

Fair Grove Church

The Messenger Monthly Newsletter

June 2024

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

Mark's Message

Have you ever thought about how all the decisions that you've made and how all of the choices you have made throughout your life have brought you here to this moment? Now if you are like me, you've made some mistakes. For years, I have regretted some of the things that I have done, wishing I had made different choices. That is the benefit of hindsight. However, it is impossible to go back and correct the decisions I made. Because if we could go back and change just one thing, it would have ramifications that would involve and affect everyone in our lives.

There is a popular movie, in fact, three movies called *Back To The Future*. A scientist builds a time machine and is able to go back to the past, but when he does, one little change to something that happened in the past causes chaos for his present world. And then there are a series of trips back to the past to try and correct the mess that was made.

In our lives, we are going to make mistakes because it comes with being human. We glory in the fact that we are free moral agents and can decide things for ourselves and make choices that would benefit us the most. However, because we are human, we are imperfect, therefore, our decisions won't always be the best choice.

One of the things that set Jesus apart other than the fact that He was the Son of God, was His ability to make good moral choices. Remember, he was fully human, so His decision-making process developed just like yours and mine. But what was different about Him was the fact that from a very young age, he relied heavily on God to guide His path and His decisions. Now understand that we have access to God just like He did. But He was very adamant about the fact that He relied on the Spirit's leading. In fact, he considered His access to God to be such that in John 10:30, Jesus plainly said, "I and the Father are one." And then, there is the warning in John 15 where he tells us. "Remain in Me AS I remain in you!" And the last thing Jesus tells us that Matthew records is simply, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Jesus promised to be with us always. So when we feel like God is absent, it is us who have moved.

In Revelation 3:20, Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

There are three things to remember. First, we need to remain in Jesus as (or in the same way as) he remains in us. Second, when Jesus is trying to get our attention, we must be in a mental and spiritual state in order to hear His voice (that means constantly being connected to Him through the Holy Spirit). And third, we must open the door and let him in. In other words, we need to Remain in Him, Recognize Him, and Respond to Him.

We are here to do the will of God. We have been brought to this point in our lives to serve Him. We must (and I am preaching to myself when I say this) follow Paul's teaching and example that he gave us in Philippians 3:13-14, "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Pastor Mark



- ◆ June 2 @11am - Honoring Graduates
- ◆ June 4 @8am Senior Breakfast at Sunrise - all are welcome!
- ◆ June 6 @11am - Prayer Shawl meeting in the parlor
- ◆ June 18 @11am - Susanna Wesley Circle meeting in the FLC
- ◆ June 19 - Church Office Closed
- ◆ June 19 @7pm-Pre-Conference Worship Service at Trinity Methodist Church in Winston-Salem
- ◆ June 20 - 22 - GMC Annual Conference



The family of Barbara Harris would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, cards, phone calls and texts and memorials given to honor her life. We really felt the presence of our church family. We are so grateful for friends like you at this time of sorrow.

God bless you all! Susan, Glenn and Todd



United
Women
in Faith

We would like to thank everyone that donated hats for cancer patients.

Our next event at Fair Grove will be our annual Summer Salad lunch on July 27. ALL women of Fair Grove are invited to attend this event!! We will start at 11:00 in the FLC. Bring a light lunch item to share. Our guest speaker for this event will be the director of Triad Ladder of Hope. We hope you plan to attend this event and bring a friend!

Psalm 19:1 - "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."



Fair Grove Missions

Our Mission focus in June continues - The Father's Storehouse Ministries

The Missions Committee would like to encourage you to give to this organization that strives to show Jesus's love by meeting basic needs of those who are struggling in Thomasville. Check out their website, www.thefathersstorehouse.com, to read details and consider volunteering at their headquarters on Unity Street.

Opportunities to help

- ◆ Make a **financial donation**. (You may give cash or write a check to Fair Grove Church with **Father's Storehouse** on the memo line.) The current facility is inadequate, and the possibility of purchasing a one level, more handicap accessible building has been presented. Your donation can assist that purchase.

Two Donation Boxes are at the side entry and labeled: Widow's Boutique and Gently Used Items.

- ◆ **Widow's Boutique** asks for new items such as clothing, perfume, jewelry, purses and house shoes.
- ◆ **Gently used, clean items** may be given in the second box with items such as: sheets, blankets, towels, pots, pans, silverware, and small appliances.

Thank you for your continued **gleaning** for the poor each Sunday. Through the Fairgrove Family Resource Center, thanks to you, many with financial difficulties will not go hungry. Let's make an effort, as we are able, to bring one non-perishable per person each week to help those who are less fortunate.

Global Methodist Church Charge Conference Information and Dates

- ◆ Pre-Conference Worship at Trinity Methodist in Winston-Salem, Wednesday, June 19, 7pm. The NC Global Methodist Church's 2nd Annual Conference will start with a Pre-Conference worship service on Wednesday, June 19th at 7pm. It will take place at Trinity Global Methodist in Winston-Salem (3819 Country Club Road). Everyone is welcome to attend.
- ◆ Annual Conference Greeters, Ushers and Prayer Intercessors, June 20-22, Benton Conventions Center - Volunteers are needed to serve as Greeters, Ushers and Prayer Intercessors at the NC Global Methodist Church's 2nd Annual Conference. If you would like to help as a greeter or usher please contact Cory Oliver at pastorcory2003@yahoo.com. If you would like to serve in the prayer team contact Connie Stutts at cmstutts57@gmail.com or Doug Miller at douglasmiller911@gmail.com

Prayer List

Janice Batten family
 Barbara Harris family
 Scott Smith
 Aidan Gardner
 Coach Howard Hayes
 Don Osborne
 Olive Frye
 Lynette Jones Scott
 Scott Reese
 Linda
 Sumara
 Beverly
 Mary
 Joyce
 Bobbi
 Jamie Wray Huepel
 Cristall McCaskill
 Wendy Smith
 Jim Cline
 Brenda SmithWard
 Ricky Wray
 Daune Biggins
 Jimmy Stilley
 Sharon Sink
 Steve Avre
 Caleb Dunlin

Natalie Anderson
 Jimmy Holliday
 Grant Lyndon
 Hill family
 Betty Richey
 Carolyn Lane
 Carol Sena
 Terri Carpenter
 Kathryn Swaim
 Drew Newby
 Margaret McCaskill
 Clyde Bailey
 Connie Yarborough
 Kathy Shoe
 Rick Wilson
 Ira Buckalew
 Robert Charles Kleintank 3rd
 Michael Emerick & wife Nancy
 Brenda Lane
 Eva and 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
 Ronnie Owens
 Meridith Bame
 Tommy Vernon
 Judy Harrington
 Kevin McAdams
 Sarah Uribe
 Laniey Suttle
 Mary Wallace
 Vince Mounts
 Ophelia Timmons
 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



"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!

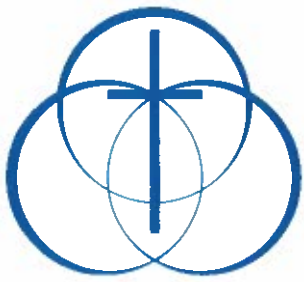
2 James Lomax	19 Caleb Everhart
4 Myra Harris	19 Jacob Gilbert
5 Susan McCurry	20 Lucas Mayer
5 Gary Trotter	22 Abbey Parrish
6 Jerry Lee	22 Abby Thompson
9 Christy Swaim	23 Dakota Johnson
10 Tim Fuller	24 John Everhart
10 Benny Huskins	24 Carrie Ann Fulbright
12 Elliot Everhart	24 Diane Overcash
13 Rick Moser	25 Rickey Wray
13 Kristi Nameth	26 Stanley Frazier
14 Dale Everhart	26 Stephen Sink
14 Gene McCurry	27 Steve Cline
14 Lauren Overcash	28 Ron Moore
15 Evelyn Gallimore	30 Cathy Bebbler
18 John Perry	

Celebrate!
 Life



HAPPY anniversary

6 Brian & Sara Barringer
 6 Bob & Elizabeth Bowser
 12 Mike & Wanda Faircloth
 14 Ron & Janet Boles
 16 Jesse & Tamara Gilbert
 18 Jack & Betty Callicutt
 19 Eric & Kim Johnson
 19 David & Linda Lambeth
 20 Steve & Betty Easley
 25 Michael & Toni Jones



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FOR PERIOD JANUARY - MAY 19

YTD SS Attendance AVG		18
YTD Worship Attendance AVG		90
YTD Budget Offering	\$	83,159.10
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$	4,157.96
Needed each week to make budget	\$	4,624.65

GLEANNING

May: 52 Year-to-date: 1265

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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