

Fair Grove Church

The Messenger Monthly Newsletter

August 2025

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

A Moment with Pastor Mark

AKA Mark's Musings

I'm about to end our little excursion through the end-times, specifically Matthew 24, however, it is not the last you will hear about it from me for two very important reasons: first, "even if His return is many years away, each of us is an instant away from the end of our earthly life." We know this because even though we think that we are going to live forever, we have absolutely NO IDEA when Jesus will call us home. And secondly, I will be starting a Bible Study on Revelation including Daniel and Ezekiel in the fall.

As part of my little visit to the ER last week, I had the opportunity to talk to a psychiatrist as part of the routine. Now, I have had many counseling sessions with a licensed therapist, but not with a psychiatrist. She asked many questions about my personal safety about firearms, emergency numbers, etc. But then she started asking questions about how I felt about death, fear of death, did I look forward to death, and several questions about "had I ever had thoughts of taking my own life. Before I go on, TRUST ME, I would never consider any thoughts of taking my own life. Emphatically let me say, I don't want to die, but I'm not afraid to die either.

So with that set in stone, I told the congregation at Fair Grove how much I loved them and this community and how I desperately want to see each and every one of them as well as anyone reading this article in Heaven! That is a passion that God has laid on my heart after I arrived here eighteen months ago. I'm convinced that the vast majority of you and my congregation I will see again in Heaven. And I want you all to know, that though I would love to meet you all as we are raptured together at the second coming, I know I will join all of you whether you precede me or I precede you in departing from this earth.

I purposely use the phrase "departing from this world" instead of the word death. Why? Because the saved will LIVE forever while the wicked, that is, those who refuse to accept Jesus as their Savior will certainly DIE forever. We will only depart from this world. We will not die. 1 Thessalonians 4:14, "For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him." SPREAD THE WORD!

Pastor Mark



- ♦ No Prayer Shawl in the parlor for August
- ♦ No Susanna Wesley meeting for August
- ♦ Aug 5 @8am - Senior Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ♦ Aug 31@6pm - 5th Sunday Night Singing at Fair Grove Church with refreshments to follow in the Family Life Center



Gleaning

Don't forget to bring your Gleaning to church on Sundays. If you need to bring item 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.

Loving Children



through Missions at Fair Grove



He answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Luke 3:11

Nutrition on Weekends Program – Our Mission Focus this Summer

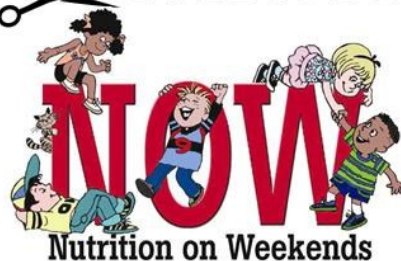
Our love of children will reach out this school year to many in our own community, to the ones who experience hunger. Through the Nutrition on Weekends Program and the Fairgrove Family Resource Center, we strive to fulfill every need at Fair Grove Elementary School, as we have done in the past. The center packs enough nutritious food for the entire weekend and the child takes it home each Friday. If you are able and feel led, sponsorship of one child is \$250. Any amount is wonderful, as we work together to commit to 50 targeted children. The donation form is below. Please make certain to include it with your donation.

With faith and hope we continue to focus on this program. At this time, we have collected \$490, which nearly covers the amount needed for 2 children.

Thank you for supporting our ongoing projects: Weekly gleanings, the NC Disaster Relief, the InAsMuch Club, and gift cards for the pastor's discretionary use. Our gift cards have dwindled as many have come by the church office with urgent needs. A \$5 or \$10 fast food, grocery or gas card is greatly appreciated.



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.



6pm

August 31

5th Sunday Night Singing at Fair Grove Church. Please mark your calendars to join us as we host the August 31, 2025 5th Sunday Singing at 6:00 PM with refreshments to follow in the Family Life Center. These services provide wonderful worship of our Lord through song and any testimonies. The Bethel GMC Choir and Central Wesleyan Choir will be singing as well as our choir. There will be a special anthem combining all 3 choirs as well. The congregation will also select hymn favorites throughout the service. Come on Fair Grove Church family, let's have a wonderful turnout and support your FGC Choir that works so hard! Thank you FGC!

Susan J. McCurry



Although the world is full of
suffering, it is also full of the
overcoming of it.

HELEN KELLER

Prayer Needs

"NEVER STOP PRAYING"
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NLT

Carry each
other's burdens,
and in this way
you will fulfill
the law of
Christ.

Galatians 6:2

This past month, we had the privilege of serving our clients in many ways - providing rides to medical appointments, offering fresh start bags, connecting them with housing resources, touring a potential rental, covering hotel stays, being a listening ear during difficult moments, sharing a cup of coffee, and lifting them up in prayer. We are truly honored to walk alongside our clients and play a part in their journeys toward healing and hope.

Specific Prayer Needs: For Our Clients: Emotional & Mental Well-Being-Pray for continued healing for survivors navigating deep trauma and mental health challenges, Peace for those living with fear - especially those facing the threat of deportation, Recovery & Stability - pray for strength and wisdom as several clients navigate the joys and trials of parenting, hope and restoration for clients working toward reunification with their children. Lift up one client in particular who is deciding whether to press charges against her traffickers - pray for clarity, courage, and protection. Practical Needs - pray for doors to open for stable, meaningful employment opportunities. Housing solutions for clients currently living in a hotel - safe, permanent homes are desperately needed. Legal favor and provision for one client applying for a Green Card, and for her mother, who is seeking asylum. For Our Team (Staff, Volunteers & Board Members): Pray for mental and emotional resilience as we serve in often heavy and complex situations. Wisdom and endurance to meet each client with compassion, discernment, and care. Protection from burnout and for renewed energy and joy in our work. Lift up our team's unity - asking for clear communication and a spirit of grace and support. Financial & Resource Needs - Pray for wisdom as we manage our current resources. Ask God to provide increased funding through grants and new financial partners who share our vision. Awareness & Education - Pray for continued open doors to raise awareness and educate our community about human trafficking. Lift up these upcoming speaking engagements: Aug 11 - Human Trafficking 101 @6PM at Mercy Hill Church in High Point, - this event is open to the public; Aug 17 - Chaplain's group; Sept. 2 - Beck's Baptist Church; Sept. 22 - Mt. Pisgah Church.

Thank you for your continued support! Every prayer and small act of service makes a big difference!



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?

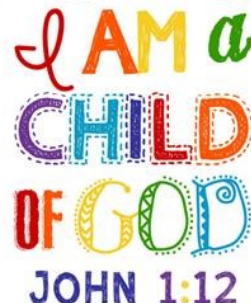
We currently have two regular attendees of nursery age, and we always welcome additional little ones. We are seeking servant volunteers for the Worship time.

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 AUGUST UPDATES

Be With Him

"You always gave him blessings.
You made him glad because you were with him." Psalm 21:6

This verse stood out to me for August because our children have spent the summer choosing to be *with him*. They are showing up on Sundays, participating in our services, and actively seeking time with God. I want to challenge each of you to give God the gift of your time over this next month. That will look different for each of us, whether it is devoting time alone with him or if it is showing up in some way for his church and his children. It is all important.

He calls us to be with him.

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: fgctomasvillencprayerchain@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

Alfred Stanley
Abigail Brendle
Dawn Trotter
Pastor Mark Helms
Carolyn Fritts
Ed Smith
Howard Hayes
Jo Swaim
Jerry Cooper Family
Susan McCurry
Kiara
Jim Cline
Dickie Fleming

Leon Helms
Candice/Bristol Lowe
Joe/ Griff Goeke
Andrew Oakley/baby Harper
Melissa and family
Pray for all the animal shelters,
staff and volunteers and that all the
animals will be safe and protected
Pray for all the 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

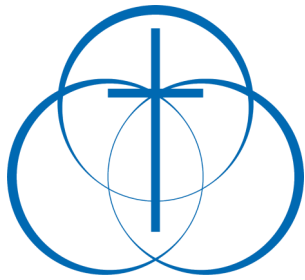


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| 4 Savannah Johnson | 23 Bobbi Rivers |
| 5 Brooks Miller | 27 Kenneth Lambeth |
| 6 Wanda Faircloth | 27 Allison Bamente |
| 8 Steve Sink | 27 Lou Jetton |
| 10 Eli Everhart | 29 Jordan Rothrock |
| 11 Amy Cantrill | 30 Libby Blair |
| 12 Debbie Lambeth Brooks | 30 Charles Kennedy, Jr. |
| 12 Cody Tilley | 30 Jean Young |
| 14 Frank Ingram | 31 Mark Black |
| 15 Cheryl Lee | 31 Lauren Miller |
| 15 Lynette Scott | |
| 16 Collin Lee | |
| 18 Austin Lee | |
| 18 Jennifer Sweitzer | |
| 18 Richie Barker | |
| 19 Toni Jones | |
| 19 Ethan Moore | |



Happy
Anniversary

- 15 Mike & Millie Inscoe
15 Pete & Gloria Updegrove
21 Thomas & Amy Petley
24 Hollis & Jane Blair
25 Kenneth & Sallie Hepler
28 Jerry & Dianne Lee
30 Tim & Penny Bell



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We Thank God For You!



STEWARDSHIP A way of Life

FOR PERIOD JANUARY - JULY 20

YTD SS Attendance AVG	20
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	106
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 131,919.87
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 4,548.96
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 4,624.65

GLEANNING

July: 247 Year-to-date: 2880
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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