth group. Whether you brought Bojangles or cooked BBQ, you're part of their journey (and also their favorite person that week).

Special shoutout to the New Beginnings class who not only fed the youth but stayed and hung out with them. Each teen was paired with an adult and walked away with a “new best friend.” Y'all, the kids are still talking about it.

I can't say this loud enough: If you're feeding them, **STAY AND FELLOWSHIP WITH THEM.** They LOVE that. They want to know you, and they love when you take the time to know them back. You might just walk away blessed more than they are.

Wrapping Up

Let me leave you with this:

“So then, we must pursue what promotes peace and what builds up one another.” – Romans 14:19 (CSB)

Whether it's music, youth ministry, baseball games, or a big ol' plate of spaghetti—every little thing we do in love builds up the church. And sometimes, it even builds up your appetite.

Love you all,

Josh Marlowe

(Still a winter guy... but only if summer stops being this much fun) 🍷 🍷 🍷

CLASS OF 2025



Jackson Boles

Bachelor of Business
Administration - Sales/
Marketing
Georgia Southern Uni-
versity
Son of Brian & Julia
Boles
Grandson of Julius &
Sara Boles



Chaz Nickens

Bachelor of Science
- Business Finance
Radford University
Son of Kimberly
Nickens



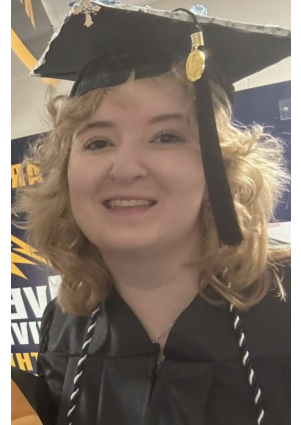
Elena Booth

Bachelor of Science -
Human Resources
Virginia Tech
Daughter of Gary &
Pam Booth
Granddaughter of
Marilyn Booth



Bryce Allen Connor

Tunstall High School
Headed to Danville
Community College
Son of Michael Connor
& Holly Cobb
Grandson of Shane &
Kathy Connor



Catherine Lewis

Associates Degree
Danville Community
College
Headed to Radford
University
Daughter of Mark &
Amy Lewis
Niece of Joyce Burnett



Matthew Nosse

Tunstall High
School
Headed to Uni-
versity of Lynch-
burg
Son of Steven &
Michelle Nosse



Kinsley Stevens

Bachelor of Science - Sports
Medicine
Averett University
Daughter of Justin & Jennifer
Stevens
Granddaughter of Donnie &
Jackie Stevens

READING NOOK

By Bobbie Nordon

For the month of June, your library has received 5 books that are Christian Romance. They are perfect for a beach read or just to relax at home and be inspired by the heart warming stories.



We have: *Softly and Tenderly* by Sara Evans and Rachel Hauck; *Song of the Broken Hearted* by Sheila Walsh and Cindy Coloma; *Logan's Lady* by Tracie Peterson; *Joshua's Mission* by Vanetta Chapman; and *Short Straw Bride* by Karen Witemeyer.

These are all Christian writers and you may have read some of the other books they have written. If not and you enjoy their books you can probably find more of them in our fiction section of the library.

Happy Reading!

THANK YOU

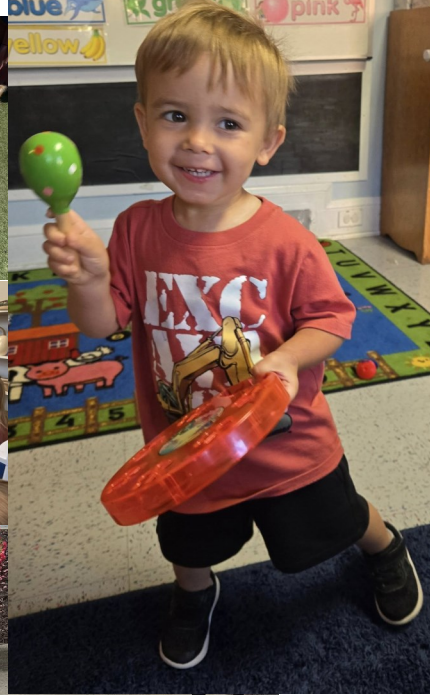
The Worship Committee wishes to thank everyone so much for their generous contributions in Lent so we could purchase the Advent Wreath and candles. They have been ordered and will hopefully arrive soon. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you also for the contributions to Norma's Place in honor of Mothers Day. For the month of June we will collect donations for the House of Hope in honor of all the Fathers for Father's Day. You can make your checks out to Fairview Church and write House of Hope in the memo line.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY

We are excited to offer a new time to fellowship as we learn and study God's word. A new small group opportunity began on May 4, 2025. New Beginning Small Group A meets on Sunday Mornings at 8:30 am. The group meets in the New Beginnings Classroom. We have an amazing group of teachers who lead us through our study.

New Beginnings Small Group B continues to meet at 9:45 am in the New Beginnings classroom. Both small groups are studying the same series, thus you can pick a time, depending on your individual Sunday schedule.

WHAT'S UP AT BKK?



Mark your calendar to join us

June 22-26

Campers ages 3-5th Grade Welcome!

Scan the QR Code to Register your family or join the Camp Firelight Ministry Team as a volunteer!



VBS Ministry Team Members Needed:

Crew leaders and As-
sistants

Food Preparers

Sign up at the Camp
Firelight Table in the
Fellowship Area
Or

Contact Amy Grogan, VBS
Director

amygro@comcast.net

Margaret Snider,

Children's Ministries

children@gofairviewchurch.org

HELP CREATE CAMP FIRELIGHT!

We will be creating the sets for the sanctuary and décor for the Exploration Stations and hallways. Everyone is welcome to come and help!

Monday, June 2 @ 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 7
9 a.m. – Noon



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person</u> <u>Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship*</u> <u>(Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
May 4	60/93	33	\$9,617.50
May 11	48/99	35	\$9,840.50
May 18	42/83	32	\$8,556.50
May 25	43/98	TBD	\$30,575.55

Average Weekly Giving in May 2025:

\$14,647.51

2025 Budget approved by Admin Board :

\$573,877.00

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2025:

\$10,229.96

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.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Linda Jarosz	13 Kayren Turner	27 Carolyn Roberts
5 Kathy Soyars	16 Hallie Holt	Mike McGuire
8 Jim Jennings	18 Jackson Boles	Sue Phillips
9 Bobbie Nordon	25 Steven Ashworth	29 Bethany Dillion
11 Francis Berger	26 Bonny Shelton	
David Clark	27 Acie Brooks, III	

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Vic & Lindsey Brooks	16th Jerry & Peggy Soyars
3rd Jamie & Michele Holt	21st Saunders & Wendy Brooks
10th Don & Dee McGibbon	28th Sam & Barbara Swanson
15th Marvin & Holly Fuqua	

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