

Fair Grove Church

The Messenger Monthly Newsletter

September 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

As a Methodist, one of the challenges of a pastor is the annual meeting of the nominations committee. I say annual because it is the time of year that we recruit church members for serving in various capacities. However, it is hardly EVER a single meeting. We will meet and scrutinize the different offices that we have in the church as well as make changes to certain committees where people are coming off of committees and need to be replaced by others. In small churches, we often have to recycle people around from one job to another or one committee to another in order to satisfy not only the needs of the church but the requirements of our Global Methodist Conference. This has been very challenging for most churches in that we are a new denomination and are still learning about what we need.

Most of the readers of this article have some connection with Fair Grove Church, either past members, family, current members, and others. So I would like to take this opportunity to address every Christian reading this regardless of whether you attend Fair Grove or not. Don't wait to be asked to serve in some capacity in your church; seek out opportunities in your church and volunteer to serve in some capacity. The minister of a church is often reduced to begging people to serve in the church and that is not the way it's supposed to work.

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12:14 that "the body of believers, the church, is not made up of one part but of many. But in fact, God has placed the parts of the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be." Think about this; God has saved you and prepared you for where you are supposed to be. God has a plan for every one of us, but sometimes we need to seek out, realize, and understand what He has in store for each of us individually! Paul says in verse 27, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

I leave you with this challenge: if you are a member of a church regardless of where it is, seek out your pastor or your nominations committee and ask them where you can serve. God has given you gifts uniquely suited for you individually. And if you are a member of Fair Grove, don't wait for the committee or pastor to come to you. Seek them out and let them know how and where you would like to serve. I remind you that God saved us, and by way of serving Him, he simply asks us to serve one another. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." Will you work in the vineyard of the Lord? Pastor Mark



- ♦ Sept 1 - Church Office Closed
- ♦ Sept 2 @8am - Senior Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ♦ Sept 16 @11am - Susanna Wesley meeting FLC
- ♦ Sept 21 - Homecoming



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.

Western North Carolina Update

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

The Lord has definitely been our help at Fair Grove Church as we committed to helping WNC. As of September, 2025, together we have raised \$28,641 to help our neighbors in those beautiful mountains. To review, we gave \$4,000 to Samaritan's Purse after our first fundraiser. With the help and support of the Lion's Club, four tiny houses have been built with the rest of our donations. Thank you, Steve Cline, for listening to God's call and leading us in this project. The Holy Spirit has been at work at Fair Grove Church! Because of your incredible generosity, we have made an impact and a difference to many in Western North Carolina. Let's continue to keep Western North Carolina in our prayers, as there is still so much work to be done.

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."



Missions At Fair Grove Church

At our Church, we pray for students as they start back to school and hope they never go to school hungry. Sadly, statistics show 1 in 5 children is at risk for food insecurity in Davidson County. We can help innocent children through the Nutrition on Weekends Program, provided through the Fairgrove Family Resource Center. We strive to fulfill every targeted need at Fair Grove Elementary School. N.O.W. food insures these children have enough nutritionally balanced food to eat all weekend. Any amount you can give is appreciated. \$35 will provide for one month. Sponsorship for an entire school year is \$250. Working together, we can provide for 50 students or more. The donation form is in this newsletter, as well as available at the entrance of the church. At this time, 13 children will be blessed because of your gifts.



Please remember our ongoing projects:

- ⇒ NC Disaster Relief
- ⇒ InAsMuch Club
- ⇒ \$5, \$10, or \$20 grocery, gas, or fast food cards that are given by our pastor to those in most extreme need.
- ⇒ A weekly non-perishable or can of food. Always needed: Breakfast food, Mac and Cheese, Peanut butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit

Thanks to the United Women in Faith and to the Fair Grove School Cheerleaders who graciously supplemented our weekly gleanings!



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: _____

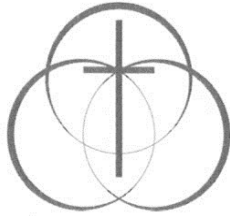
Is this Nutrition on Weekends donation given in honor or memory of someone?

Name in memory or honor: _____

Your name or group: _____

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





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Rev. Mark Helms, Pastor

August 21, 2025

Dear Friends,

As part of our church family, we want to issue you a special invitation to attend our Homecoming Service this year. Our Homecoming will be observed on Sunday, September 21st with the worship service beginning at 11:00 a.m. where Preacher Stephen Blair will deliver the sermon. Immediately after the worship service there will be a luncheon in our Family Life Center, so please bring your favorite covered dish to share.

During the worship service, we will remember in love and faith the following persons who have entered the church triumphant since last year's Homecoming:

Margaret McCaskill	November 22, 2024
Eva Smith	December 1, 2024
Tommy Swaim	January 22, 2025
Dick Davis	February 4, 2025
Casa Beth Eaton	February 28, 2025
Aurelia Hampton	March 21, 2025
John Swaim	April 22, 2025
Joan Carol Hinkle-Robertson	June 6, 2025

If you would like to make a special gift to the church, please make your check payable to Fair Grove Church and note on the memo line where you want your gift to be used. In addition to our General Fund, special funds include Capital Improvement, InAsMuch Club, NOW (Nutrition on Weekends) Ministry, Missions, and NC Disaster Relief.

We look forward to seeing you on this special day. Your presence will add to the joy of our time together.

Yours in Christ,

Ashley Perdue, Chairperson
Worship Ministries

Mark Helms, Pastor

CHILDREN & YOUTH SEPTEMBER UPDATES

"Be strong and courageous.

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9

As we are preparing our children and youth to pick back up with another school season, this verse is a great reminder that God is with us wherever we go. We've spent some time the last few weeks talking about ways to pray, sharing prayer "band-aids" with those in need, and how to pray for others in our life (our teachers, parents, leaders).

Join me in praying for our group as they head back to school and transition into new classes, schools, or situations.

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

He Will Be With You



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

Carolyn Fritts
Howard Hayes
Diane Rhodes
Gary Trotter
Jerry Murdock
Priscilla Everhart
Gary Chittum
Juanita Welborn
Dawn Trotter
Susan McCurry
Divine intervention in job
Victims of Natural Disasters
Healing from glaucoma

College & School Students, Teachers, &
Staff as they prepare for the new
school year
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

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



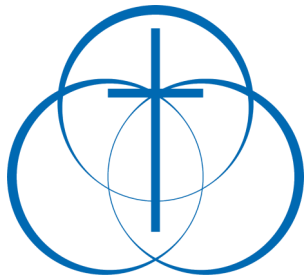
3 Eric Bebbler
3 Juanita Welborn
4 Alan Dorsett
5 Toni Nicholson
9 Helen Perdue
11 Roy Tucker
13 Haley Kennedy
14 Matthew Barringer
14 Christopher Barringer
15 Phil Gibbs
15 Emily Hill
15 Austin Hill
18 Carol Hepler
20 Christall McCaskill
22 Brent Blair
23 Paden Hall
26 Mark Everhart

26 Sandra Workman
28 Scott McCaskill
28 Cathi Smith
29 Emma Whitman



Happy
Anniversary

7 Rocky & Debbie Brooks
7 Todd & Darla Gallimore
21 Tony & Deborah Brooks



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We Thank God For You!



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FOR PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 17

YTD SS Attendance AVG	20
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	107
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 148,330.11
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 4,494.85
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 4,624.65

GLEANNING

August: 282 Year-to-date: 3162

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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