

Fair Grove Church

The Messenger Monthly Newsletter

May 2024

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

A Message From Pastor Mark:

Authority: The Heart of Human Decision

In the 4th chapter of Acts, a book which I feel is amongst the most exciting books in the Bible, there is one of many incidents where one or more of the disciples were brought before the Jewish leaders and questioned. This happened frequently especially immediately following the resurrection of Jesus due to the fact that the followers of Jesus were seen as a proposed threat to the Roman Emperor.

In Jewish times, as today, authority is important. Who we follow is important. The decisions we make based on who is our authority are important. And in this situation with Peter and John, we find that they were about to be arrested because those IN charge, the leaders and the rulers, did not like having THEIR authority usurped.

So in chapter 4 we have Peter and John brought before Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, and others elders and teachers of the Law. What is so interesting about this first encounter between the Disciples and the Jewish leaders is the accusation that faced Peter and John. Witnessing a man who was healed by Peter and John, the Jewish leaders asked them. "By what power or what name did you do this?" No praise for healing a man who was supposedly in his 50's; no accolades; no "how did you do that?" Instead, they wanted to know, "By whose authority did you do this?"

In this world, we are inundated with groups, governments, and people "in charge" who believe that their way is right: period! And the range of right and wrong varies to the point that no one really knows anymore what is right or wrong. So who do we follow? Where do we place our allegiance? Like sheep following their shepherd, what influences our choices?

Believe it or not, that should be a simple choice. But today it is not. Why? The majority believe in Jesus. But are they really ready to submit to His Kingship as His servant? Do they really believe Jesus holds the keys to heaven and hell. do they believe in the authority of His word written in the Bible? Do they really believe He is the Lord and we, His church, are His bride? In this world, there is, has been, and for the near foreseeable future, will be only two choices of authority. You guessed it: Jesus and Satan, Heaven or hell. Now the Heaven or hell part of course does concern eternity and where we will spend it. But its much more than that. Who is your master? Jesus offers Heaven. Satan offers hell. And Hell is NOT a "big party, Dude!" Hell is suffering, damnation, darkness forever. No choices after death.

So regarding the Disciples, when posed with the question "By who's authority did you heal this man?", *"Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."*

All authority on earth falls under two realms, God and Satan, resulting in two different destinations, Heaven or hell. And sadly, most people don't seem to recognize this. Their ability and information which they use to make decisions is determined by a corrupt world, not only heavily influenced by Satan, but controlled by Satan. And even sadder still, even some of those to whom authority is given in this world aren't aware of it.

But you are not one of those. You know there is a Godly authority and there is a Satanic authority. You are God's sheep. You follow the voice of God's shepherd who is a good, kind, and loving shepherd and all will be well. However, there are evil shepherds in our world today. These shepherds are wolves in sheep's clothing who seek to lead you into Satan's pasture. Don't fall for their lies. Think, reason, and make decisions based on the truths of the Bible. Follow the words of our Lord Jesus Christ who defeated Satan. Stay with Christ the prince of truth — not Satan the prince of lies.

Christ or Satan . . . choose wisely !!



Mark your calendars:

- ◆ May 2 @10am - Prayer Shawl meeting in the parlor
- ◆ May 5 @4pm - Church Council meeting in the FLC
- ◆ May 7 @8am Senior Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ◆ May 12 - Deadline for all graduate information
- ◆ May 21 @11am - Susanna Wesley Circle meeting in the FLC
- ◆ May 27 - Church Office Closed



United Women in Faith

A BIG THANK YOU to all that supported our recent bake sale! We made \$832.81! Thank you for always supporting our United Women in Faith. The money will be used to support many missions.

The Yadkin Valley District Prayer Breakfast was a huge success!

There were around 80 women from across our district representing various churches. We had a delicious breakfast and a wonderful time of worship! Thank you to all of our women that helped to make this event possible!

The next event for our Fair Grove unit is the Summer Salad lunch. It will be held on July 27 at 11:00 in the FLC. All women are invited to attend! Bring a covered dish item to share. Hope to see you there!



Fair Grove Missions

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Our Mission focus in May - The Father's Storehouse Ministries

Please consider giving financially or by bringing items for this worthy cause. As stated on their website, "We here at The Father's Storehouse have our hearts set on showing people the Love of Jesus through meeting basic needs at urgent times in their lives!"

Opportunities to help

- ◆ You may give a **financial donation**. (A check may be written to Fair Grove Church with Father's Storehouse on the memo line.) They are fundraising to purchase their own one level building to replace the current two story facility to provide better access of services for seniors and the handicapped.

Donation boxes will be in our side entry and labeled.

- ◆ "**Widow's Boutique**" - **New** items, such as: clothes, perfume, jewelry, purses, and slippers.
- ◆ **Gently** used, **clean** items - such as: sheets, blankets, towels, pots, pans, silverware, and small appliances.

If you would like to volunteer at the facility or seek further information, visit their website at thefatherstorehouse.com

Thank you for your donations

to the Fairgrove Family Resource Center

Your Lenten envelopes and boxes to help the poor came to a generous \$1,310, and on Easter, weekly gleaning was multiplied by filling the altar with 237 food items!

to the Davidson County Women's Shelter

Your compassion for women and children who seek help in unthinkable circumstances was shown with a variety of much needed items. Thanks also to the United Women in Faith for making this their hands on mission project at the general meeting in April.



The Father's
Storehouse
Ministries
Mini Update 2024

- * We are full speed ahead into the new year! Celebrating 11 decisions this month.
- * Homeless Shelter - We have been super busy with the women and children's homeless shelter here at the Father's Storehouse. We currently have five children and 14 women living here. You are changing lives friends!!
- * Plumbing - unfortunately, the old pipes of this building are not too happy with all of the showers and toilets being used so much. We have had a plumber out every week in January and February. Please consider giving extra to help us cover these costs. We cannot do a permanent repair of the pipes until the new showers are up and running for us to have an alternate bathroom source.
- * Gift cards - small increment gift cards gives these ladies the "right" to go into a fast food restaurant and sit down to rest or have a bite to eat in peace. Thank you to those of you who have donated cards. If anyone else would like to donate a card, we would appreciate it more than you know. You can stick it in the mail to us or drop it by on a Monday between 9:30am and 12:30pm. \$10-15 is the recommended amount.
- * Staffing - not nearly enough folks have donated towards the staffing expense for the shelter coverage for 2nd and 3rd shift. Please take a moment to give so we need to cover the next month. Thank you in advance for pulling together to keep these ladies and children housed.
- * Praise - when one lady found out we would give her shelter she dropped to her knees and started praising God! I don't know about you, but that really stirs our hearts!
- * Volunteers needed - We have several areas that could use your help, so please Volunteer! Meet us Monday at 9 AM. We would be glad to have you!

Thank you for all that you do! Galatians 6:9

We Love you Lord!!

The Father's Storehouse Team

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About Us -

In 2007 our family came to the realization that there is indeed a "Mission Field" right here in our communities. As a result, The Father's Storehouse Ministries was founded by the Ward family, as a Mission Church 501c3, non profit, to bridge the gap, and meet the needs of families living in poverty. It is truly a labor of love, staffed by 100% volunteers, with no salaries drawn.

Thousands of families have been helped through The Father's Storehouse , we have an awesome God who is faithful to supply His house, and meet the needs! Christian people with a heart for missions come together as the hands and feet of Christ, and make The Father's Storehouse an awesome ministry that impacts the needs of the community in a Big way!!

Favor of God is obvious on this house! Ten years of meeting needs, with no income, but God's on time provision!! Now THAT is something to be thankful for!! Thank you LORD!!

We look towards the future with Faith in God, and Faith in the goodness of His people.....





The Davidson County Foster Elves send their most sincere thank you and blessings to everyone at Fair Grove Church for helping to give the foster children in Davidson County a wonderful Easter event. We could not do this event without you allowing us to use your facilities and would not have been able to bless the children with as many fun activities without your donations.

At this time, there are 185 children in Davidson County foster care. Foster parents receive a modest monthly stipend to help pay for food and clothing, but nothing extra for back-to-school, birthdays, holidays, etc. That's where the foster elves come in.

Foster elves are all volunteers. Some are individuals, some are families, others are coworkers or Sunday school classes. So we truly do appreciate Fair Grove Church and its congregation for allowing us to provide a wonderful, fun filled day for the families.

Blessings to you and yours,
Mara Lovejoy,
Foster Elf Coordinator, Former Foster Parent, Lexington, NC



Make sure to check out what's going on at Fair Grove Church through our website:

<http://www.fairgrovechurch.org/>

and on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/fairgrovechurch/>



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 we are 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. For questions, contact Jane Baity.

Don't forget to bring your Gleaning to church on Sundays. 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.





Class of 2024

It's that time of year again!! High school and college/university graduates will be honored on **Sunday, June 2**, during the 11:00 service.

If you have a child who is graduating, please get their information to Alan Dorsett by **no later than Sunday, May 12**.

Alan will be unable to accept any information after that date, so please do not hesitate to contact him by email at poolman4ever@gmail.com or by phone at (Home) 336-475-1234 or (Mobile) 336-803-2293.

We hope and pray that we will see you there to help us celebrate this milestone in their lives.

Prayer List

Barbara Harris family
 Charles Lyndon family
 Jerry Koontz family
 Leon McClosky family
 Renee Lowe's Mother's family
 Dale Faircloth
 Lynette Jones Scott
 Scott Reese
 Aidan Gardner
 Sumara
 Sara Bailey
 Jamie Wray Huepel
 Cristall McCaskill
 Wendy Smith
 Jim Cline
 Brenda Smith Ward
 Ricky Wray
 Daune Biggins
 Jimmy Stilley
 Sharon Sink
 Steve Avre
 Caleb Dunlin
 Natalie Anderson
 Jimmy Holliday
 Beverly

Grant Lyndon
 Hill family
 Betty Richey
 Carolyn Lane
 Carol Sena
 Terri Carpenter
 Kathryn Swaim
 Drew Newby
 Margaret McCaskill
 Mary
 Connie Yarborough
 Robert Charles Kleintank 3rd
 Michael Emerick & wife Nancy
 Brenda Lane
 Eva Smith
 Aubrey Lawson
 Jennifer Kinley
 Joy Wray Tucker
 Candi Williams
 Sandra Workman
 Roy McMahan
 Heather Hardister
 David & Linda Lambeth
 Dot Russell
 Bobby Swaim
 Evelyn Parks
 Riley Honeycutt
 Kendall Conner
 Tommy Vernon

Joyce
 Judy Harrington
 Kevin McAdams
 Sarah Uribe
 Laniey Suttle
 Mary Wallace
 Vince Mounts
 Ophelia Timmons
 Bobbi
 Deb Lawson Brooks
 Karen Davis
 Alice Workman
 Rob Nelson
 Denise Barker
 Dennis Harrison
 Johnny Odom
 Chad Blevins
 Teresa Rhodes
 Leslie Rierson
 Lucy Hayes
 Bryce Hunt
 (Hawleys) 29 year old son



"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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2 Ryan Grubb
 4 Deborah Masters
 4 Regan Sink
 4 Frances Frazier
 5 Stephen Easley
 7 Susan Wray
 8 Ashley Perdue
 8 Sharron Key
 9 McKenzie Aderhold
 9 Derek Sink
 11 Hannah Belle Petley
 12 Gracie Miller
 12 Arnold Fuller

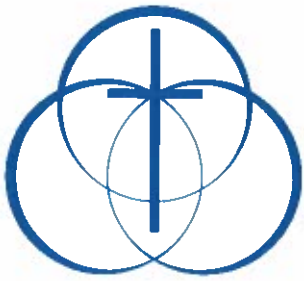
12 Joy Tucker
 12 Pauline Reynolds
 13 Leland Owens
 15 Jimmy Lucas
 16 Mary Thomas
 16 Janet Burkhart
 17 Kailan Fry
 18 Gracie Bell
 19 Nathan Gibbs
 20 Sara Bell
 22 Mark Hill
 22 Peighton Weaver
 23 Tami Rothrock

24 Annette Boone
 25 Jim Harris(Beaufort, NC)
 26 Dusty Lloyd
 26 Alice Workman
 27 Haley Bodenhammer
 29 Dylan Brooks
 29 Chad Hampton
 30 Andrew Hart
 30 Donna Huskins
 30 Darren Smith
 31 Carolyn Fritts



HAPPY anniversary

7 Roger & Candy Thompson
 18 Mark & Caroline Hill
 18 Darrell & Linda Lee
 19 Mark & Evelyn Everhart
 19 David & Sharon Keever
 21 Brent & Ginny Blair
 21 Steve & Pam Sink
 24 Gary & Dawn Trotter
 27 Rick & Monica Moser
 28 Scott & Donna Miller
 28 Phil & Jane Gibbs



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STEWARDSHIP A Way of Life

FOR PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 21

YTD SS Attendance AVG		18
YTD Worship Attendance AVG		91
YTD Budget Offering	\$	58,904.75
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$	3,681.55
Needed each week to make budget	\$	4,624.65

GLEANNING

April: 126 Year-to-date: 1091

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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