

Fair Grove Church

The Messenger Monthly Newsletter

April 2025

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

A Moment From Mark

Lessons From A Tree

Right outside my office window stands a giant oak tree, one of many on the property of Fair Grove Church. And while this may sound strange, I saw something that made me think of this passage in the Scriptures. When I was a child, I memorized Psalm 1 in vacation Bible school, I think. Maybe it was Sunbeams, maybe it was Bible camp, I'm not sure. Anyway, here are the first three verses of Psalm 1. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

So here is what I saw. A single acorn hits the ground and dies. It has inside of it DNA which would allow it to grow into a big oak tree. However, without proper care, whether purposeful care or accidental care, it will only die and never grow. The acorn that does receive the necessary care, nutrients, sunlight, and water will begin to grow.

Out of the ground, just a weak twig appears, but a twig with roots. Through those roots, the tree begins to receive the nutrients it needs to survive and grow. After a few years, limbs appear shooting straight toward the sky. Think about this; that tree, after years of growth becomes a mighty oak tree, its limbs like arms reaching for the sky, perhaps in praise of its creator. Much like a worship service should look like with hundreds of hands reaching toward the sky, praising God, worshipping our creator

The Bible says that the righteous shall be like that tree, that everything they do will prosper. Remember that the righteous are those who are in right-standing with God. And it is extremely necessary that we stay in right-standing with God. How do we do this? We do this by having a daily prayer life, communicating with God continually. We do this by having a personal Bible study time where we meditate on God's Word.

And we do this by having a church home where we can come to praise and worship God as a community. Hey, I have a great thought; you know, now that I think about it, if you don't have a church home, come visit Fair Grove Church, a praying church, a worshipping church, and a mission-minded caring church.

Pastor Mark



- ◆ April 1 @8am - Senior Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ◆ April 1 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ◆ April 3 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ◆ April 8 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ◆ April 13 @11am - Easter Cantata
- ◆ April 13 - UWF Bake Sale
- ◆ April 15 @11am - Susanna Wesley Circle Meeting in the FLC
- ◆ April 15 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ◆ April 21 - Church Office Closed
- ◆ April 22 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ◆ April 29 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts



Missions:

How Can We Serve throughout the Lenten Season?

Opportunities abound for sacrificial giving throughout the Lenten season right here in our own community. Consider these possibilities:

- ♦ **Drop a gift card in the plate for someone with an urgent need.** For the last few years, we have given gift cards for our pastor's discretionary use for those who come by the church office with an emergency. Sometimes fuel for their car or a small meal means more than we can imagine. At this time, gas cards to local service stations are most needed. Any amount is appreciated.
- ♦ **Join those who are weekly gleaners by bringing one non-perishable or canned good each week all year long.**
- ♦ **On Easter, bring extra items to feed the poor.** Breakfast items are always needed. This is distributed through the Fairgrove Family Resource Center.
- ♦ **Fill a box or envelope and bring it on Easter Sunday for Missions.** (Available at either entrance – a check to Fair Grove Church with Missions on the memo line)
- ♦ **Give to the Father's Storehouse by donating items** (See below) or **volunteering.**
- ♦ **Place a financial donation in the plate** (Checks to Fair Grove Church with Father's Storehouse on the memo line)

The Father's Storehouse Ministries

Please consider giving financially or by bringing items for this worthy cause. As stated on their website, "We here at The Father's Storehouse have our hearts set on showing people the Love of Jesus through meeting basic needs at urgent times in their lives!" If you would like to volunteer at the facility or seek further information, visit their website at thefathersstorehouse.com. Boxes are in the side entry under the Missions Bulletin Board.

Opportunities to help with current requests:

- ♦ **A Financial donation.** (A check may be written to Fair Grove Church with Father's Storehouse on the memo line.)

Donation boxes will be at our side entry and labeled. (For large items, please call Father's Storehouse and deliver yourself.)

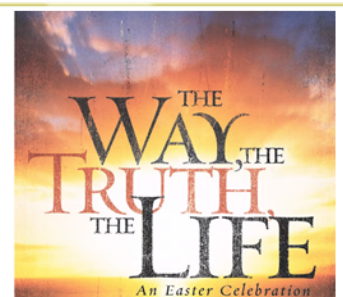
- ♦ **"Widow's Boutique" - New** items, such as: clothes, perfume, jewelry, purses, and slippers.
- ♦ **Gently** used, **clean** items - such as: blankets, pots, pans, silverware, and small appliances. Bath towels, and queen and king sheets are especially needed at this time.



If you have a child who is graduating or you are graduating this year, please let Alan Dorsett know by **Thursday, May 1**. Please send emails with the complete details for each graduate to poolman4ever@gmail.com or you can reach Alan on the phone at (Home) 336-475-1234 or (Mobile) 336-803-2293. **All information must be received by Alan no later than May 1.**



We hope you will be able to join the congregation on Palm Sunday, April 13 at the 11:00am worship service for Fair Grove Church's Easter Cantata, "The Way, the Truth and the Life".





**COOPERATIVE
COMMUNITY
MINISTRY**

10 W. Guilford Street
Thomasville, NC 27360
336-476-1842
www.ccmtville.org

Food Pantry HOURS: 10:00am-1:00pm (M, Tu, Th, F) No pantry on Wednesday

Financial Assistance: Help is available for rent, utilities and deposits to those that qualify.

Meals of Grace: Up to 3 evenings meals are served out of our kitchen each week. We try to have meals on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights. Currently all meals are take out only and serving begins at 6:00pm. Meals are served and prepared by volunteer groups.



www.mowthomasville.org
Meals on Wheels of Thomasville, Inc.
thomasvillemow@gmail.com

For over 35 years, Meals On Wheels of Thomasville has been helping to nourish our community by delivering hot and well balanced meals everyday, five days per week, to our neighbors that are in need. Last year alone, Meals On Wheels of Thomasville delivered over 25,000 meals to our Thomasville neighbors.

Ninety eight cents of every dollar received went towards the purchase of these meals. All work is done by our dedicated and tireless individual and corporate volunteers, who give their time and talents to serve our community. If you are interested in volunteering by joining our 23 driving teams which deliver a combined 1,200 hot meals across the county each week, please contact Chris Bitterman, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at chris.bitterman@davidsoncountync.gov.



FAIRGROVE FAMILY
— RESOURCE CENTER —
Building a Better Future One Family at a Time

159 Myrtle Drive, Thomasville, NC 27360

www.fgfrc.org

Email: fairgrovefamily@fgfrc.org

(336) 472-7217

Food Pantry
Parenting Wisely
Incredible Years
Circle of Parents
Circle of Friends

Nutrition on Weekends
FGFR Life Skills Program
Emergency Financial Assistance

Food Pantry Hours & Emergency Financial Assistance:
Mon - Thurs: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Fri: Closed

Don't forget to bring your Gleaning to church on Sundays. If you need to bring them during the week, please call the office and let us know.

All items go to support the food pantry at Fairgrove Family Resource Center.

As always thank you for your continued support and faithfulness to Fair Grove Missions.



2025 Davidson County Foster Families' Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic



The annual Easter outing for the foster families' of Davidson County will be Saturday, April 19, from 10am until noon at Fair Grove Church in Thomasville, NC. Rain date is Monday, April 21.

As always, we welcome and appreciate donations!

Plastic eggs, filled with small toys, etc., but, this year we are asking for **no candy please**. Please put stuffed eggs in grocery bags and LOOSELY tie it closed, so we can easily untie it without the eggs exploding!

Small prizes for carnival-type games. For example, tiny Play-doh, mini rubber ducks, small toy cars, stickers, balls, etc.

Larger prizes for the Prize Walk (think Cake Walk). Soccer balls, etc., sticker books, bubbles, etc.

Donations can be dropped off at either Meadowview Church in Lexington, 1 Grace Way Dr., Lexington, NC 27295, or at Fair Grove Church in Thomasville. Please have all donations in by **April 13**

Thank you, Fair Grove Church, for allowing us to use your lovely grounds each Spring for this event. I very much appreciate your partnership in providing support and encouragement to "the least of these".

Blessings to each of you.

Mara Lovejoy

"We don't stop playing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop playing."



He is Risen!
Children's Easter Celebration

*Join us after service
on Sunday April 13th
for Snacks and an Egg Hunt*

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUESTED

**PLEASE EMAIL YOUR NAME AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING TO
YOUTHFAIRGROVECHURCH@GMAIL.COM**

CHILDREN & YOUTH SPRING UPDATES

As we head out of winter and into the spring, our children and youth program continues to bloom. Our children are not only coming to Sunday service, but they are learning the Lord's word through interactive lessons and prayers.

We will be planning our May, June, and July activities soon and would love your feedback on what you would like to see or do.

If you have ideas or suggestions for our children or youth programs, please send an email to YouthFairGroveChurch@gmail.com or reach out to Lea Cooper about setting up a time to talk.

*2nd Peter 3:18:
"Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our
Lord"*



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**

We Need You!

Would you like to be a servant volunteer in the Fair Grove Church nursery?

We currently have two regular attendees of nursery age, and we always welcome additional little ones. We are seeking servant volunteers for the Worship time.

Servant Volunteers would need to be in the nursery by 10:30 a.m.

and remain there throughout the entire service. Toddlers are chaperoned or picked up by a youth volunteer shortly after the beginning of the 11 a.m. service and taken to Kids Own Worship to participate in the lesson for the remainder of the Worship time. It is important, however, that servant volunteers remain in the nursery for the entire service as parents and children may arrive late or need to bring a child into the nursery at any time during the Worship service. Caring for children during this time is an important ministry of our church.

If you would be interested in serving in the nursery one Sunday during the Worship Service, please contact Ann Hall, bhgolf6377@yahoo.com or (336) 475-9269.

By working together, we can help our church provide this much-needed ministry.

Thank you. Ann Hall

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.



United
Women
in Faith

Our Spring bake sale will be Sunday, April 13.

The baked items and other goodies will be available in the
Family Life Center that morning from 10:00-11:00
and after the worship service. All of the money raised will be
used to support the local missions of the United Women in Faith.

Thank you for your support!





Human Trafficking Resource Center

formerly Triad Ladder of Hope



Our Prayer Needs "NEVER STOP PRAYING" - 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NLT

Human trafficking is happening all around us, all the time. We see Amber Alerts for missing children and teens, hear stories of exploitation in vulnerable communities, and witness the struggles of those facing homelessness who are just trying to make ends meet. But why is human trafficking such a widespread issue, and what can we do to combat it?

The hard truth is that trafficking thrives because there is still a demand for exploited individuals—people continue to buy sex and seek cheap labor. To truly make a difference, we must address this demand through education and awareness. By shining a light on the realities of trafficking, challenging harmful societal norms, and advocating for change, we can take meaningful steps toward ending this injustice.

We ask you to join us in prayer for survivors to find healing, for those still trapped to find freedom, and for hearts to be changed—especially those fueling the demand. May God guide our efforts, strengthen our resolve, and use us as instruments of His justice and mercy. Through faith and action, we can bring hope to the hopeless and light to the darkness.

Specific Prayer Needs:

For Our Clients

- Emotional & Mental Well-Being:
 - Healing from trauma and mental health challenges
 - Strength to overcome depression & suicidal thoughts
 - Peace for those facing fears of deportation
- Recovery & Stability:
 - Success in outpatient drug treatment
 - Strength, wisdom, and patience in parenting
 - Hope and restoration for clients seeking reunification with their children
 - Guidance while deciding if they should press charges
- Practical Needs:
 - Provision of permanent housing
 - Opportunities for meaningful and stable employment
 - Guidance and provision for client seeking legal assistance for a Green Card

For Our Team

- Staff, volunteers & Board members
- Mental and emotional strength as we serve in challenging circumstances
- Wisdom and endurance to support our clients effectively
- Protection from burnout and renewed energy for our work
- Unity, compassion, and clear communication within the team

Financial & Resource Needs

- Increased funding through grants and financial partners
- Wisdom in stewarding resources effectively
- Guidance to find funding to hire an advocate to work with our clients
- Awareness & Education
- **Goal:** Educate 500 individuals this year about human trafficking and survivor support
- Upcoming Speaking Engagements
- Apr 02: High Point YMCA
- April 03: Continuum of Care
- Apr 03: Denton Public Library
- Apr 08: Homegroup
- Apr 19: Walk for Freedom
- Apr 21: St. John's Lutheran Church
- Apr 23: First Baptist of Asheboro

Praises:

- Client Victories
 - We have 6 clients receiving support/ services with us.
 - This year, we have served 7 survivors.
- Awareness & Education
 - We've already had the opportunity to educate 221 people this year on human trafficking and survivor support—praise God for these growing conversations.
- Prayer Group
 - We had five people come to our prayer meeting last month.
- Volunteers
 - Our incredible volunteers have contributed 115 hours so far this year, helping with various events and essential tasks. We are so grateful for their time and dedication.
- Business partners
 - God has provided us with business who are financially supporting our mission:
 - David Hart Builders Inc.
 - Hawley Heating and Cooling
 - Velocity Sales & Marketing
- Church Partners
 - We are blessed to have many churches who continuously support us financially:
 - Berean Memorial Baptist Church
 - First Baptist Church of Welcome
 - Green Street Baptist Church
 - Piney Woods Friends Meeting
 - Rich Fork Baptist Church
 - Triad Baptist Church

LEARN TO DO
RIGHT; SEEK
JUSTICE.
DEFEND THE
OPPRESSED.

ISAIAH 1:17

Prayer Warrior

Finally, be strong in the Lord
and in his mighty power.
Put on the full armor of God,
so that you can take your
stand against the
devil's schemes.

Ephesians 6:10-11

Fair Grove Church has a strong and faithful team of prayer warriors.

If you have a prayer request, you
may submit it one of two ways:

Email: fgcthomasvillencprayerchain@gmail.com
Or by text message: 3368706693



Requests will be sent to our prayer warriors on a daily basis
via the email address above. A cumulative Prayer Request
List will be sent via email every Friday. If you would like to
be added to the Prayer Warrior Email List, contact
Jane Baity one of the two ways mentioned above.

Aurelia Hampton Family
Lori Swaim Pesqueira Family
Casa Eaton Family
Janice Mericka Family
Jimmy Gearren Family
Dick Davis Family
Joann
Lane Gilbert
Ben Watford
Clyde Bailey
Kayla Kleintank
Kassie Romano
Ronnie Taylor
Allison Chostner
Ruby Proctor
Ricky Wray
Sharon Keever
Priscilla Everhart
Grace Shoemaker
Curtis Ingram
Lynette Jones Scott
Scott Reese
Cindy Medlin
Dot Russell

Joel Craddock
Michelle Miller Harris
Shirley Fuller
Juanita Welborn
Roger Ferguson
Wendy Smith
Brenda Smith Ward
Steve Avre
Jimmy Holliday
Beverly
Betty Richey
Carolyn & Wade Lane
Carol Sena
Terri Carpenter
Kathryn Swaim
Drew Newby
Mary
Connie Yarborough
Kathy Shoe
Rick Wilson
Ira Buckalew
Jennifer Kinley
Joy Wray Tucker
Sandra Workman
Roy McMahon

Heather Hardister
David & Linda Lambeth
Evelyn Parks
Riley Honeycutt
Kendall Conner
Jenny Mize
Tammy Hildebrand
Kita's mother
Billie Warren
Anne Jones
Kim Edgerton
Jamie Wray Heupel
Juan Gome Voglino
Roger Burkhard
Katie Coment husband
Lillie Lim
Cindy Sprague
Len Beusse
Meridith Bame
Tommy Vernon
Judy Harrington
Lanley Suttle
Mary Wallace
Vince Mounts
Ophelia Timmons

Deb Lawson Brooks
Alice Workman
Rob Nelson
Denise Barker
Dennis Harrison
Johnny Odom
Chad Blevins
Teresa Rhodes
Leslie Rierson
Lucy Hayes
Becca Williams
Brittany East
Bryce Hunt
Victims of all natural disasters

Prayer List



*"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

EVERYONE
IS
Welcome!

Please note that there is an open invitation to any and all who would like to pray over the Sunday
service at 10:30am in the Prayer Room. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Mark.

Happy
Birthday



1 Cindy Dillard
1 Shirley Fuller
1 Tamara Gilbert
4 Clyde Bailey
5 Susan Barry
5 Ronnie Boone
5 Phillip Sink
5 Kristin Weaver
7 Roger Thompson
8 Pam Craven
8 Kim Nichols
9 Brooke Kinley
10 Jason Lee
11 Kevin McAdams
12 Paul Welborn
13 Karen Seward
15 Darrell Kennedy

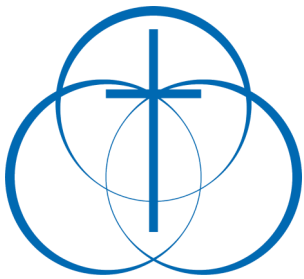
15 Beecher Sparks
16 Polly Russell
17 Norah Allison Parrish
17 Thome Lyndon
18 Tami Burkhardt
18 Andrew Hampton
18 Claudia Jones
18 Darryl Leonard
19 Brittany Hall
20 Laura Austin
20 Cinde Ingram
21 Jane Baity
21 Dot Russell
21 Katie Thompson
22 Ann Hall
22 Caroline Hill
23 Jared Fritts

24 Candice Sink Holliday
25 Marian Workman
26 Ken Nance
27 Dawn Trotter
28 Amy Hart Petley
30 Jay Hayes
30 Candy Thompson



Happy
Anniversary

7 Marshall & Carol Hepler
9 Andy & Angela Lyndon
10 Brian & Julie Fritts
10 Scott & Cristall McCaskill
11 David & Tami Rothrock
14 Kevin & Ginger McAdams
18 Rickey & Susan Wray
20 Jeffrey & Roxanna Worley
20 Dale & Joan Everhart
27 John & Carol Everhart
29 Dean & Karen Murphy



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Non Profit

Organization

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**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**

We Thank God For You



STEWARDSHIP *A way of Life*

FOR PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 23

YTD SS Attendance AVG	19
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	103
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 47,738.50
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 3,978.21
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 4,624.65

GLEANNING

March 127 Year-to-date: 404

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!**

Make sure to check out our website: www.fairgrovechurch.org
and Facebook page: www.facebook.com/fairgrovechurch/

Office Email: fgcthamasville@gmail.com

Phone: (336) 475-2598

Pastor: Mark Helms Email: helmsmark39@yahoo.com

Minister's Office Phone: (336) 475-3191