

Fair Grove Church

The Messenger Monthly Newsletter

June 2025

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

A Moment with Pastor Mark

"Signs! Signs! Everywhere signs! Blocking up the scenery, breaking my mind! Do this! Don't do that! Can't you read the signs?" A really humorous song from the 70's by the Five Man Electrical Band and a one-hit-wonder. Driving back from Florida Sunday, my friend Ed and I were watching the signs for "Pedro's South of the Border" (I'm sure if you've ever driven down I-95 you have seen these signs about every couple of miles). And they all include all the "many" things to do there when you arrive. The place has been there since around 1950 and I'm sure that millions of people have visited there for vacation or just passing through to check it out.

However, when we actually arrived there (or actually just drove by it) I noticed that it looked almost like a ghost town. Maybe it was the time of day or time of year, but it looked really empty. It reminded me of all the worldly pleasures that we constantly seek. And by we, I mean most all of humanity. Yes, as Christians and non-Christians, we all seek pleasures and fun and there's not really anything wrong with that. However, if that is ALL that we are seeking in this world, after the thrills are gone and the excitement has diminished, we are still left feeling empty. Much like what Pedro's looked like last Sunday; a ghost town.

However, we also saw something else peppered in between those signs. We saw these larger than billboards signs with messages about Jesus. "Jesus Saves", "Turn to Jesus Now," "Jesus is the truth!", and well, you get the picture. Yes, the world offers us so many things like success, entertainment, fun, and excitement. But these things do not last! They are temporal and cannot last forever. Jesus offers us something that WILL last forever. He offers us eternity in a place that is absolutely beyond description, beyond anything that has ever been imagined; and it's free!

Simply acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord and ask Jesus into your heart, to save you, and to cleanse you from your sins. This is all that is required for eternal life. No admission fees, no parking fees! And then get ready for some REAL excitement!

Looking forward to spending eternity with you in Heaven!

Pastor Mark

*What's
Happening@*
Fair
Grove
Church

- ♦ June 3 @8am - Senior Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ♦ June 3 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ♦ June 5 - **No Prayer Shawl in the parlor for June or July**
- ♦ June 8 @5pm - SPRC meeting in the parlor
- ♦ June 8 @6pm - Church Council meeting in the FLC
- ♦ June 10 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ♦ June 17 @11am - Susanna Wesley Circle Meeting in the FLC
- ♦ June 17 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ♦ June 19 - Church Office Closed
- ♦ June 22 - Church Luncheon for WNC
- ♦ June 24 @11am, 7pm - Adult Bible Study on Acts
- ♦ July 1 @8am - Senior Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ♦ July 7 - Church Office Closed



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



5th Sunday Night Community Singing,
Sunday, June 29 at 6:00 PM at Bethel,
508 Fisher Ferry St. Feel free to request
your favorite hymns to sing and also
enjoy the choirs from other area choirs.
We hope to see you there.

Susan McCurry
Choir Director



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 FG Missions.



FEED THE
HUNGRY

Missions at Fair Grove

If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. Isaiah 58:10

Thank you for your generous donations for the Davidson County Women's Shelter/Hattie Lee Burgess Home. Your extra mile giving on Mother's Day filled the altar and is a testament to your love and compassion. Let's continue to pray for women and children who have been forced to seek shelter in difficult circumstances of violence and abuse.

In June, let's make an extra effort to feed the hungry by bringing at least one item each week to our collection box of non-perishables and canned goods. Summer shelves are often bare when giving seems to fall off.

Our ongoing mission of a gas, fast food, or grocery card continues. Your donation of a \$5 or \$10 gift card is often the boost someone needs that comes to our office with an urgent need.



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DAVIDSON COUNTY

SENIOR SERVICES

On behalf of Davidson County Senior Services, we hope this message finds you well. We are reaching out to invite members and churches in our area to consider partnering with us as we serve the older adults of our community.

As we prepare for the year ahead, we have outlined several key projects and a list of donation needs for 2025 that will directly support local seniors in meaningful and practical ways. Below you will find:

- **2025 Project Information** – listing ideas of how you can help Senior Services by hosting a project
- **Donation Needs List** – including items and supplies that would greatly benefit our seniors

We deeply value the role that individuals and churches play in strengthening our community and believe each of you could have a powerful impact in helping us meet these needs. Whether through donations, prayer support, or volunteer involvement, we welcome any form of partnership.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact us at Davidson County Government, Department of Senior Services, 555-B West Center Street Ext., Lexington, NC 27295. The office number is +1.336.243.2294. Thank you for your time, consideration, and heart for service.

Davidson County Dept. of Senior Services

DONATIONS

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Ready to Donate?
Let us Know.

Call: 336.242.2290 or Email:
rylee.merrill@davidsoncountync.gov

Davidson County Dept. of Senior Services

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

HOW YOU CAN HELP SENIOR SERVICES!



MONETARY DONATIONS

Senior Services proudly accepts monetary funding to support our senior services, ensuring that we can continue to provide essential care and assistance to older adults. Your contribution helps us enhance the quality of life for seniors in our community. For more details on funding opportunities, please contact us.

ESTATE AND LEGACY DONATION

As you plan for the future, we kindly ask you to consider remembering us in your estate and legacy planning. Your gift will help ensure that our senior services continue to support and enrich the lives of older adults for years to come. Thank you for making a lasting impact.

HOST A FUNDRAISER

There are waiting lists for in-Home Services, Transportation, and Meals on Wheels. Hosting a fundraiser and donating the proceeds to these programs can help clients receive services faster. Senior Services also accepts funds for the Crisis Program, which assists clients with help for emergency needs.

Need Fundraiser Ideas?

Host a Gala, Bake Sale, Spaghetti Dinner, Car Wash, Raffle, Live or Online Auction, Concert, or Talent Show.

Crowdfunding, Peer-to-Peer, Social Media Challenge, or GoFundMe. You can search online for other ideas.

SET UP A HOLIDAY ANGEL TREE

Buy Christmas presents for a senior in need. Senior Services will supply the need of low-income clients. The coordinator from your organization ensures this information is written or typed on an Angel shaped card and placed on a designated Christmas tree. Your members take an angel and purchase Christmas presents for their selected client. They can wrap the presents or place in gift bags. At a date agreed upon, Senior Services Project Coordinator will pick up the gifts and ensure distribution to the client. (Due to confidentiality limitations, persons providing gifts are unable to distribute to clients.)

IN-KIND DONATION NEEDS

IN-HOME SERVICES

Incontinence Supplies

- Adult Diapers/Briefs
- Adult Pull-ups
- Pads/Liners
- Booster Pads
- Disposable and Reusable Bed and Chair Underpads
- Wipes
- Disposal Bags

Nutritional Supplements

- Ensure
- Boost
- Glucerna

*Bath Aids

- Grab Bars
- Tub Mats
- Bath Chairs
- Transfer Tub benches

*Mobility Aids

- Canes
- Walkers
- Rollators
- Wheelchairs
- Lift Chairs

Personal Care Items

- Lotion
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Powder
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Hairbrush
- Hair Spray
- Unmonitored/No Monthly Fee Emergency Alert Systems

THE CAFE'S

- Bingo Prizes (small items such as jewelry, tissues, personal care items)
- Coffee (unopened container)
- Creamer (unopened container)
- Artificial Sweeteners (unopened container)
- Sugar (unopened container)
- Styrofoam Coffee Cups
- Plates/Napkins/Plastic Forks & Spoons
- Seasonal Party Decorations

SENIOR CENTERS

- Large Print Books/ Puzzles
- Candy & Mints (unopened)
- Coffee (unopened container)
- Creamer (unopened container)
- Artificial Sweeteners (unopened container)
- Sugar (unopened container)
- Styrofoam Coffee Cups
- Plates/Solo Cups/Napkins
- Plastic Forks & Spoons
- *Books
- *Fans
- *Craft Supplies
- *Exercise Equipment
- Party Decorations



*Accepted only if staff can verify there is a client need.

* Requires Senior Center Managers Approval to accept.

HOLD A DONATION DRIVE

Collect items most often needed by seniors such as: large print books, puzzles, adult coloring books, canned food, pet food, holiday gifts (Christmas, Valentines, Easter), cleaning supplies (unopened), flashlights, batteries, nutritional supplements (Ensure/Boost/Glucerna), personal care items (lotion, body wash, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrush, hair spray, powder), adult incontinence supplies (pull-ups, briefs, disposable and waterproof washable bed pads, wipes).

Want to host a Project? Let us Know.

Call: 336.242.2290 or Email:
rylee.merrill@davidsoncountync.gov

ORGANIZE A SERVICE PROJECT

For Seniors – Yard work, minor home repairs, wheelchair ramps, minor painting, house cleaning/ decorating, deliver Meals on Wheels, grocery shopping or medication pick-up, friendly visits/phone calls/letter writing, collect fresh fruits/veggies donations from local farmers/gardeners to be distributed to clients

For the Senior Services Facilities – Gardening/landscaping, cleaning, lead/teach an activity or class, provide entertainment at special events.

At the Senior Cafe's – Call Bingo, provide entertainment to participants (music, comedy, dance, reading, etc.).

*Aging*EMPOWERED!



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.



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.

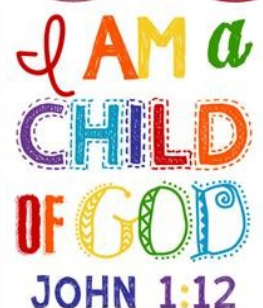
Servant Volunteers would need to be in the nursery by 10:30 a.m. and remain there throughout the entire service. Toddlers are chaperoned or picked up by a youth volunteer shortly after the beginning of the 11 a.m. service and taken to Kids Own Worship to participate in the lesson for the remainder of 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



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.

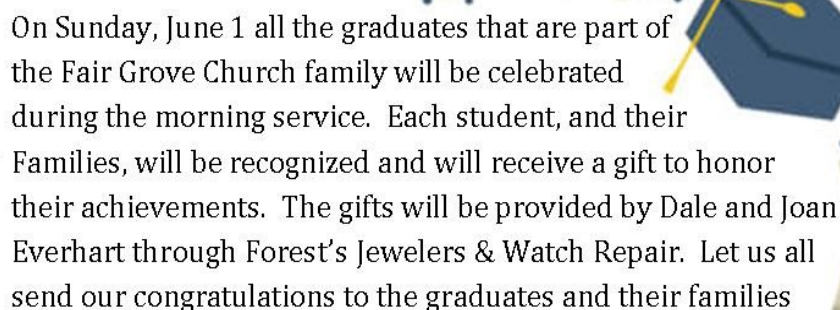




2025

Class of

CONGRATULATIONS!



On Sunday, June 1 all the graduates that are part of the Fair Grove Church family will be celebrated during the morning service. Each student, and their families, will be recognized and will receive a gift to honor their achievements. The gifts will be provided by Dale and Joan Everhart through Forest's Jewelers & Watch Repair. Let us all send our congratulations to the graduates and their families

and may the new journey they embark upon be forever blessed.

Regan Addison Barker

Regan will graduate summa cum laude from East Davidson High School on June 6th.

Athletically, she played volleyball all four years as well as soccer, for which she was one of the team captains during her senior year. Throughout her high school career she also served as manager for the girls basketball team. Her duties included videoing games and keeping team statistics. She also ran the game clock during practices.

On the academic side, she was a member of the Beta Club her junior and senior years. She was for the National Society of Leadership and Success for Spring 2025 at Davidson-Davie Community College. She is a member Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Tau Beta Chapter, at DDCC. She has also received cords in Honors and in Health Science.

She was nominated to the Homecoming Court her freshman and senior years. She also received the "Most School Spirit" superlative.

Regan's future plans include attending Appalachian State University to pursue a major in psychology and a minor in criminal justice working toward a degree in criminal psychology.

Natalie Buckalew

Natalie Buckalew is graduating from Patrick Henry High School in Ashland, Virginia, on May 30th. Proud grandfather is our Ira Buckalew.

Natalie has maintained good grades while participating in various school and church activities. She served the local elementary school in a peer relations mentorship role. Also, Natalie traveled with her church youth group to provide English language classes in the Dominican Republic. She her church's children's ministry in vacation Bible school every summer. Natalie completed her Navy JROTC academic career as a Lieutenant Junior Grade and served as the Public Affairs Officer.

She was a goalie and defender on the Patrick Henry soccer team. Natalie competed in the first regional and state women's wrestling tournament in Virginia.

Natalie has dedicated two years to complete vocational training as a cosmetologist and will pursue a career in the beauty industry following graduation.

Austin Kennedy

Austin will be graduating from Southwestern Randolph High School.

He ran track. Austin was also a member of the Concert Choir as well as the Honors Choir. He was chosen for the Randolph County Choir for three years.

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Austin plans to pursue Automotive Systems Technology At Randolph County Community College.

Norah Allison Parrish

Norah will be graduating from Wheatmore High School.

She was on the volleyball team for three years. She also played two years of JO travel volleyball.

Norah carries a 4.2 GPA and is a member of both the Beta Club and the National Technical Honor Society. She also received Certified Nursing Assistant accreditation.

She was a Girl Scout for ten years, for which she recently received the Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouts. She raised money that she used to design and install
A dog agility park at Creekside Park in Archdale.

After graduation Norah's plan is to be accepted into a radiography program and work towards her goal of becoming a licensed radiologic technician.

Reece Walser

Reece graduated magna cum laude on May 9 from UNC-Charlotte with a degree in mechanical engineering. Proud grandmother is Linda Teague. He is in Florida presenting a project on robotics. He has signed on with the Navy in a non-combat capacity. He will begin officers' training soon. He has recently bought a house in the Charleston, South Carolina area. Future plans include beginning work on his master's degree.

Grace Owenby

Grace graduated summa cum laude on May 9 from UNC-Charlotte with a degree in special education. We honor her today as Linda Teague's "bonus" granddaughter, engaged to Reece Walser.

Emma Grace McLaughlin

Emma has graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Pre-Law from UNC-Greensboro. She is awaiting results of her LSATs. She hopes to pursue a degree in Law.

Elliot Walker McLaughlin

Elliot has graduated with a Master's degree in Applied Geography from UNC-Greensboro. He is currently seeking employment in outdoor adventures with local colleges. He is currently engaged.

The journey's done, the books all closed,
A chapter ends, a future posed.
With hearts ablaze and spirits high,
We take to the skies, and reach so high!

The years have flown, like leaves in the breeze,
A tapestry woven of growth and ease.
Now with a step, both bold and free,
We embrace what's meant to be.

The path ahead, with its vibrant hue,
With dreams to chase and futures new.
Today we stand, a hopeful sight,
Ready to shine with all our might.



Please keep all of these recent graduates and their families in your prayers as they matriculate.

CHILDREN & YOUTH JUNE UPDATES

Our group is loving the beautiful spring weather. This past month we spent time learning about Genesis 1 "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" and John 10:4 "...his sheep follow him because they know his voice."

We practiced reading our bibles together, praying together, and playing together. We are looking forward to celebrating the end of the school year and what comes next for each of them!

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"



Spring Season



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

Alice Colwell
Donna Fritts
Susan McCurry
Dickie Fleming
Bob Adams
Susan Wray
Kent Vernon
Leon Helms

Jeanne Ellerbe
Jerry Cooper
Clyde Bailey
John Lutsie
Carolyn Fritts
Carol Hepler
John Swaim Family
2025 Graduates and Teachers
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 James Lomax	19 Caleb Everhart
4 Myra Harris	19 Jacob Gilbert
5 Susan McCurry	20 Lucas Mayer
5 Gary Trotter	22 Abbey Parrish
6 Jerry Lee	22 Abby Thompson
9 Christy Swaim	23 Dakota Johnson
10 Tim Fuller	24 John Everhart
10 Benny Huskins	24 Carrie Ann Fulbright
12 Elliot Everhart	24 Diane Overcash
13 Rick Moser	25 Rickey Wray
13 Kristi Nameth	26 Stanley Frazier
14 Dale Everhart	26 Stephen Sink
14 Gene McCurry	27 Steve Cline
14 Lauren Overcash	28 Ron Moore
15 Evelyn Gallimore	30 Cathy Bebbber
18 John Perry	



Happy Anniversary

6 Brian & Sara Barringer
6 Bob & Elizabeth Bowser
12 Mike & Wanda Faircloth
14 Ron & Janet Boles
16 Jesse & Tamara Gilbert
18 Jack & Betty Callicutt
19 Eric & Kim Johnson
19 David & Linda Lambeth
20 Steve & Betty Easley
25 Michael & Toni Jones



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We Thank God For You!



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FOR PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 18

YTD SS Attendance AVG	20
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	110
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 94,247.00
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 4,712.35
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 4,624.65

GLEANNING

May: 188 Year-to-date: 2023
Non-perishable food items donated to Fairgrove Family
Resource Center

Have you...

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



...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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