

Fair Grove Church

The Messenger Monthly Newsletter

April 2024

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

A Message From Your Pastor:

I've done a lot of traveling in North Carolina. In particular, I have traveled a great deal around the border of the town of Thomasville, but never through it. I've had business in High Point, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Lexington, and even Archdale, but never Thomasville; until January of this year. And I have met some of the most wonderful people here at Fair Grove Church.

Not only are the people here amongst the sweetest and kindest that I have ever met, but one of the most Holy Spirit filled churches that I have had the privilege of being a part of. The first day I set foot here, I was met by someone who proceeded to give the "lay of the land" so to speak, of the Church family. She told me nothing of the politics of the church. She told me nothing of the history of the church. She told me nothing of the different families and their legacies here. She told me nothing of who to listen to or avoid. She told me nothing of how things were done here, or what I could expect from the members of the church. And neither did she express any information about past ministers, good or bad, Instead, she sat right down and told me what Jesus was doing in Fair Grove.

She told me of prayers that had gone up in anticipation of a new pastor. She told me how the Holy Spirit was working not at, but IN Fair Grove. She told me briefly about a church that had been through some hard times, but was turning the corner to recovery and that it was through the Holy Spirit that the light was beginning to shine in this community again. She told me nothing of what I expected to hear and EVERYTHING I needed to hear about the spiritual condition of Fair Grove.

I tell you this not only to reference this lady and her zeal for Fair Grove Church, but to lay the groundwork for this next statement: I have had similar conversations with nearly every person that I've met with or talked to since my first day here. I have had conversations with Church members and community members about the Spiritual Life of this church and this community.

Let me pause right here and let that sink in a church whose members are concerned about the spiritual life of their church. That is or that should be every minister's dream! In my early assessment of Fair Grove, this is what I see: I see people hungry for God's Word. I see people concerned about the unsaved. I see people who are prayerful. I see people who are going on to perfection. And I see precious souls from the oldest adult to the youngest child excited about what God is doing.

Fair Grove Church is the epitome of Matthew 5:14-16; "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Happy Easter,
Preacher Mark

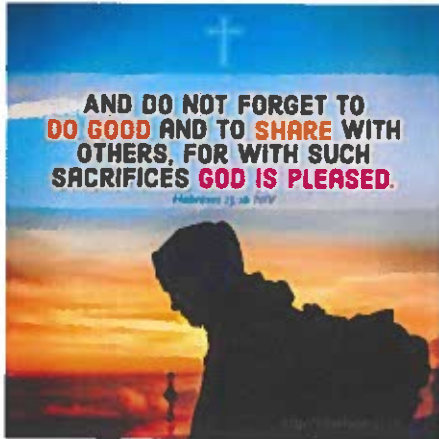
Mark your calendars:

- ◆ April 1 - Church Office Closed for Easter Monday
- ◆ April 2 @8am Senior Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ◆ April 4 @10am - Prayer Shawl meeting in the parlor
- ◆ April 12-13 - UWF Yadkin Valley District Prayer & Breakfast
- ◆ April 16 @11am - Susanna Wesley Circle meeting in the FLC



2023 YEAR END FINANCIAL REVIEW

YTD SS Attendance AVG	16
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	80
YTD Budget Offering	\$210,496.70
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 3,971.64



Missions at Fair Grove

At Fair Grove, we seek to “do good and to share with others,” as instructed in Hebrews 13:16. We love to reach out to our own community. The Lenten offerings brought at Easter will assist the poor. Your gift may still be turned in. Continued weekly gleanings of non-perishables and the extra items brought on Easter will feed many who face food insecurity. These donations will be given to those who need assistance through the Fairgrove Family Resource Center.

The InAsMuch Club offers an ongoing opportunity. For **\$12 or more a year**, you can become part of the group who helps to provide basic needs for someone struggling. A variety of necessities may be addressed because of your contribution, such as water, electricity, rent or financial distress due to health issues.

Our Mission focus this month is the **Davidson County Women’s Shelter**. A collection box is placed at the Fair Grove side entrance. In our own county, women and their children experience violence, assault and strife and are often forced to flee to a place of refuge. Let’s pray these individuals feel God’s presence and strength. Perhaps we can share His love by giving some needed items.

Women’s Shelter of Davidson County - Requested Items Needed at this Time

- * Paper products: Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Paper Napkins, Paper Plates, Unscented Baby Wipes, Sizes 2-5 Baby Diapers, Feminine Products
- * Plastic Products: Qt. & Gallon Freezer Bags, Plastic Wrap, 16 oz. Plastic Cups, 13 Gallon Trash Bags
- * Toiletries: Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner



United
Women
in Faith

April 13 District Prayer Breakfast Fair Grove Church

Our church is honored to be hosting this District Event. A light breakfast starts at 9:00 in the FLC. The program begins in the sanctuary at 10:00am.

This year’s program is - *“Let Us Break Bread Together: Food, Faith, Fellowship”*

All women are invited to attend this event.

April 27 - Our unit will be holding their annual **“A Call to Prayer and Self Denial”** breakfast meeting. Breakfast will begin at 9:00am in the FLC. The program for this year is - *“Lifting Up Voices For Climate Change.”* Bring a breakfast dish to share and join us as we *“assemble with lifted hearts and hands to celebrate selfless giving for a common cause and spiritual communion with God.”*

All women are invited to attend and bring a friend!



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
Fair Grove 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. Children will meet in the downstairs classroom directly beneath the sanctuary. Supervision will begin at 10:50am. For questions, contact Jane Baity.

Prayer List

Gerry Morrison family
Father of Kelly Crouse
Wyatt Davis family
Sara Bailey
Jamie Wray Huepel
Cristall McCaskill
Wendy Smith
Tommy Lynch
Jennifer Anderson
Jim Cline
Chris Benolken
Philip Skeen
Brenda Smith Ward
Ricky Wray
Daune Biggins
Jimmy Stilley
Sharon Sink
Steve Avre
Caleb Dunlin
Natalie Anderson
Leon McClosky
Jimmy Holliday
Beverly

Grant Lyndon
Hill family
Betty Richey
Carolyn Lane
Carol Sena
Terri Carpenter
Kathryn Swaim
Drew Newby
Margaret McCaskill
Mary
Clyde Bailey
Connie Yarborough
Kathy Shoe
Rick Wilson
Ira Buckalew
Robert Charles Kleintank 3rd
Michael Emerick & wife Nancy
Brenda Lane
Eva Smith
Ed Smith
Aubrey Lawson
Jennifer Kinley
Joy Wray Tucker

Candi Williams
Sandra Workman
Roy McMahon
Heather Hardister
David & Linda Lambeth
Dot Russell
Bobby Swaim
Evelyn Parks
Riley Honeycutt
Kendall Conner
Kevin McAdams
Sarah Uribe
Vince Mounts
Lanley Suttle
Mary Wallace
Vince Mounts
Bill Baughn
Ophelia Timmons
Bobbi
Deb Lawson Brooks
Karen Davis
(Hawleys) 29 year old son
Alice Workman

Rob Nelson
Denise Barker
Dennis Harrison
Johnny Odom
Chad Blevins
Teresa Rhodes
Leslie Rierson
Lucy Hayes
Bryce Hunt



"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



1 Cindy Dillard
1 Shirley Fuller
1 Tamara Gilbert
4 Clyde Bailey
5 Susan Barry
5 Ronnie Boone
5 Phillip Sink
5 Kristin Weaver
7 Roger Thompson
8 Pam Craven
8 Kim Nichols
9 Brooke Kinley

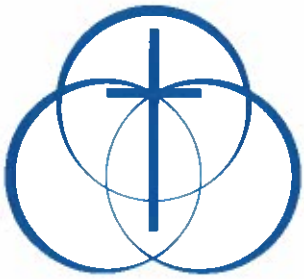
10 Jason Lee
11 Kevin McAdams
12 Paul Welborn
13 Karen Seward
15 Darrell Kennedy
15 Beecher Sparks
16 Polly Russell
17 Norah Allison Parrish
17 Thorne Lyndon
18 Tami Burkhardt
18 Andrew Hampton
18 Claudia Jones



18 Darryl Leonard
19 Brittany Hall
20 Laura Austin
20 Cinde Ingram
21 Jane Baity
21 Dot Russell
21 Katie Thompson
22 Ann Hall
22 Caroline Hill
23 Jared Fritts
24 Candice Sink
25 Marian Workman
26 Ken Nance
27 Dawn Trotter
28 Amy Hart Petley
30 Jay Hayes
30 Candy Thompson



7 Marshall & Carol Hepler
9 Andy & Angela Lyndon
10 Brian & Julie Fritts
10 Scott & Cristall McCaskill
11 David & Tami Rothrock
14 Kevin & Ginger McAdams
16 Ed & Eva Smith
18 Rickey & Susan Wray
20 Jeffrey & Roxanna Worley
20 Dale & Joan Everhart
27 John & Carol Everhart
29 Dean & Karen Murphy



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FOR PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 24

YTD SS Attendance AVG	19
YTD Worship Attendance AVG	89
YTD Budget Offering	\$ 44,580.00
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$ 3,715.00
Needed each week to make budget	\$ 4,624.65

GLEANNING

March: 257 Year-to-date: 661

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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