

A Moment with Pastor Mark ***AKA Mark's Musings***

So let me preface this article by saying that I realize that we still have four seasons. It's hot in the summer, cold in the winter, warm in the spring, and chilly in the fall. Or at least that was the way I learned it in school. However, the joke that has been going around about North Carolina suggests that we can experience all four seasons in one week. What brought this to mind was the fact that it has really been hot lately, and its only June! And I got a real dose of that heat this past weekend. So I got to thinking about what the heat really does to us.

Heat can cause a range of effects on the body. It can cause skin irritation, painful muscle cramps and spasms, heat exhaustion, dehydration of the body, fatigue, weakness, dizziness, fainting, nausea, damage to internal organs, and even death. And these are just the physical things in the human body. Mentally, prolonged exposure to heat can damage the brain as well as cause decreased mental ability, confusion, headaches, and the inability to function mentally.

However, there is a slogan that goes around that is one of the most misquoted slogans of all times. Have you ever said or heard someone say, "It's hot as hell out here."? Be assured that it IS NOT as hot as hell and never will be on this earth. Allow me to explain.

The heat that we experience in bodily form does have a stopping point. That is, a person who is burned to death does endure tremendous pain and suffering. but it does end at death. For all the pain and suffering and damage it causes, it will end!

The pain and suffering in Hell will not! So, the body in Hell faces two serious and opposite dilemmas. First, it faces the worst punishment, that of fire with all its torment and pain. That means a constant exposure to all of the horrifying effects on the body. Only, the body at that point will be eternal, that is, it will NEVER die!

As the Christian will enjoy eternal life in Heaven, a place of unimaginable beauty and grandeur, the one who doesn't know Jesus as their personal Savior will spend eternal life in the most horrible manner possible, eternal pain, burning, and suffering that will never end.

Tell your loved ones about Jesus. Amen.

Pastor Mark



- ♦ No Prayer Shawl in the parlor for July
- ♦ July 1 @8am - Senior Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ♦ July 7 - Church Office Closed
- ♦ July 15 @11am - Susanna Wesley Circle Meeting in the FLC
- ♦ July 26 @11am - UWF - Summer salad bar lunch in the FLC
- ♦ July 27 - Birthday Luncheon for Anne Jones after services

SHOW COMPASSION!



How Can Fair Grove through Missions?

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Matthew 9:36

Children, poverty, and compassion are close to God's heart. With a multitude of references to all three in the Bible, we know this must be so. At Fair Grove, it is a blessing to witness compassion at work. Your gleaning of non-perishables and canned goods, including the extra-mile giving at Father's Day, your donations of \$5 and \$10 grocery, gas, and fast food cards, and your outpouring of support for the victims of Hurricane Helene....compassion defined.

Our next focus, the **Nutrition on Weekends** program through the Fairgrove Family Resource Center gives us an opportunity to help children. Sadly, one in four of our Davidson county children will be going back to school with something on their minds that hopefully didn't cross most of ours, hunger! Many of you at Fair Grove in the last several years have given generously with donations to the N.O.W. program. In fact, our church provided for every targeted child at Fair Grove Elementary School. The Resource Center will pack food for each weekend of a school year for each child at risk for food insecurity. A donation in any amount will be appreciated. \$250 covers one child for an entire year. Gifts can be placed in honor or memory of a loved one as well. A form is provided below and at both entrances of the church. Please see the thank you note from Fair Grove School's social worker, Jeanie Minor.

Fair Grove Church 2025 - Mission Opportunity



Would you like to help alleviate the hunger of a child? Through our donations at Fair Grove Church, we can meet the need of every single targeted child at Fair Grove Elementary School. Fairgrove Family Resource Center provides nutritious food for children to take home over the weekends to four area schools. We hope to meet the needs of each child at Fair Grove School, as well as exceed that goal. \$250 will feed a child every weekend for the entire school year. Any dollar amount is appreciated!

_____ I would like to sponsor a child and donate \$250 at this time.

_____ I am making a pledge to sponsor a child and give the total by Dec. '25.

_____ I would like to give a donation in the following amount to help: _____

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

Name in memory or honor: _____

Your name or group: _____

Make check payable to Fair Grove Church. On the memo line, write NOW.

Fair Grove UMC ~
Thank you for your faithful support of the children at Fair Grove elementary. year after year you have taken care of our food bags for children on weekends. Your



Kindness makes a meaningful difference to a number of children and we are grateful. May the goodness you have shared with others be returned to you in full!

Jeanie Minor
School Social Worker

The Father's Storehouse Ministries UPDATE

Will we open the Homeless Shelter for women and children this winter?

That depends on you

Will you Help make it possible by giving every month! This helps us feed, clothe, provide showers for families in need and it also supports the winter Homeless Shelter for homeless women and children



Click / copy link below for an easy way to help 😊



Paypal:
<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/2JUUH5WC5VAGC>

Venmo:
https://r/venmo.com/code?user_id=42595408957948285

Cash App: \$fathersStorehouse

Our Mission

Provide food, hygiene, hot meals, showers to families in need

Providing shelter for women and children with our Winter Shelter

Sharing and showing the love of God at critical times in peoples lives

CONTACT US

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609 National Highway,
Thomasville, NC 27360

WEBSITE

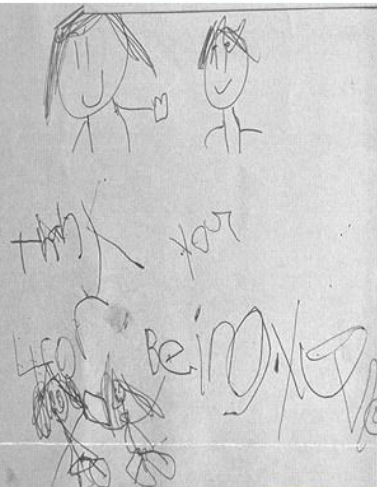
www.TheFathersStorehouse.com

My name is Jennifer and I first found the Father Storehouse by needing and "wanting to do volunteer stuff and give back something. I found it gave me purpose to help others in need. Finding Mrs Brenda has been a blessing to me. I want to thank each donor from the bottom of my heart for helping these children and women and providing me with work. May god bless you ALL! Brenda you with ever have a place in my heart ❤️ you are so GREAT for what you do!
Thank you,
Jennifer Oxford

Thank you for everything you all have been a light in the dark I will be forever grateful for the love and support through my familys rough times without the fathers Storehouse I dont know where me and my babys would be or what we would eat at night or where we would lay our heads at night I have recieved more than money could ever buy I got love and support and inspritation

♥ today i am grateful may god open up all good things to all of us ♥ Katy

Thank You so much for All you do, and doing. I will be forever grateful. + Once I'm able to will give, to the cause. You guys are wonderful and sent from Heaven.



Thank you from the bottom of our heart.

LITTLE, Jones Family

Changing Lives
Giving Hope
Spreading Love
Opening Doors



COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY MINISTRY

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."

— Fred Rogers

You may have heard this quote by Fred Rogers before and it feels as appropriate today as it did in 1999 when he shared it. We've seen the data - 25% of NC children are food insecure, (59% of Americans one paycheck from disaster, etc.) and it can definitely feel scary. Your support of CCM means we can BE THE HELPERS in our community. We can offer food to a family struggling under the weight of inflation. We can prevent eviction for the senior who is facing unexpected medical bills. And we can keep the lights on for the family experiencing job loss.

We've just kicked off a new fundraising campaign with a goal of \$25,000, and we need your help to make it happen.

Your support would make a real difference and be critical to our success. That's why we are asking you to make a donation today. Every dollar helps, and no amount is too small.

We're so grateful for your support and for being a part of our community. With your help, we know we can make a real impact and achieve our goal.

You can copy the link below to donate at The Helpers Campaign:

<https://givebutter.com/mc3CaS?gbtid=347a09d01ace45ee852403e67ac2f1c5>

Sincerely,

Beth Atkins - Executive Director

Ken Hanner - Board President

Payton Williams - Director of Development



United
Women
in Faith

General Meeting of all UWF - Summer salad bar lunch - July 26 @ 11:00 in the FLC

Ladies, please join us as we come together for worship, fellowship and a summer salad bar. Please bring an item(s) for the salad bar and/or a dessert. The lettuce, dressing and crackers will be provided. All women are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

****Our guest speaker will be Myra Houser. She is the Women's Ministry Leader for the North Carolina Global Methodist Church. Myra will inform us on what the women's program through the GMC offers. Come with questions for her to answer.****

**** Our hands on mission projects for this meeting will be bringing food items for the FG Family Resource Center. Their shelves tend to be low in the summertime. Let's keep it local! ****

We will also be collecting change for "Salem Pregnancy Care Center" in Winston-Salem. Our donations provide funds for education and practical support for mothers and families in need. Look for the baby bottles at the meeting!

Bake Sale Update:

Our UWF would like to inform our church family about the distribution of our April Bake Sale profits. Because of your generous support, we were able to give \$200 to the following local organizations:

Fair Grove's Children/youth program, WNC disaster fund, our In-As-Much Club, CCM, Father's Storehouse/winter shelter, Fair Grove Family Resource Center

That still leaves us with money to support the N.O.W Backpack program in the fall. THANK YOU, for your support and wonderful generosity! Together, we can make a difference for God's Kingdom!

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.



Anne Jones cordially invites you to celebrate her 98th birthday on Sunday, July 27th.

Please join her for the 11am service and then stay after for a birthday luncheon in the Family Life Center at Fair Grove Church. **Please no gifts.** We hope to see you there!

Dearest Fair Grove Church Family,

How blessed I am to be a part of such a loving and caring Church Family. I miss you all but have wonderful memories of our worship and fellowship in church together. Even though I'm unable to be in attendance there, I feel strongly connected to you in Spirit and lift you up in my prayers daily. I want to thank you for your continued prayers over me. The cards and phone calls with words of encouragement, the visits and other expressions of your love and support have all meant more to me than mere words could express. Many a day has been "brightened" by your acts of kindness toward me. May God continue to bless your endeavors of ministry for Jesus toward others in the community and around the world.

Deeply touched and grateful, with Love in Christ, Dot Russell



The Heart & Soul Sunday School class recently completed a study of the Holy Spirit and all of its roles in Christianity.

Angels will be our next study subject. The Bible mentions angels nearly 300 times, yet until recently many doubted their existence. The late Rev. Billy Graham devoted one of his books to "Angels: God's Secret Agents." He said it was one of the most fascinating studies of his life. In the midst of the world crisis through which we are destined to live in the years ahead, the subject of angels will be of great comfort and inspiration to believers in God – and a challenge to unbelievers to believe. Anyone who seeks to learn more about angels and their roles in the Bible and in our lives today is welcome to attend this class at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.

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.



CHILDREN & YOUTH JULY UPDATES

Three cheers for summer! First off, a big congratulations to all of our children and youth for completing another school year. Some are graduating and heading off to new adventures while others are taking a break before the next step in their education, but we are proud of them all.

We spent time in our bible books learning about the Garden of Eden, as well as the creation of Adam and Eve and the first sin.

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"



Sweet Summer



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

Vickie Stanley
Stephen Blair
Susan McCurry
Harper
Kiara
Ed Smith
Jim Cline
Donna Fritts
Leon Helms

Andrew Oakley/baby Harper
Melissa and family
Brenda Martinez
Sarah Bailey
Dickie Fleming
Pray for all the animal shelters,
staff and volunteers and that all the
animals will be safe and protected

"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

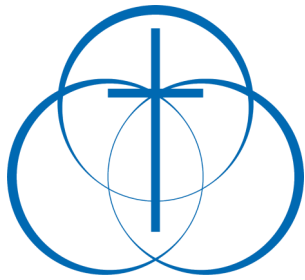


3 David Lowder	19 Peggy Bumgardner
6 Carolyn Wilson	20 Sarah Bailey
6 Ryan Lee	20 Tim Bell
7 Stephen Blair	20 Alice Colwell
7 Jerry Thomas	21 Mike Miller
7 Travis Vertefeuille	22 Doak Gallimore
8 Rosalee Hall	23 Mark Coman
8 Lauren Workman	23 Madison Kennedy
8 Lindsay Workman	24 Thomas Petley
9 Bryce Hunt	25 Gesele Hall
11 Jamie Sweitzer	25 Anne Jones
13 Tammy Murphy	26 Brooke Blair
15 Cam Trotter	28 Doug Reynolds
16 Richard Griffin	29 Judy Pierce
18 Zachery Gallimore	30 Ron Boles
18 Ashlyn Lyndon	30 Scott Miller
18 Kent Vernon	



Happy
Anniversary

5 David & Linda Lomax
7 John & Jodi Perry
9 Darryl & Meredith Leonard
13 Buck & Ann Hall
14 Keith & Diane Overcash
15 Gene & Susan McCurry
23 Randy & Debbie Barnette
24 Clyde & Sarah Bailey
25 Nathan & Margaret Snider
25 Mike & Alice Workman
29 Richie & Ruth Ann Barker



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STEWARDSHIP *A way of Life*

FOR PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 22

YTD SS Attendance AVG	19
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	110
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 116,012.00
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 4,640.48
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 4,624.65

GLEANNING

June: 610 Year-to-date: 2633

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

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Pastor: Mark Helms Email: helmsmark39@yahoo.com