

Fair Grove Church

The Messenger Monthly Newsletter

October 2024

Growing our church from inside out and outside in; creating a Christian family of God.

Mark's Message -

Oh my, how we have become so dependent on our cell phones! I wish I could say that I don't "need" my cell phone, but the fact of the matter is that I do! A few weeks ago I left church at 12:15 after service to go to my friend's house to practice with our band. Fifteen minutes into the trip I realized I didn't have my cell phone. I was only going to be gone overnight so I thought that I could get by without it for twenty-four hours. I didn't need it to get to my friend's house, but was afraid I might need it if something happened on the way there and back. So without my GPS to guide me, I circled back to the church . . . and got lost! It did not help that I am already directionally challenged. It took me about an hour to get back to the church to retrieve my cell phone. And during that time I was panicky, wondering how I would find my way back to the church. Once I had my phone, I continued on my journey an hour later than I had planned, but I got there. And it got me to thinking about the Christian life and how we get panicky when things come into our lives that we don't understand or when trouble comes into our life like sickness or family issues. Jesus told us in Matthew 6:33 that we should "Seek first the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness and all the other things that are necessary will be added unto us."

I'm not saying that it will always keep us from panicking, but in the Church is where we go to find comfort, consolation, direction, and purpose for our lives. If we go to church earnestly seeking the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness, we have full confidence that God will meet us through the power of the Holy Spirit where we are. It is in the Church and through other believers that we can obtain "the peace that passes all understanding."

Just like the peace and confidence that I felt when I finally had my cell phone in hand, we can find peace and comfort and confidence to get us through the things that life throws at us.

Pastor Mark



- ◆ Oct 1 @8am - Senior Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ◆ Oct 3 @10am - Prayer Shawl in the Parlor
- ◆ Oct 15 @11am - Susanna Wesley Circle Meeting in the FLC
- ◆ Nov 3 - Daylight Savings Ends
- ◆ Nov 28 - Church Office Closed
- ◆ Dec 10 - @6pm - UWF Christmas Dinner in the FLC
- ◆ Dec 15 @5pm - Christmas Cantata with refreshments to follow in the FLC
- ◆ Dec 24 - 25 - Church Office Closed

EVERYONE
IS
welcome!

Please note that there is an open invitation to any and all who would like to meet to pray over the Sunday service at 10:40am in the Prayer Room.
If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Mark.



"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35



Fair Grove Missions

Oh, how blessed we are to have opportunities to share what we have with others! Our Nutrition on Weekends Backpack campaign is well underway. We strive at our church to fulfill the need of 50 targeted Fair Grove School children as we have done for years. Each donation we make brings us closer to that goal, with 10 of 50 at this time. \$250 pays for a child's entire year of weekend food, but ANY amount is appreciated. Working together we can do this. (See the form below.)

Thanks to many who continue to glean, to share a canned food or non-perishable each week! Boxes are at each entryway of the sanctuary. Let's fill the boxes in October!



FGUMC 2024 - N.O.W. Backpack - Mission Opportunity



Fairgrove Family Resource Center provides nutritious food for children to take home in a backpack over the weekends to four area schools, including Fair Grove Elementary. Our own church has sought to alleviate hunger through this program, by providing backpacks for years, meeting the need of every single targeted child at Fair Grove School. We prayerfully hope to meet and exceed that goal. **\$250** will feed a child every weekend for the entire school year. Any dollar amount is appreciated!

- o I would like to sponsor a child and donate **\$250** at this time.
- o I would like to sponsor a child with a pledge to give the **\$250** total by Dec. 2024.
- o I would like to give a general donation in the following amount to help: _____

Is this Nutrition on Weekends Backpack given in honor or memory of someone?

Your Name, S.S. Class, or Group _____

Make check payable to Fair Grove Church. On the memo line, write **BACKPACK**. **Please include this form with your gift or pledge.**



United Women in Faith

Our women will have their annual vegetable beef soup/ Bake sale on Sunday, November 24. The vegetable beef soup is \$8.00/quart and it freezes well. If you would like to preorder soup, please let Jane Gibbs know. You may text or call her, (336-259-5639). We will be limiting preorders to 5 quarts.

Plan to also buy some yummy desserts on that day!

There will be cakes, pies, muffins, breads, cookies, brownies and much more!

All of the proceeds from both sales will go to support the missions of our United Women in Faith.

We support all of the missions of our church, such as the backpack program and

Gifts from the Heart and many more.

Thank you for always supporting us !

Ladies, mark your calendar for December 10th! That is the date for our annual Christmas covered dish dinner. It will start at 6:00 in the FLC. ALL women are invited to this event.

"We believe love in action can change the world."

PRAYER NEEDS

"NEVER STOP PRAYING" - 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NLT



We started working with another new client this week. This client really needs to be **SHOWERED** in prayer. Specifically, pray for comfort as she is facing a really difficult decision, pray for her safety and for the safety of those around her, pray for doors to open for her and pray for her mental health. This case is full of heartbreak, danger, and a lot of trauma. Please also pray for our staff as we work with this client.

www.triادلadderofhope.weebly.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our Clients:
 - Safety
 - Mental and Physical health
 - School
 - Building community
 - Parenting
- Our organization:
 - Time management
 - Finding volunteers
 - Staff/board/volunteers mental health
- Our Partner Agencies and Law Enforcement
 - building relationships
- Our Fundraising efforts
 - Finding fiscal partners to support us
- Human Trafficking Simulation - 01/10/25
- Opportunities to educate the community

For the last few months, we have been asking for a specific prayer request that we are now removing: 'Figuring out God's plan'. There is a pastor, Mike Donehey, who recently preached about faith. Hebrews 11 says, "without faith it is impossible to please (God)". Mike points out that "in order to have faith, you have to not have all the answers". We are a faith-based organization, which means that we trust God even when He doesn't reveal His plan to us. We are trusting God with the future of this organization, and we have faith that if it is God's plan, we will be fully funded and able to continue serving our clients. Thank you for joining us in this mission.

FAITH IS CONFIDENCE IN WHAT
WE HOPE FOR AND ASSURANCE
ABOUT WHAT WE DO NOT SEE.

HEBREWS 11:1

Join our
Team and
Make a
Real
Difference

TRIAD
LADDER OF HOPE

GIVING HOPE ONE STEP AT A TIME

VOLUNTEER
Opportunities
AWAIT!



**You may be wondering,
"what can I do to help
survivors of human
trafficking?"**

There are actually many ways that YOU can be a part of the anti-human trafficking movement in a way that helps not only TLH but survivors and victims as well!

We need volunteers to: provide transportation for clients needing to attend appointments, pack fresh start bags, deliver fresh start bags, organize donations, help TLH with admin work, deliver water to showrooms during the HP Furniture Market, organize a donation drive for fresh start items, lead a prayer group, host a fundraiser, and there are more opportunities to come!

To learn more/apply to help, please go to our website then click on "Join the Fight" or you can call: (336) 300-2398 or send us an email at: triادلadderhope@gmail.com.

Our Nursery is located across from the old Kids Own Worship classroom and is staffed each Sunday by 10:30am. Babies and toddlers are well cared for while parents enjoy the worship service. Toddlers are chaperoned to Kids Own Worship and participate in the lesson.



I AM a
CHILD
OF GOD
JOHN 1:12



North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry

(877) 506-2226

www.ncbam.org

Providing aging adults *help for the journey* since 2009



A Fall Senior GATHERING

Truett Conference Center & Camp
Monday, October 14, 2024 - 10am - 2pm

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) will bring practical and spiritual solutions for everyday challenges. Come and hear more about:

- NCBAM's ONE HOPE Ministry which offers a spiritual response to social isolation and loneliness among aging adults.
- In "Engage While Aging," we'll learn what we can do to stay engaged and feel better mentally, spiritually, and physically as we age.
- Do you ever worry that someone will break into your home? Gain peace of mind from the presentation, "Home Invasion and Prevention."



Registration is **\$11 per person** and includes lunch.

If you would like to spend the night before or after the conference, Truett has rooms with two queen beds for \$79 per night or one king bed for \$89 per night.



<https://ncbaptist.wufoo.com/forms/ncbam-fall-gathering/>

For more info, call Truett at 828.389.8828



Kids Own Worship

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust,
O LORD, from my youth.
Psalm 71:5 ESV

Don't forget to spread the word that FG Church is offering Kids Own Worship time!



All children, Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to participate in a special KIDS OWN WORSHIP just for them during the 11am hour. This will include a lesson with hands-on activities. Please note that KOW does not meet on Communion Sundays. The children will remain in the worship service to participate in the Lord's Supper. There are worship packets located under the pew at the piano and in the balcony that children may use during the service. Please return the packets at the end of the service.

Kids Own Worship will now meet in the youth room permanently. The room has been updated to accommodate both children and youth. Meeting there will allow easier access to the outside area and playground plus use of the smart TV to incorporate into lessons. There is a full kitchen plus bathrooms available as well.



Children and youth families enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon at our Back-to-School FunDay Sunday on August 25! After a pizza lunch, everyone gathered in the backyard of the church to fellowship and play - with a bounce house, water slide, and even a baby pool for Mary and Michael! God provided a beautiful, sunny day to be at "His House in the Grove" as he looked down with a big ole smile! 😊

On Friday, September 6, youth families and supporters enjoyed a night at the Rockers Baseball Game, with fireworks following the game. Tickets (behind home plate!) were compliments of Fair Grove's Gray and Creech Copier Rep. Each youth was given \$10 spending money, compliments of our church.

The Worship Committee has asked our youth to lead Fifth Sunday Worship, their first being September 29. They will participate in various parts of the worship. Pray for each one as they serve our Lord in this holy way.

Our youth ministry is, as Deb Brooks said, "Under Construction"! There are many prayers being lifted as God's plans are being revealed and discovered. Please join our SPRC, parents, and supporters as they discern God's will moving into 2025. It's so exciting to see Holy Spirit working and leading!!!!

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| Daune Biggins Family | Dick Davis | Kathy Shoe | Len Beusse |
| Leon Beusse Family | Juanita Welborn | Rick Wilson | Meridith Bame |
| Timmy Bailey | Roger Ferguson | Ira Buckalew | Tommy Vernon |
| Mary Lou Payne | Coach Howard Hayes | Aubrey Lawson | Judy Harrington |
| Anne Jones | Linda | Jennifer Kinley | Kevin McAdams |
| Alex Young | Jamie Wray Huepel | Joy Wray Tucker | Lanley Suttle |
| Mark Duncan | Wendy Smith | Candi Williams | Mary Wallace |
| Curtis Ingram | Jim Cline | Sandra Workman | Vince Mounts |
| Lynette Jones Scott | Brenda Smith Ward | Roy McMahon | Ophelia Timmons |
| Scott Reese | Daune Biggins | Heather Hardister | Bobbi |
| Margaret McCaskill | Steve Avre | David & Linda Lambeth | Deb Lawson Brooks |
| Ricky Wray | Caleb Dunlin | Dot Russell | Alice Workman |
| Alice Colwell | Jimmy Holliday | Bobby Swaim | Rob Nelson |
| Sarah Lambe | Beverly | Evelyn Parks | Denise Barker |
| Cindy Medlin | Hill family | Riley Honeycutt | Dennis Harrison |
| Cristall McCaskill | Betty Richey | Kendall Conner | Johnny Odom |
| Joel Craddock | Carolyn & Wade Lane | Jamie Wray Heupel | Chad Blevins |
| Michelle Miller Harris | Carol Sena | Juan Gome Voglino | Teresa Rhodes |
| Ty Parker | Terri Carpenter | Kasey Redfern & family | Leslie Rierson |
| Benny Clodfelter | Kathryn Swaim | Roger Burkhardt | Lucy Hayes |
| Shirley Fuller | Drew Newby | Katie Coment husband | Bryce Hunt |
| | Mary | Lillie Lim | Connie Yarborough |
| | Clyde Bailey | Cindy Sprague | |



"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

1 John 5:14

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

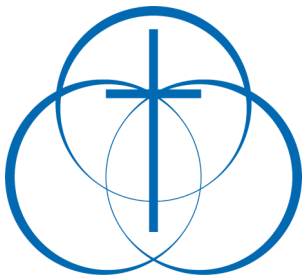
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| 2 Jack Callicutt | 10 Michael Jones |
| 3 Jane Gibbs | 12 Connor Lee |
| 4 Christi Campbell | 13 Brian Barringer |
| 6 Anthony Callicutt | 13 Priscilla Everhart |
| 6 Joe Fry | 13 Bruce Porter |
| 6 Shela Gearren | 15 Mackenzie Gallimore |
| 6 Brad Hampton | 15 Tracey Lyndon |
| 7 Joey Bowser | 16 Betty Callicutt |
| 8 Linda Lee | 16 Darrell Lee |
| 9 Ruth Ann Barker | 16 Bill Lopp |
| 9 Emily Moore | 17 Darla Gallimore |
| 9 Mary Thomas | 17 David Lomax |

- 18 Cindy Everhart Collins
- 18 Julie Fritts
- 20 Jeanie Bales
- 20 Terry Lambeth
- 22 Madison Gallimore
- 22 Meredith Leonard
- 25 Janet Boles
- 25 Bea Bowser
- 27 Brenda Davis
- 28 Debbie Barnette
- 29 Lilly Fry
- 29 Janet Miller
- 30 Fara Austin



HAPPY anniversary

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| 11 Gary & Misti Whitman |
| 19 Derrick & Jessica Baldwin |
| 20 John & Sarah Brown |
| 21 Darren & Anne Smith |



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YTD SS Attendance AVG	20
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	95
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 176,246.14
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 4,638.06
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 4,624.65

GLEANNING

September: 153 Year-to-date: 2861

Non-perishable food items donated to Fairgrove Family Resource Center

If your contact information has changed,
don't forget to let us know!



Have you...

...moved? ...changed your email address?

...changed your phone number?

Or, would you like to be added to our email list to receive the weekly announcement email?

If so, please call us or send us an email with your updated information!

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