

Fair Grove Church

The Messenger Monthly Newsletter

July 2024

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

Mark's Message

What exactly is our purpose? Have you ever thought about why you are here? And by that, not just why are you here on this earth, but why are you here at Fair Grove Church? What is the purpose of Fair Grove Church and what is your purpose as a member of Fair Grove Church? I believe that the purpose of Fair Grove Church must be the same purpose as the Body of Christ. And, I believe that the purpose of every individual believer should be the same purpose as that of Fair Grove Church as well as the Body of Christ. So I ask again, why are we here at this church at this time?

I believe that God has brought us here to this place. And I believe that God is leading people here to this place. Why? Because God is concerned about every individual, every human being, every soul on this earth. And we are called here to be a beacon, a light, that shines the love of Christ to everyone around us. People are automatically drawn to light. Yes, there are those who prefer darkness, but that is their choice. Most people choose the light. And in order for us to be a beacon, a light that shines the love of Christ to everyone around us, we need each other. That is why it is so important that we forsake NOT the "assembling of ourselves together," as Paul puts it. We NEED to be here. We need to be here so that we can be that beacon, that light that draws people to Christ.

A light needs a power source in order to remain a light. There are at least three power sources here at Fair Grove. The first is the Word of God. This congregation believes in the Word of God. Of this, there is NO DOUBT! The second power source is the Holy Spirit. I felt the Holy Spirit in this place the first day I set foot on this property. And the third power source is each other.

Do not ever think that you are not important, that someone else can do your job. We all must work as long as we have breath. Age must not be a discouragement, but rather an encouragement to share our wisdom and knowledge with others. But that's not all! Just your presence here is also fuel, a power source if you will, that fuels others around you.

My power source? The Word, the Spirit, and YOU!

Pastor Mark



Attention All

Parents & Kids!

The Kids Own Worship team is working on plans for a Back to School - Kid's Summer Blast event to take place sometime prior to the start of school. So, keep an eye out for full details to be released soon. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, contact Jane Baity.

Fair Grove Missions

At Fair Grove, we celebrated Christmas in a big way, in July! The Lord is given all praise for touching hearts as you brought an abundance of canned goods and non-perishables. Terri Fisher, Exec. Director at the Resource Center says it will take a while to replenish supplies. Let's continue to glean weekly, one canned good or non-perishable a week if we are able. Thank you so much, Wanda and Mike Faircloth for making the deliveries every week.

At the Missions Cookout, Christian fellowship, laughter, and good old Fair Grove love made it feel like Christmas. Your donations exceeded \$1,320! Gifts from the Heart, Nutrition on Weekends Backpacks, and other worthy projects will be addressed with your gifts. So many of you made this possible, especially Caroline Hill who planned and organized the cookout! Thanks to our grillers, Mark Hill and Phil Gibbs. Missions is a small committee, so without the Lucy Girls' service and food donations, as well as several of other volunteer's help, such as this would be impossible. Thanks to ALL of you!

We continue into August collecting items and financial gifts for **Triad Ladder of Hope**. Our dollars will go towards helping survivors, at-risk youth, and prevention education, as well as beds, meals, and medical care. A check may be written to Fair Grove Church with TLH on the memo line. If you would like to give an item toward a "fresh start bag", the following items are appreciated for a child or a young person. Missions and the United Women in Faith working together for this organization will truly be a blessing.

Child: Male or Female

Toy, Blanket, Age Appropriate Book, Kids' Bodywash, Hairbrush
 Especially needed now: Boys' Pajamas – any size, Girls' Leggings – any size

Teenager: Male or Female

Journal, Pen, Face Wash, Bodywash, Hairbrush
 Especially needed now: Men's Underwear and Athletic Shorts, Women's Leggings

Coming Next Month!

Our focus will soon become financial donations toward **Nutrition on Weekend Backpacks** through FFRC. See the form in this newsletter.



FGUMC 2024 - N.O.W. Backpack - Mission Opportunity



Fairgrove Family Resource Center provides nutritious food for children to take home in a backpack over the weekends to four area schools, including Fair Grove Elementary. Our own church has sought to alleviate hunger through this program, by providing backpacks for years, meeting the need of every single targeted child at Fair Grove School. We prayerfully hope to meet and exceed that goal. **\$250** will feed a child every weekend for the entire school year. Any dollar amount is appreciated!

- o I would like to sponsor a child and donate **\$250** at this time.
- o I would like to sponsor a child with a pledge to give the **\$250** total by Dec. 2024.
- o I would like to give a general donation in the following amount to help: _____

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

Your Name, S.S. Class, or Group _____

Make check payable to Fair Grove Church. On the memo line, write **BACKPACK**. Please include this form with your gift or pledge.



United Women in Faith

Thank you to all that attended our Summer Salad lunch on July 27! What a joy it was to have some new faces with us! Together, we enjoyed a delicious lunch and became educated on human trafficking in our area. Our guest speaker, Brianna Racchini, was a beautiful, spirit-filled young lady. As the director of "Triad Ladder of Hope," she is serving the

victims of human trafficking while being the hands and feet of Jesus. Please pray for her and the victims of human trafficking. Our women filled two tables with items needed to assist these victims. We also collected \$264 as an offering to donate to this organization. Praise God for the generous giving of our women!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Prayer List

Arnold Fuller family
Wil Andrews family
Jim Harris family
Lisa Foster family
Donnie Sprinkle family
Mary Welch family
Margaret McCaskill
Ricky Wray
Alice Colwell
Sarah Lambe
Cindy Medlin
Cristall McCaskill
Joel Craddock
Michelle Miller Harris
Jane Osborne
Ty Parker
Benny Clodfelter
Shirley Fuller
Curtis Ingram
Dick Davis

Juanita Welborn
Roger Ferguson
Scott Smith
Coach Howard Hayes
Scott Reese
Jamie Wray Huepel
Wendy Smith
Jim Cline
Brenda Smith Ward
Daune Biggins
Steve Avre
Caleb Dunlin
Jimmy Holliday
Beverly
Hill family
Betty Richey
Carolyn & Wade Lane
Carol Sena
Terri Carpenter
Kathryn Swaim

Clyde Bailey
Connie Yarborough
Kathy Shoe
Rick Wilson
Ira Buckalew
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
Roger Burkhardt
Katie Coment

Len Beusse
Meridith Bame
Tommy Vernon
Judy Harrington
Kevin McAdams
Lanley Suttle
Mary Wallace
Vince Mounts
Ophelia Timmons
Bobbi
Deb Lawson Brooks
Alice Workman
Rob Nelson
Denise Barker
Dennis Harrison
Johnny Odom
Chad Blevins
Teresa Rhodes
Leslie Rierson



"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!

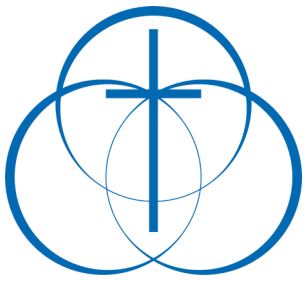
4 Savannah Johnson
5 Brooks Miller
6 Wanda Faircloth
8 Steve Sink
10 Eli Everhart
11 Amy Cantrill
12 Debbie Lambeth Brooks
12 Cody Tilley
14 Frank Ingram
15 Cheryl Lee
15 Lynette Scott
16 Collin Lee
18 Austin Lee
18 Jennifer Sweitzer
18 Richie Barker

19 Toni Jones
19 Ethan Moore
20 Susan Boston
23 Bobbi Rivers
27 Kenneth Lambeth
27 Allison Barnette
27 Lou Jetton
29 Jordan Rothrock
30 Libby Blair
30 Charles Kennedy, Jr.
30 Jean Young
31 Mark Black
31 Lauren Miller



HAPPY anniversary

15 Mike & Millie Inscoe
15 Pete & Gloria Updegrave
21 Thomas & Amy Petley
24 Hollis & Jane Blair
25 Kenneth & Sallie Hepler
28 Jerry & Dianne Lee
30 Tim & Penny Bell



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We Thank God For YOU!



STEWARDSHIP A way of Life

FOR PERIOD JANUARY - AUGUST 21

YTD SS Attendance AVG		19
YTD Worship Attendance AVG		88
YTD Budget Offering	\$	135,619.91
YTD AVG Weekly Offering	\$	4,676.55
Needed each week to make budget	\$	4,624.65

GLEANNING

August: 698 Year-to-date: 2426

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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