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FREEDOM FOR A PURPOSE

BY REV. NATHAN FINSEL

Freedom is a beautiful word, but in Scripture and in history it is never an end in itself. Freedom is always given **for** something, **toward** something, **unto** something greater than the one who receives it.

As we approach seasons that celebrate liberty, I often think about the forebearers of our nation. The early Americans did not fight for independence simply to shrug off a king or to enjoy personal autonomy. They believed their newfound liberty carried a responsibility. If they had used their freedom only for themselves, the experiment would have collapsed within a generation. Instead, they set their hearts on building a nation that would outlast them. They understood human nature well enough to know that freedom without accountability becomes corruption. So they built checks and balances—not because they distrusted government, but because they understood the frailty of the human heart. They knew that liberty must be stewarded, guarded, and directed toward the common good.

Scripture paints a remarkably similar picture of the Christian life. When Christ sets us free, it is not freedom for freedom's sake. It is not spiritual independence so we can "do what we want." It is freedom **for the sake of love, for the sake of service, for the sake of the kingdom of God breaking into the here and now.**

Paul says it plainly:

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." — Galatians 5:13

Christian freedom is not self-focused; it is kingdom-focused. It is meant to make the world better, to reflect Christ's character, and to build something that will outlast us. But just like the founders, we must not think ourselves impervious to human nature. Left to our own devices, we drift. In the vacuum of our own judgment, we assume we know best. We forget that freedom without accountability becomes self-deception.

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This is why Scripture insists that we need one another.

- *“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”*
— Proverbs 27:17
- *“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*
— Galatians 6:2
- *“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”*
— Hebrews 10:24

Freedom in Christ is meant to be lived in community—with brothers and sisters who ask the hard questions, who challenge us when we drift, who remind us of who we are and whose we are. We need people who sharpen us, steady us, and call us back to the better way of Jesus.

So, the question before us is simple but searching:

- Are we using our freedom in Christ to better the world?**
- Are we living in ways that bring the kingdom of God into the present moment?**
- Are we allowing others to speak into our lives so that we grow more like Christ each day?**

Our nation’s founders believed freedom was a trust to be stewarded. Scripture teaches the same. Christ has set us free—not to live smaller lives, but to live kingdom shaped lives. Not to retreat into ourselves, but to join God in the work of renewal. Not to stand alone, but to walk together as the people of God.

May we use our freedom well. May we use it for love. May we use it for the kingdom. May we use it for Christ.

Closing Prayer

Lord God,
Thank You for the freedom we have in Christ. Teach us to use that freedom not for ourselves, but for Your kingdom. Keep us humble, accountable, and surrounded by brothers and sisters who sharpen us and call us toward love and good deeds. Shape our lives into something that will outlast us—lives that reflect Your grace and bring Your kingdom into the world today.
In Jesus’ name, Amen.

THE VINE BIBLE STUDY

The Vine Study group meets Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00pm in 204A/Fellowship Hall. Join us for an hour of prayer and study led by Pastor Nathan Finsel. All are welcome as we seek and cling to the vine.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know are homebound and would like to request one of our communion servants to administer communion at your home, please call the church office to schedule a time.

Communion servants have been trained to serve communion and are Stephen Ministers and congregants. We appreciate their service to the church body.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Each Thursday, the Fair View Church volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels. Many recipients are widows or widowers, some are in ill health and dealing with disabilities or aging restrictions. We would ask you to keep them in your prayers as we have ministered to their needs and have developed friendships.

If you would like to join this ministry, contact Judy at judithdonaldson@windstream.net.

Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls are available from the church office for all members as well as Stephen Ministers to share with family, friends, or neighbors who need a reminder that we care about their loss or difficulty. In their time of need, a shawl says “I’m thinking of you and want to share God’s love with you.”

CHURCH APP

We are excited to continue to utilize the features of our new web-based platform, Subsplash. Please download the church app to:



- watch or listen to past messages
- stay up-to-date with small groups announcements and notifications within the app
- share your favorite messages via Twitter, Facebook, or email, and download messages for offline listening.
- sign-up for events and service opportunities
- check your recent giving
- read the current newsletter via access to the website

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Watch your inbox each Wednesday for the View from Fair View.

This weekly newsletter regularly contains upcoming events and opportunities to serve the church

and the greater Mooresville community. Not receiving church emails? Let us know by emailing us at office@fairviewumc.org. Dates for birthdays and anniversaries come from the church database, so if there are any errors, please contact the church office.



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TXT2GIVE

Text **FVUMCgiving** to 1-888-364-4483 in order to receive a reply with the link to your giving interface. The code is not case sensitive.

If you already have a Subsplash giving account, you will be able to login and give immediately!

Don't have a Subsplash account? You can create one in seconds!

The privacy of your personal information is our first priority and is secure through our giving platform!

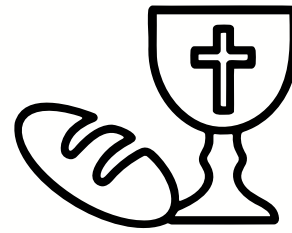


YOUR TITHES & OFFERINGS KEEP OUR CHURCH ACTIVE AND THRIVING!



Happy Birthday

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- 2 JESSE BARLEY & CYNTHIA CARTER
- 3 JUDY MILLER
- 4 TODD DANNER
- 5
- 6 ANDREA ADAMS & ELAINE WILLEFORD
- 7 AMBER HAGER
- 8
- 9 ROBERT DUNSMORE
- 10 DOROTHY COONE & KARA TURNER
- 11 ANDY WHITE
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- 19 MIKE GOODE
- 20 CINDY BREGOLI
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- 23 MAGDALENA HORSTKOTTE & KATHY MAZEWSKI
- 24 JEAN NEWMAN
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- 29 JOHN CALDWELL
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Communion Servers

June 7th

Mandy Wright, Barry Boling, Mark & Vicki Gurley

July 5th

Tammy Glaze, Peggy Jones, Krystal Davis,
Brooklynn Williamson

Happy Anniversary

6/25 Alan & Judy Donaldson

6/30 Dieter & Magdalena Horstkotte



FAIR VIEW HAPPENINGS

Movie Group

We filled an entire row when we attended the showing on May 5, **The Story of Everything**. It is a documentary with scientist talking about creation theories and as science learns more, what once thought to be true is disproved. It was fascinating and the theater was full.

Key Aspects of the Documentary

Scientific Evidence for Design: The film highlights three major scientific discoveries supporting a creator: the universe had a definitive beginning, the universe is finely tuned for life, and DNA contains complex, digital-like code.

Expert Perspectives: The documentary features insights from figures such as Stephen C. Meyer, John Lennox, and Lee Strobel, who argue that modern science, when followed closely, points to a designer.

The Problem of Beauty: It explores the concept of "gratuitous beauty" in biology—beauty that exceeds the requirements for survival, suggesting a higher purpose.

Production and Focus: Produced by Brian Bird (When Calls the Heart) and Jason Pamer (Sypher Studios), the film is a Discovery Institute-backed project aimed at showing that evidence supports a faith-affirming worldview.

Contact Brenda Harvey if you would like to be added to our email communications for future outings.

Upper Room

Wesley, Wednesdays 11- Noon

Always looking for new faces to join us in this midweek worship opportunity. Join us each week or whenever you can as our group gathers for a time to pray and worship and explore God's word. And sometimes whoever is available heads out to lunch for continued fellowship. In May, as we read Psalms, we were reminded that when we don't have the words to pray, we can pray scripture:

10 Psalms to PRAY

1. Psalm 30: 1-5 To give praise
2. Psalm 37: 1-5 To trust in God
3. Psalm 40: 1-4 To pray for deliverance
4. Psalm 46: 7-11 To pray for protection
5. Psalm 55:18-23 To pray when overwhelmed
6. Psalm 103: 1-2 To worship for all He has done
7. Psalm 106:1-5 To give thanks for His mercy
8. Psalm 116: 1-2 To give thanks for answered prayers
9. Psalm 119: 1-10 Gratitude for God's Word
10. Psalm 139:13-14 Remember God made us

Movers & Shakers

On Thursday, May 21st, we traveled to Mt Airy, NC. A couple of our travelers ended up in the back of a squad car. Check out the official newsletter to find out who.

The rest of us left them there and went to the Andy Griffith Museum. I had forgotten how talented he was and how many different types of movies and TV shows he appeared in. We rescued the two from the squad car and went to Snappy's for our pork chop sandwiches. Then we separated into groups and went shopping. Among the purchases were candies, pies, decorative items and daily devotional books for kids.

In June our trip will be to the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden in Belmont. We'll also stop by the River District in Charlotte to see Pete with Big Feet. The admission cost for Daniel Stowe is \$18.95 + tax. There is a \$2 discount for folks over 60, AAA members, and for military veterans and their families. EBT cardholders can get in for \$1. Pete with Big Feet is a 65-foot wooden troll sculpture by artist Thomas Dambo. There is no admission cost to visit with Pete. We will have to walk down an unpaved, sometimes steep trail to get to Pete. So, please keep that in mind. And after that if we still have time, we'll cruise through the new Charlotte Douglas Overlook Park. Of course there will be food and fellowship. We will gather in the workroom at 9:30 and leave at 10. Please join us for a day of fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Stutts at 704-664-4274 or MommaMary1@windstream.net.



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT FAIR VIEW

Faith Study

We complete **The Book of Philippians with Joby Martin from Right Now Media** on June 1 and our next study will begin the following week.

Right Now Media

Everyday Revolutionary by J.D. Greear

Description: **How to Transcend the Culture War and Transform the World**

Tired of being a pawn in the culture war? Feeling squeezed between political and theological extremes? How do we live faithfully when we don't feel at home in this increasingly secular culture? Pastor and Bible teacher J. D. Greear calls us to reimagine our Christian witness in today's world. In this practical and encouraging six-session series, discover biblical insights for witnessing well in our polarized, post-Christian world.

Right Now Media is free and each study includes short video clips and study guides which can be downloaded from the site. Visit the Fair View website and connect with Right Now Media.

Most of the studies are set up to be completed in 6-8 sessions.

Join us for food and fellowship during our time of study in Wesley every Monday night from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Book Group

In May we gathered to share our thoughts on one of our favorite author's latest book. **Witness Protection** by Robert Whitlow we found much to discuss.

On **June 8**, Penny Price will lead our selection of **Only Woman in the Room: A Historical Novel of Hedy Lamarr and Her Secret Wartime Invention** by Marie Benedict



THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER & THE USA TODAY BESTSELLER

Bestselling author Marie Benedict reveals the story of a brilliant woman scientist only remembered for her beauty.

Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer.

Underestimated in everything else, she overheard the Third Reich's plans while at her husband's side and understood more than anyone would guess. She devised a plan to flee in disguise from their castle, and the whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star.

But she kept a secret more shocking than her heritage or her marriage: she was a scientist. And she had an idea that might help the country fight the Nazis and revolutionize modern communication...if anyone would listen to her.

A powerful book based on the incredible true story of the glamour icon and scientist, *The Only Woman in the Room* is a masterpiece that celebrates the many women in science that history has overlooked.

Upcoming Reads scheduled

July 13	The River Knows Your Name by Kelly Mustain	Led by Ann Goode
August 10	The Girls of August by Ann River Siddons	TBD
September 14	The Wednesday Sisters by Meg Waite Clayton	TBD

**Anyone wanting to join this group is cordially invited to come share your thoughts and discussion!
We meet in Wesley at 7 pm.**

FAIR VIEW KIDZ

We had a wonderful morning of fellowship at our annual Muffins with Mom on Mother's Day morning with about 25 in attendance.

On June 21st we will host our annual Donuts with Dad in the fellowship hall at 9am. All the men of Fair View and their families are invited to enjoy fellowship before service.



Father's Day Fundraiser

Would you like to Honor or Remember a special man in your life this Father's Day?

For a donation of \$5 per name Fair View Kidz will be creating a special Father's Day Bulletin.

Donations due by
Wednesday June 17th.

Please see Krystal for any questions.

Donuts with Dad

Sunday June 15th
9:00-10:00am

in the Fellowship Hall

All men and their families
are invited!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Minister - Krystal Davis
Contact: kdavis@fairviewumc.org

VBS 2026

VBS is right around the corner and we need your help! We are still in need of several volunteers for multiple positions. We will have our annual VBS and Safe Sanctuaries meeting on Sunday June 28th following service in the fellowship hall, lunch will be provided.

We are now in full VBS prep mode. Keep an eye on the VBS table in the Narthex for our Adopt-A-Prop bags with projects that can be completed at home, materials and instructions are provided. If there isn't a project you are able to complete right now, keep checking back as we will continually add new projects as materials come in. We also have a list of donation and volunteer needs at the table.

Please reach out to Krystal if you have any questions.



Group Wishlist for VBS



Amazon Wishlist for VBS



VBS Registration is Now Open!

July 13 - July 17, 2026

5:30-8:00pm

Dinner Served Nightly

Potty Trained - Rising 5th Grade

Register Here:



FAIR VIEW YOUTH

Ms. Mary came to youth night on May 3rd and helped us make Mother's Day candles. May 24th at Youth Night we made hand print cross tshirts, broke off for our studies, then went and ended the evening at Dairy Queen. We had a great time of study and fellowship. We are glad summer is here and are looking forward to what the summer holds for us!! Stay tuned for more events coming!
June 7th will be our Summer is Here Pool Party



Youth Night

We will start back up in August!

Youth meet every 4th Sunday at 5:30 pm for Youth Night. This has been a great time with the youth and we have had 8 youth in attendance.

We have had enjoyed food, laughs, fun time, and getting into God's word.

We begin at 5:30 with dinner and a game/craft then break off into 2 groups for Bible Study.

We will be offering

Girls Bible Study led by Danyel

Guys Bible Study led by Pastor Nathan.

All the youth have been encouraged to invite their friends.

YOUTH DIRECTOR: DANYEL WILLIAMS
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MISSION OUTREACH



MISSION OVERVIEW

By Kathy Schilling

During the month of May, we continued providing food assistance for students at Coddle Creek Elementary School. We were able to provide 25 children with an extra bag of food to help ease the transition into summer break. In addition, Food Lion gift cards were sent to each of the 18 families to offer further support during the summer months.

We are also collecting snacks and beverages for the S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House, which will be delivered at the end of the month. At the same time, we are wrapping up a donation and sponsorship drive for Compassion International. Through these efforts, we were able to provide 18 families with chickens and one family with a fruit tree.

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, we will launch a fundraising drive for Purple Heart Homes. Their mission is to “provide safe, accessible housing solutions for service-connected disabled veterans.” This campaign will continue through the July 4th weekend.



PURPLE HEART HOMES
HEALING HEARTS ONE HOME AT A TIME

SCOUTING AROUND WITH CUB SCOUT PACK #173

By Bill Hicks

The big event the Scouts sponsored recently that was open to the whole community was a Bike Rodeo in the Coddle Creek Elementary School parking lot. Mooresville police officers were there to teach bicycle safety plus give free helmets to those needing better ones and a local bicycle repair shop was there to do bike inspections and make adjustments as needed for the growing Scouts. The officers also worked with bike riders on how to ride safely without training wheels on their bikes. Four were successful in this. Of course there were several bike courses laid out for the cyclists to navigate thru.

The Cub Scouts and their families met in May at the Harrison Pavilion for their monthly Pack Meeting which also included a hamburger and hot dog meal. Scouts were awarded what they had earned during the previous month's time and were advanced to the next level in Scouting in a yearly bridge crossing over ceremony.

The big event at the county level in June will be the Cub Scout Day Camp held at the Van Hoy Family Campground north of Statesville with a theme of "Dinopia". The Scouts will have fun, have craft classes, sports and work off achievements in their Scout Handbooks for their next level in Scouting this fall plus much more during the week long event. Pack #173's Cindy Bell again is heading up this big event as she has done for the last 35 years.

Even though formal Den Meetings will not take place this summer as usual, the Scouts will have summer activities. The Scouts will have a combination movie night and pool party in July and a fishing derby in August at the Lake Norman State Park where Park Rangers will teach the Scouts how to fish.

Anyone who is aware of a girl or boy entering kindergarten thru 5th grade this fall who is interested in joining Scouting can join now.

Contact Bill Hicks at 704-650-1026 or wchicks@hotmail.com for more information.



COME JOIN US!

SUNDAYS AT FAIR VIEW WORSHIP at 10 AM

Fair View Kidz

every Sunday

Fair View Kidz meets each Sunday immediately after children's church during worship for crafts, Bible study and fun activities!



A FULL CALENDAR OF
EVENTS CAN BE FOUND
AT FAIRVIEWUMC.ORG

Youth
11:00AM IN CHAPIN
&
4th Sundays 5:30 PM



2nd SUNDAYS
8:00AM IN 204A

monday

FAITH STUDY
MONDAYS
5:30PM IN WESLEY

wednesday

THE VINE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS
6:00PM IN 204A

thursday

STEPHEN MINISTRIES
2ND/4TH THURSDAY
7 PM IN WESLEY

BOOK CLUB
2ND MONDAY
7:00 PM IN WESLEY

UPPER ROOM
WEDNESDAYS
11 AM IN WESLEY

**MOVERS &
SHAKERS**
3RD THURSDAYS

M.O.M. BIBLE STUDY
2ND MONDAY
6PM IN 204A

CHOIR REHEARSAL
 WEDNESDAYS AT
7 PM

Be sure to pass this month's newsletter
on to a friend. You never know, that
might inspire them for a visit!

The Power of an Invitation

6-8% Walked in by own initiative

2-3% Liked a program offered

8-10% Liked the pastor

3-4% Had a need met by the
church.

1-2% Were Evangelized

3-4% Attracted by Sunday School

70-85% Invited by a relative or
friend!

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