

Fair Grove Church

The Messenger Monthly Newsletter

March 2025

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

A Moment From Mark

Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
- 6 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.
- 10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
- 12 Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
- 13 Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness. (NIV Bible Translation)

Sometime around 1000 B.C., King David brought the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem. And it is believed that David wrote Psalm 96 as a commemoration to this momentous occasion. Several themes run throughout the thirteen verse song or Psalm such as God's sovereignty, God's creation, how we should reject idolatry, a call for the people to worship, and the judgement to come. It also makes a great responsive reading for the church collectively. In addition, it also is a beautifully laid out sermon, complete with a nice outline.

Another way to look at this Psalm, however, is found in the first verse: "Sing to the LORD a new song." Besides celebrating the return of the Ark of the Covenant, David lays out not only the importance of collective worship, but David gives a call to worship, our reason for worship, the content of our worship, and the imminent coming of judgment. In fact, every Lord's Day is a call for celebration and remembrance of what Christ did for us on Calvary. In fact, every day is a call for celebration and remembrance of who is responsible for our Salvation, our eternal life.

At Fair Grove, we have embarked on a "new song." "The old has passed away, behold all things have become new."

Pastor Mark

2024 YEAR END
FINANCIAL REVIEW

YTD SS Attendance AVG	20
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	101
YTD Budget Offering	\$274,114.53
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 5,271.43



- ◆ Mar 4 @8am - Senior Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ◆ Mar 4 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ◆ Mar 6 @10am - Prayer Shawl in the Parlor
- ◆ Mar 8 @9am - UWF Annual Breakfast Meeting
- ◆ Mar 9 - Daylight Savings Begins - move your clock ahead one hour
- ◆ Mar 11 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ◆ Mar 18 @11am - Susanna Wesley Circle Meeting in the FLC
- ◆ Mar 18 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ◆ Mar 25 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ◆ Mar 29 - Children's Sabbath with the Youth



Serving Jesus through Missions

*Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, **inasmuch** as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Matthew 25:40*

The InAsMuch Club continues to be an opportunity to reach out to those who need our help. For a minimum of \$12 a year, \$1 a month, you can become part of the group whose love provides basic needs for someone struggling. Numerous emergency needs through the Missions Restricted Fund have been addressed in the past, such as utilities, rent, and even a baby bed. Thanks to those of you who have generously given. Thank you for bringing a non-perishable item each week to help the hungry through the Fairgrove Family Resource Center.

We will add to our focus in the next few months by praying for and serving The Father's Storehouse. We may offer financial donations to support them for basic operating expenses, food boxes, etc. Also, much needed items may be given. (see below) Please bring your items to the side entrance foyer. Check out their website for more updates and details about volunteering, the homeless shelter for women and children, and to be inspired by their ministry. Individuals and groups in our church have and will be blessed to volunteer in this ministry. More information can be found on the Missions bulletin board at our side entrance.

Lent begins March 5th. An envelope or box will be available at each church entry to encourage sacrificial giving throughout the Lenten season.

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 thefatherstorehouse.com

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 in our side entry and labeled.

- ◆ "Widow's Boutique" - **New** items, such as: clothes, perfume, jewelry, purses, and slippers.
- ◆ **Gently** used, **clean** items - such as: sheets, blankets, towels, pots, pans, silverware, and small appliances.



Father Storehouse 2024 Recap

As we come to the end of the year, we want to tell you how very thankful we are for each and everyone of you! The mission field can seem uncertain when you think of things in the human perspective, lots of bills and expenses, and no offering plate! But the absolute beauty of it all is that our Lord is a Way-maker and always blesses His house through his people! Thank you for your faithfulness!

Food- It seems to be a roller coaster with how much food we actually receive through the food bank. We continue to purchase quite a bit from Aldi. Walmart, dollar tree. If any of your groups, churches, businesses would like to collect some food items for us that would be a big help! Donations always seem to go down not only monetarily but also goods, in January and February. I pray that everyone will be mindful that the needs continue!

Shelter- We will open our women and children's homeless shelter on January 1 First, thank you guys for giving so that we could open the doors once again. There are some additional needs some basic expenses that need to be covered regarding food, hygiene, immediate needs of our guests and the shelter. In addition, on our Facebook page you will find a link to sign up to provide a meal one evening for 20 people. There's also a sign up asking you to volunteer four hour increment on a weekend so that we can keep the women and children inside on the weekends. During the week, they have school work, etc. and the bus picks them up In the morning but they really have nowhere to go on the weekend, and it's cold! We would like to be able to keep them Inside. Please volunteer so that we can do that.

We do have good news with a wonderful blessing from a business in our community that would like to remain anonymous. They provided the funds for us to be able to begin construction on a sleeping quarters for the shelter. As most of you know we are currently using our Chapel/multipurpose area for the sleeping quarters. It is challenging to share the space that's for sure, so we're looking forward to getting this construction underway! We are so thankful for God's provision on this! Be prayerful for this project, but everything would go quickly and efficiently with God's favor!

Thank you for giving your best gifts to the Lord! He is moving in a mighty way through the Father's Storehouse touching so many lives! Like you we considered it an absolute privilege to give, work and serve in His house!
The Father's Storehouse Team



**COOPERATIVE
COMMUNITY
MINISTRY**

336-476-1842

CCM- Cooperative Community Ministries

2024 shaped up to be a challenging, but exciting year for our ministry. A much anticipated renovation began at our facility on Guilford Street and we temporarily moved to Grace Lutheran Church so we could still offer all of our services. We were able to move our operations back to 10 W. Guilford St. on January 3. We continue to raise funds for all programming and could use your support! Any donation is appreciated and used right here in Davidson County. We have served this community since we were established in 1995, for almost 30 years and are so blessed to be a part of it. During this time we've held strong in our beliefs and our vision:

We Believe: Everyone deserves access to food, water, shelter, and clothing. That every person we encounter should be treated with compassion, dignity, and respect. In being good stewards of our resources.

Our Mission: To provide meaningful assistance that helps address the basic needs of any Davidson County resident who walks through our doors.

Our Vision: The most basic needs of our Davidson County neighbors (food, shelter, water, and clothing) are met and all members of our community can thrive. CCM remains an agent of positive change in our immediate neighborhood and larger community. Engage with other non-profits, business partners, and government agencies to build a network that collaboratively solves local problems.

If you feel led to help us continue to provide this type of support here within Davidson County you can donate on our website through PayPal ([ccmtville.org/how-to-help](https://www.ccmtville.org/how-to-help)) or use our Venmo account (@CoopComMin).

Thank you for your continued support - CCM Staff and Volunteers



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.



It is with great excitement that SPRC welcomes LEA AUSTIN COOPER as our new Children & Youth Director. Lea has grown up in our church and is now answering God's call to serve. Please offer her your prayers and support as she discerns God's will for this important ministry. WELCOME, LEA!!!!!!!!!!

A Little About “Miss Lea”



Introduction

My name is Lea Cooper, and I am SO excited to be on board as the Children and Youth leader at Fair Grove Church.

I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you better, but wanted to share a little about myself first.

As some of you may know, I grew up at Fair Grove church attending both the children and youth programs here. I now have a daughter, Mary Cooper, and have been married to my husband Brandon for almost five years. We have a dog named Tucker and like to spend our weekends outdoors whenever possible. I previously worked at Archdale Parks and Recreation, helping with both the children’s programs and youth athletics.

My prayer for this program is 2nd Peter 3:18:
“Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord”



Youth UPCOMING EVENTS

LEA COOPER
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YOUTH SABBATH SERVICE

Our Youth will lead the service this Sunday - we will meet at 9:45 AM in the sanctuary to practice beforehand.

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CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY

Join us from 2 - 4 PM Saturday afternoon for games, crafts, and an egg hunt. Youth will help to setup. Pre-registration will be required.

ATTENTION *Graduates*



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



6pm March 30

join us!

5th Sunday Night Community Hymn Song, Sunday, March 30 at 6:00 PM at Central Wesleyan, 300 Hinkle Street. Feel free to request your favorite hymns to sing and also enjoy the choirs from Bethel, Central and Fair Grove. As a special all 3 choirs will do the anthem together entitled "Shine on Us". We hope to see you there.

Susan McCurry

We have such a loving and caring church family here at Fair Grove Church and we wanted you to know how much we appreciate and love each and every one of you! Thank you again for all of your support for the music department by attending the evening cantata (235 in attendance) and the 5th Sunday Singing (118 in attendance). Also, once again thank you so much for the incredibly generous love offering you gave to us. It blessed us more than you know.

We love you, Carolyn and Susan

**THANK YOU
SO MUCH**

To all who attend Fair Grove Church and the SPRC committee members, we wanted to take a moment to say thank you for the generous Christmas love offering you collected and distributed between all of us who work at the church. It was such a true blessing for each of us and our families. It shows the outpouring of love for us from all of you and we truly cannot thank you enough. We uplift in prayer Fair Grove Church and all who enter to worship.

Carolyn Lane, Jane Evans, Mark Helms, Sharon Sink, Susan McCurry



United
Women
in Faith

A Call To Prayer and Self Denial 2025 Breakfast Meeting

Ladies, please join us for this annual breakfast meeting on Saturday, March 8.

We will begin at 9:00 with a covered dish breakfast in the Family Life Center.

Our program this year is "Bold Women Transforming Communities."

All women are invited to attend this event and bring a friend.

The offering taken at this meeting will go to support international work put into action by the United Women in Faith.

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*

Janice Mericka family
Donald Baity family
Jimmy Gearren family
Dick Davis family
Tommy Swaim family
Kayla Kleintank
Kassie Romano
Ginger Martin
Ronnie Taylor
Allison Chostner
Ruby Proctor
Ricky & Susan Wray
Sharon Sink
Ashley Perdue
Sharon Keever
Vickie Poland
Priscilla Everhart
Aurelia Hampton
Grace Shoemaker
John Everhart
Curtis Ingram
Lynette Jones Scott
Scott Reese
Cindy Medlin

Dot Russell
Joel Craddock
Michelle Miller Harris
Ty Parker
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
Clyde Bailey
Connie Yarborough
Kathy Shoe
Rick Wilson
Ira Buckalew

Aubrey Lawson
Jennifer Kinley
Joy Wray Tucker
Candi Williams
Sandra Workman
Roy McMahon
Heather Hardister
David & Linda Lambeth
Evelyn Parks
Riley Honeycutt
Kendall Conner
Tammy Hildebrand
Kita's mother
Jenny Mize
Billie Warren
Anne Jones
Kim Edgerton
Jamie Wray Heupel
Juan Gome Voglino
Roger Burkhardt
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 hurricanes Milton and Helene

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 meet for the Sweet Hour Of Prayer" sessions in the Parlor Room from 8:30-9:30am and 9:30-10:30am as well as 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



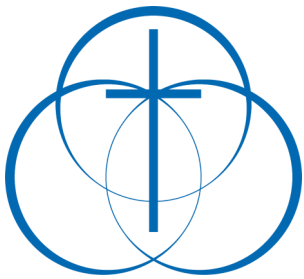
2 Randy Barnette
4 David Rothrock
7 Ronald Bumgardner
9 Kathy Fuller
9 Jonathan Hall
9 Meagan Johnson
10 Jenny Garvin
10 Joanna Welborn
11 Cayton Brown
11 Buck Hall
14 Michael Sweitzer
15 Matthew Dillard
15 Mark Workman
20 Mike Sink
21 Regan Barker
21 Kelly Moore

21 Marlene Burckhalter
24 Robert Burcham
24 Ed Smith
25 Jacob Lee
28 Dianne Lee
28 Brian Vertefeuille
30 Ginger McAdams
30 Taylor Thompson
31 Amy Pierce



Happy
Anniversary

16 Ron & Kelly Moore
21 Eddie & Sheree Jones
29 John & Cindy Dillard
31 Martin & Tami Burkhardt



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REQUESTED**

We Thank God For You



STEWARDSHIP A way of Life

FOR PERIOD JANUARY - FEBRUARY

YTD SS Attendance AVG		17
YTD Worship Attendance AVG		100
YTD Budget Offering	\$	31,281.50
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$	3,910.19
Needed each week to make budget	\$	4,624.65

GLEANNING

Jan - Feb: 277 Year-to-date: 277

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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and Facebook page: www.facebook.com/fairgrovechurch/

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