

Fair Grove Church

The Messenger Monthly Newsletter

October 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

Who Exactly Was Charlie Kirk? What exactly was Charlie Kirk? He was labeled a martyr by the Christian community. But what is a martyr? According to definitions, a martyr is a person who is killed because of their religious or other beliefs. And he was. But he was killed, not for his beliefs, but because he voiced his beliefs. In the History of the Christian Church, let me name you just a few of the martyrs. Nearly all of the Old Testament prophets were martyred, that is, they chose to take the Word of God to the people, unwavering in what God told them to say. Only they were not only killed for what they said, but they were killed because they lived it as well. They were sought out by kings and rulers who persecuted them. They escaped death many times over before finally being captured. Then there were the martyrs of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and like the prophets, they too not only preached the Word, they lived the Word. The Old Testament prophets had only visions, dreams, and sometimes direct words from a God they could not see or touch. The New Testament had their examples to follow, however, they also had the Son of God as their visual and audible example. Today and for the past 2000 years, we have had the example of the prophets, the actual words of Jesus, the teachings of the Apostles, and thousands of examples of men and women who not only stand up for the Gospel of Christ, but live it day in and day out. All over the world, men and women, even whole groups of people are dying just like Charlie Kirk because they believe in the Gospel message. However, I wish to give them another label: they were committed Christians. They were not partially committed, they were FULLY committed. They were unwavering in their beliefs, unwavering in their voice, and unwavering in their actions. They were committed to the truth, voiced the truth, and lived the truth. Now, let's get to the heart of the matter. That is what God expects from every person who call themselves a Christian. Folks, that is you and me. Let's not forget Jesus' famous words in Luke 9 when He said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." Remember that he followed those words with this; "Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels." Jesus will not be ashamed of Charlie Kirk. I pray that Jesus will not be ashamed of you.

Pastor Mark

What's Happening @FGC

- ♦ Oct 7 @8am - Senior Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ♦ Oct 14 - Bible Study on the Book of Revelation begins at 11am and 7pm.
- ♦ Oct 19 @4pm - Church Council Meeting FLC
- ♦ Oct 21 @11am - Susanna Wesley meeting FLC
- ♦ Oct 27 @5-7pm - Youth Trunk or Treat
- ♦ Dec 21 @6pm - Christmas Cantata - more info coming soon



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



Homecoming 2025 was a huge success with 144 attending the 11:00am service! A huge shout out to everyone who helped including Patsy Coe, Greg Burcham, Michael Sink, Ann Hall, Buck Hall, Howard Stone, Ruth Ann Barker, Susan Wray, Alan Dorsett, Susan McCurry, Libby Blair, Bobbi Rivers, Patricia Skeen, Sarah Dunning, Stephen Blair, and Mark Helms.

Ashley Perdue
Worship Committee Chair



through **Missions** at Fair Grove



There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Thanks to all of you who continue to donate food, canned goods and non-perishables for the hungry who need our help. We are especially appreciative of Mike and Wanda Faircloth for 25 years of ministry, delivering to the Fairgrove Family Resource Center! They are a reminder of the many servants at Fair Grove Church who give of their gifts and talents for the Lord. Bobbi Rivers, our back-up delivery lady for many years has volunteered to be in the number one position now. Thank you servant volunteers!

Many of you have blessed others by easing the hunger of children through the Nutrition on Weekends Program. Nearly 37 will be covered at this point. Our campaign continues as we strive to fulfill the needs of 50 targeted children at Fair Grove Elementary School. Any amount you feel led to give is the perfect donation. N.O.W. forms are at each entrance of the church and in this newsletter. Should we exceed our goal, children in other area schools will benefit.

Again this year, you will see a Pink Chair in our entryway as we support and raise awareness about early detection of breast cancer. 1 in 8 women will develop this invasive disease in her lifetime. Donations can be made through our church or simply designated to Cancer Services of Davidson County. The Big Pink Chair Project in Thomasville is hosted by BL Maker's Market, and their main fundraising activity is Saturday, Oct. 4th. All proceeds go to the Cancer Services of Davidson County to help local cancer patients with immediate needs, like rent, mortgage payments, and wigs.



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.



CHILDREN & YOUTH OCTOBER UPDATES

I read something recently that said: evil is real. It is heavy. It is relentless. **And yet...it will not have the final word.** That gives me a fragile kind of hope. It also serves as a reminder to pray, to weep with those who weep, to love harder, and to fight for the light.

With everything going on in our world, these last few weeks we have spent time talking about how Jesus is with us in times of fear. We have talked about how to use the weapons of prayer, Scripture, and worship. There is no Junior Holy Spirit - children have all the same power those of us have - they just need to be guided and learn to recognize the gifts that God has given.

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

Spirit-Filled Trunk or Treat

Join us for a (Holy) spirit filled night on Sunday October 26th
5 PM - 7 PM.

This will be for church members, and their friends and family, to come and enjoy.



Fair Grove Church has a strong & faithful team of prayer warriors.



Prayer List

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.



EVERYONE
IS
Welcome!

Deb Brooks
Alfred Stanley
Linda Lambeth
David Lambeth
Carolyn Fritts
Diane Rhodes
Gary Chittum
Jerry Murdock
Priscilla Everhart
Gary Chittum
Juanita Welborn
Cathy Helper
Diane Rhodes
Faye Martin, family/caregivers
Victims of Natural Disasters

PEACE in America
FGC Upcoming Bible Study
Discernment for God's Calls on individuals
to serve at Fair Grove in 2026
Anonymous - Divine intervention in job
Anonymous - Healing from glaucoma eye
disease
Anonymous - God's healing of daughter;
that she can conceive

*"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

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*



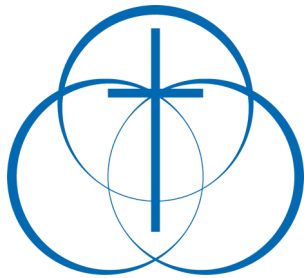
2 Jack Callicutt
3 Jane Gibbs
4 Christi Campbell
6 Anthony Callicutt
6 Joe Fry
6 Shela Gearren
6 Brad Hampton
7 Joey Bowser
8 Linda Lee
9 Ruth Ann Barker
9 Emily Moore
9 Mary Thomas
10 Michael Jones
12 Connor Lee
13 Brian Barringer
13 Stanley Dennis
13 Priscilla Everhart
13 Bruce Porter
15 Mackenzie Gallimore

15 Tracey Lyndon
16 Betty Callicutt
16 Darrell Lee
16 Bill Lopp
17 Darla Gallimore
17 David Lomax
18 Cindy Everhart Collins
18 Julie Fritts
20 Jeanie Bales
20 Terry Lambeth
22 Madison Gallimore
22 Meredith Leonard
25 Janet Boles
25 Bea Bowser
27 Brenda Davis
28 Debbie Barnette
29 Lilly Fry
29 Janet Miller
30 Fara Austin



*Happy
Anniversary*

11 Gary & Misti Whitman
19 Derrick & Jessica Baldwin
20 John & Sarah Brown
21 Darren & Anne Smith



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FOR PERIOD JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 14

YTD SS Attendance AVG	20
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	107
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 165,153.11
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 4,463.60
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 4,624.65

GLEANNING

September: 389 Year-to-date: 3592
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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