

Fair Grove Church

The Messenger Monthly Newsletter

May 2025

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

A Moment with Pastor Mark

We've been studying in the book of Acts about how the church was formed and how it was so different from all the other religions of the day, including Judaism. And what made it so different was the basic ground roots differences between religion and Christianity. Religion began at the Tower of Babel where humanity tried to reach up to the gods to know them. Whereas, Christianity is not about man trying to reach up to know God but rather God reaching down to humanity that we might know God. After all, Christianity is literally "the way of Christ" or "Christ-likeness."

However, there is something even more important in Christianity that no other religion can boast. While Jesus has given us the example of how we should live, it is the Holy Spirit that lives inside of us through which we are inspired to live like Jesus. Do you understand that? Jesus literally lives inside of us! Yes we were created with a conscience, and that conscience is what guides us in the decisions and choices we make. Yet, our conscience can be controlled by good or evil. Our conscience, while it should be that which controls our thinking for the good, can be influenced in such a way that it begins to control for the bad.

We need to ask ourselves daily, do we have a Christ-centered Conscience? What is a Christ-centered Conscience? A Christ-centered conscience is one whereby we study the Scriptures in order to be more like Christ. But a Christ-centered conscience involves the leading of the Holy Spirit. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he says, "The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God." (1 Corinthians 2:10) The Holy Spirit searches the deep things of God, the deep things within the crevices of our minds, and the words of Scripture to map our journey in this life as we prepare for our life in eternity.

So let me close with these two verses from 1 Corinthians 2:11, 16.
"For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. . . for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ."

Pastor Mark



- ♦ May 4 @ 4pm - Board of Trustees meeting in the FLC
- ♦ May 6 @8am - Senior Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ♦ May 6 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ♦ May 8 @ 10am - Prayer Shawl in the parlor
- ♦ May 11 - Mother's Day
- ♦ May 13 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ♦ May 20 @11am - Susanna Wesley Circle Meeting in the FLC
- ♦ May 20 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ♦ May 26 - Church Office Closed
- ♦ May 27 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ♦ June 3 @8am - Senior Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ♦ June 5 @10am - prayer shawl in the parlor
- ♦ June 22 - Church Luncheon for WNC



God's Work Our Hands Missions at Fair Grove

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Thank you for your donations!

Your financial offerings for The Father's Storehouse, \$1075 speaks of your desire to comfort those in need, as well as donations of numerous gently used and new items.

Your Lenten envelopes and boxes were generous on Easter, and will go to the Western North Carolina Disaster Relief. You may still bring your envelope or box. (Please write checks to Fair Grove Church, with WNC Disaster Relief on the memo line.) Totals will be reported soon. On Easter, weekly gleanings were multiplied by TRULY filling the altar with food items!

Ongoing Missions include weekly gleanings and \$5 or \$10 gift cards for someone with an urgent need. Fast food and grocery cards are most needed now. Thank you to those who have given from your hearts for these missions.

Please prayerfully consider being a weekly gleaner by bringing one non-perishable or canned good each week all year long.

Our Mission focus in May - the Davidson County Women's Shelter

Your compassion for women and children who seek help in unthinkable circumstances may be shown with a variety of much needed items. A collection box is placed at the Fair Grove side entrance. In our own county, women and their children experience violence, assault and strife and are often forced to flee to a place of refuge. Let's pray these individuals feel God's presence and strength.

Women's Shelter of Davidson County - Requested Items Needed at this Time

- * **Paper products:** Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Paper Napkins, Paper Plates, Unscented Baby Wipes, Sizes 2-5 Baby Diapers, Feminine Products
- * **Plastic Products:** Qt. & Gallon Freezer Bags, Plastic Wrap, 16 oz. Plastic Cups, 13 Gal. Trash Bags
- * **Toiletries:** Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner



Our Spring Bake Sale was a great success. Because of your generous giving and support, we will be able to support several local missions such as Fair Grove Family Resource Center, Father's Storehouse and CCM. We will give you an exact report after our next Executive Committee meeting. As always, we appreciate your support of our women!

Upcoming Events:

Fair Grove Church - General Meeting - Summer salad lunch - July 26 @ 11:00am in the FLC

District Meeting: Wear a hat, bring a hat tea @ Pine Grove UMC, Winston Salem May 31 @ 11:00am

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7



United
Women
in Faith

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"



Fair Grove Church has a strong & 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: 336.870.6693

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.

Prayer List

John Swaim Family
John Lutsie
Junior Benfield
Mitch Robertson
Brenda Martinez
Carolyn Fritts
Carol Hepler
Jesse Gilbert
Clyde Baile
Jenny Mize

Sarah Parker
Hailey Parker
Shela Gearren
Sandra Lyon
Robin Laster
Ben Watford
Lane Gilbert
Sissy
Kayla Kleintank
Aurelia Hampton Family
Lori Pesqueira Family
Casa Eaton Family
Victims of natural disasters

"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 10:30 am in the Prayer Room. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Mark.

Happy
Birthday



2 Ryan Grubb
4 Deborah Masters
4 Regan Sink
4 Frances Frazier
5 Stephen Easley
7 Susan Wray
8 Ashley Perdue
8 Sharron Key
9 McKenzie Aderhold
9 Derek Sink
11 Hannah Belle Petley
12 Gracie Miller
12 Joy Tucker
12 Pauline Reynolds
13 Leland Owens
15 Jimmy Lucas

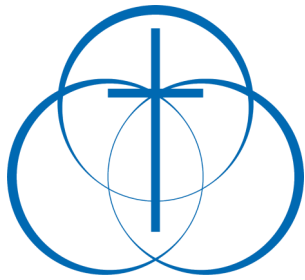
16 Mary Thomas
16 Janet Burkhart
17 Kailan Fry
18 Gracie Bell
19 Nathan Gibbs
20 Sara Bell
22 Mark Hill
22 Peighton Weaver
23 Tami Rothrock
24 Annette Boone
25 Jim Harris (Beaufort, NC)
26 Dusty Lloyd
26 Alice Workman
27 Haley Bodenhammer
29 Dylan Brooks
29 Chad Hampton

30 Andrew Hart
30 Donna Huskins
30 Darren Smith
31 Carolyn Fritts



Happy
Anniversary

7 Roger & Candy Thompson
18 Mark & Caroline Hill
18 Darrell & Linda Lee
19 Mark & Evelyn Everhart
19 David & Sharon Keever
21 Brent & Ginny Blair
21 Steve & Pam Sink
24 Gary & Dawn Trotter
27 Rick & Monica Moser
28 Scott & Donna Miller
28 Phil & Jane Gibbs



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We Thank God For You!



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FOR PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 20

YTD SS Attendance AVG	19
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	110
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 68,667.00
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 4,291.69
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 4,624.65

GLEANNING

April: 1325 Year-to-date: 1793
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/

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