

Fair Grove Church

The Messenger Monthly Newsletter

November 2025

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

A Moment with Pastor Mark

So, what exactly is "time? I've always been fascinated by the conception of time, and that is just what it is: a conception. We all conceive and perceive time differently. To some, time is slow, to others, time is fast. To the competitor, time is everything. To the doer, time is fleeting. To the young, time creeps by but to the old, time rushes on. They say that a person is living on borrowed time after they have cheated death in some way whether by a near accident or pulled through a very risky surgery. My question is, who has time to lend, time that they can afford to loan you? And where does one go to borrow time?

And the Bible is not much help when defining time. The Bible says in 2 Peter 3:8, "But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." Oh, and let's not forget that there will come a day when God says that during the great tribulation, the days will be shortened. I thought that there was a general consensus that time was measured in definite second, minute, hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly increments and now, God says he will shorten the days "for the sake of the elect."

So we can say that, even though time has a basic rhythm that is definite and regular that repeats itself, the way we perceive time is relative. It is relative to our age, our situation, our mindset, our position, our passion, and even more factors that I can list. For example, when I was young, I thought tomorrow would never get here. Now, I look around the day after tomorrow wondering where tomorrow went.

The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." However, did you know what the most important time is? Now! I'll give you two reasons why Now is the best time. First, it is all that we have. We don't have the past; it's gone never to return. And the future is not promised to us. You've heard the phrase, "live in the moment?" Well, that is actually all you really have. Oh, and the second reason for Now being the most important time is in the Bible. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 6:2, "I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." And may I add that for the unbeliever, time is running out.

For those of us who are born again, however, let us try to live in the moment, seizing every moment to enjoy to its fullest. And let me close with this quote, "Time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin' into the future." Don't get caught worrying about the future or regretting the past, "Sha, na, na, na, live for today."

Pastor Mark

What's
Happening @FGC

- ◆ Nov 2 - Daylight Savings ends
- ◆ Nov 4 @8am - Sr. Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ◆ Nov 4 - Church Office closed - church is a voting station
- ◆ Nov 4 - No Bible Study on the Book of Revelation
- ◆ Nov 11 @11am & 7pm Bible Study Book of Revelation
- ◆ Nov 18 @11am - Susanna Wesley Meeting - FLC
- ◆ Nov 23 - Fill the Altar - Bobby Owen Food Drive
- ◆ Nov 23 - UWF Soup and Baked Goods Sale
- ◆ Nov 23 @4pm - Church Council - FLC
- ◆ Nov 27 - Church Office is closed - Thanksgiving
- ◆ Dec 21 @6pm - Christmas Cantata



ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Men's group of Fair Grove is looking for volunteers to help with some projects around the church. They're also reaching out to our senior members who have special needs like ramps or steps. We're looking for someone who would like to take charge of this endeavor so that we can take care of our church, our members, and our community. If interested, please contact the church office at fgcthomasville@gmail.com, with your contact information and availability.

Pastor Mark

Don't forget to bring your Gleaning to church on Sundays and don't forget to bring extra for the **Fill the Altar - Bobby Owen Food Drive Event on Sunday, November 23.**

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.



Fair Grove Missions

*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart,
not grudgingly or of necessity;
for God loves a cheerful giver.
Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV)*



Thank you for your generous gifts to the Nutrition on Weekends Program. Surely God has touched the hearts of Fair Grove folk as you provided for over 52 children at risk for hunger. The weekend food needs for every targeted child at Fair Grove School will be fulfilled. If you would still like to give to this program, additional children will be helped at area schools. Any amount toward the \$250 cost is appreciated.

In November, we can share the bounty of God's abundance! Let's FILL THE ALTAR for the poor on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 23rd. Please bring extra canned goods and non-perishables for the Bobby Owen Food Drive. Thanks to those who share food weekly, a canned food or non-perishable each week. Boxes are at each entryway of the sanctuary. Let's fill the boxes!

With excitement, we begin our campaign to provide for area children this Christmas! You may give a financial gift or shop when lists become available. Details are below.



2025 "Gifts from the Heart" - Mission Opportunity

Through your donations and Fairgrove Family Resource Center, we can give children in need a wonderful Christmas morning. If you'd like to shop yourself, a form with the child's clothing and shoe sizes, as well as a few "wish list items" will be provided. Your bags of gifts will be delivered by missions or you to the resource center to be given to the parents who will wrap the gifts. You may choose to shop for a child on your own and spend the \$125. If you prefer, monetary donations in any amount may be given. Designate "Gifts from the Heart" on the memo line of a check or on your envelope. The mission team hopes Fair Grove will be able to "adopt" 50 children. Donations will be used for purchasing so we need to send those in as soon as possible. See or contact Caroline Hill with questions or if you would like a shopping list.

_____ I would like to sponsor _____ child/children at a cost of \$125 per child.

_____ I would like to give a donation of _____ toward the purchase of a child's gifts.

If this gift is given in honor or memory of someone, please indicate:

In honor/memory of _____

Your name: _____

Make check payable to Fair Grove Church ("Gifts from the Heart" on the memo line)



Fair Grove Church recently received notes of appreciation in the mail from a thankful community resource center for the church's continue support as well as from local groups for allowing them use of the facilities.

Fair Grove Church, Inc -
Thank yall so very much
for this generous gift & for
your constant support of CCM!
You've impacted countless
lives by preventing evictions &
shut-offs, filling bellies, & spreading
HOPE! Much love,
Pamela



Thank you for your
contribution to Cooperative
Community Ministry.

We are grateful for your support of this
ministry in our community. Your donation will
help our neighbors in need.

Staff and Board of Directors, CCM



Dear Fair Grove Church -

Thank you for allowing us to
use the church grounds for our
camp and practices. We are so
thankful to have a place to
accommodate us. Thank you
Fair Grove Church for all of
your support!

Love,
Fair Grove 2025-2026 Cheerleaders



Dear Fairgrove Church,
Thank you for all
your help in allowing
East Haddon High Class
of '68 to use your
Fellowship Hall. Our
Classmates have enjoyed
our gatherings at your
location. There are not
enough words to express
our appreciation.
Thank you again!



United
Women
in Faith

Our women will have their annual vegetable beef soup/ Bake sale on Sunday, November 23.
The vegetable beef soup is \$8.00/quart and it freezes well. If you would like to preorder soup,
please let Jane Gibbs know. You may text or call her, (336-259-5639).

We will be limiting preorders to 5 quarts.



Plan to also buy some yummy desserts on that day!
There will be cakes, pies, muffins, breads, cookies, brownies and much more!
All of the proceeds from both sales will go to support the local missions of
our United Women in Faith. We support all of the missions of our church,
such as the backpack program and Gifts from the Heart and many more.

Thank you for always supporting us !



Ladies, mark your calendar for December 9th! That is the date for our annual Christmas covered
dish dinner. It will start at 6:00pm in the FLC. ALL women are invited to this event.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NOVEMBER UPDATE

I want to extend a big thank you to everyone who supported our Trunk or Treat event, especially our Men's Group for serving a hot dog dinner and each person that set-up a trunk of goodies.

This was a wonderful opportunity to remember that our church should exist outside of just our Sunday service. We should get to know our members and our neighbors, so that we can support them both inside and outside of the church. This also applies to our children - we want them to know that their church family is here for them whenever and wherever they may need us.

So thank you for sharing the love and the candy!

*2nd Peter 3:18:
"Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord"*

Spirit-Filled Trunk or Treat





6pm

December 21

Please join Fair Grove Church, Bethel Global Methodist Church and Central Wesleyan Church as they present

The TRUE SPIRIT of CHRISTMAS and the CHRIST CHILD
on Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM
at Central Wesleyan Church, 300 Hinkle St, Thomasville.

This is only 5 minutes from Fair Grove Church. There is a smaller parking lot off of Hinkle Street with a larger parking available from Cannon Street. Choirs and youth from all 3 churches plus our own Carolyn Lane - Piano, Ashley Perdue - Handbells, Anne Lane - Clarinet with Jane Baity and Jane Gibbs as Narrators. Refreshments will follow in Central's large Family Life Center as well as a visit from Santa! Mark your calendars now! Congregational seating capacity, choir loft and staging altar area are much larger at Central and we are counting on our Fair Grove Church family to all be there! Susan J. McCurry

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.

Kent Vernon
Richard Griffin & Janice (wife/caregiver)
Judy Pierce
Brenda Martinez
Paw Lenh-(pronounced Pow Len)
Judy Fleming
Kalinda Holbrook
Cathy Hepler
Jerry Murdock
Gary Chittum
Juanita Welborn
Faye Martin plus family & caregivers
PEACE in America
Victims of Natural Disasters
Discernment for God's Calls on individuals to serve at Fair Grove in 2026

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

Happy
Birthday

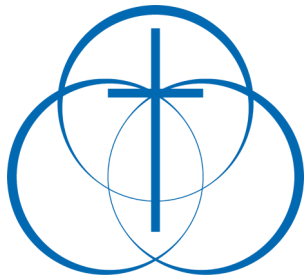


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| 1 Janie Sink | 25 Adam Gilbert |
| 1 Mindy Vernon | 26 Kenneth Hepler |
| 2 Wayne Lyndon | 26 Austin Kennedy |
| 4 Jessica Baldwin | 29 Lea Austin |
| 5 Jane Blair | |
| 5 Jesse Gilbert | |
| 8 Jamie Porter | |
| 9 Gary Sink | |
| 12 Sharon Kever | |
| 12 Patrick Porter | |
| 13 Christopher Waters | |
| 14 Emily Barringer | |
| 16 Sara Fowler | |
| 17 Dillon Murphy | |
| 18 Mike Faircloth | |
| 19 Tony Brooks | |
| 20 Monica Moser | |
| 21 Roger Burkhart | |
| 22 Carol Everhart | |



Happy
Anniversary

- 6 Clay & Sara Fowler
14 Curtis & Cinde Ingram
21 Roger & Janet Burkhart
26 Tim & Kathy Fuller
28 TW & Susan Boston
29 Stephen & Libby Blair



Fair Grove Church

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We Thank God For You!



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FOR PERIOD JANUARY - OCTOBER 19

YTD SS Attendance AVG	21
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	107
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 189,854.41
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 4,520.34
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 4,624.65

GLEANNING

October: 306 Year-to-date: 4016

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?

Or add your birthday or anniversary?

If so, please call us or send us an email with
your updated information!

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