



The FAIRView

Connecting People to People, and People to Christ

April 15, 2018

*Fairview's congregation
will come together for a
special event on April 22nd !*

*9 am Continental Breakfast &
Program with a Special Guest!*

10 am Sunday school

*11 am Worship & Installation of our
pastor, Rev. Allen M. Thompson*

(There is no Morning Watch service this day.)

*Something
NEW*

is coming on 5th Sundays!

Starting April 29th Pastor Allen we will lead a combined Bible study in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 am.
Children K-4th grade will have their own 5th Sunday combined Bible class in the Children's Church room.





Graduation is Coming Soon. If you have a high school graduate that you would like recognized on Graduate Sunday, May 6, please send charleneusry@comcast.net his/her information by *April 29th*. (College graduate information may also be submitted)

MARTHA CIRCLE will meet at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 17 at the home of Helen McKenney, 10 Creekview Court. Please bring a canned meat for CMONA. If you are new at Fairview and are interested in joining our circle, we welcome you to try us out!! If you need a ride or directions to Helen's, please call Kate (279-9759).

FAIRVIEW is serving at GAP MINISTRIES Sunday, April 15th. Praise & Worship at 6:00 with an amazing group, Christian Harmony and a wonderful meal at 7:00 p.m. Join us on this local Mission Field to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those most in need of encouragement. Curious about GAP MINISTRIES? Contact Ann Jackson at jayannjackson@aol.com or (706) 339-0072.

Flower Calendar Vacancies: May 13, 27, June 3, 10, 24
Call 279-6441 if you would like to provide flowers for our worship services.

There will be no Soup Kitchen this month on Tuesday, April 17th. A company volunteered their time for this month. Our next Soup Kitchen is on May 15th. Please join us then!

CMONA (Community Ministry of North Augusta) has experienced a decrease in their food pantry inventory. In preparation for CMONA Sunday on May 6, we are sponsoring a food drive to help replenish their shelves. Items requested are canned meats and fruits, ramen noodles, cereal, and single-serve puddings and fruit. Boxes to accept donations will be placed around the church.

The annual Fairview Spring Picnic will be held on the lawn at Fairview, Sunday, May 6th, after the 11:00 service (about 12:30pm). Hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings will be provided so bring your favorite side dish, drinks, chairs, canopies, etc., and join us for an afternoon of fellowship, food and fun.

Conversation Partner Training

Many internationals who come to our area would love to have an American friend. The International Link wants to pair them up with trained volunteers who love Christ and who are willing to build a friendship that earns them the privilege of sharing their faith.

There will be a seminar held at: National Hills Baptist Church, 2725 Washington Road, Augusta, on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 8:45 am to 2:00 pm. Cost: \$5.00

More Information:

How can I help internationals?

Three of the biggest felt needs of international students, scholars and their families are...

1. Improve English skills. They need a friend to practice their English, who will be a good listener, and patient to answer their questions.
2. Help understand and adapt to our culture and their new surroundings.
3. Overcome loneliness. They need a friend who will invite them to participate in fun activities.

What are the benefits of befriending an international?

1. Personal spiritual growth. "Befriending an international student challenged me to be more intentional about sharing my faith in non-Christians contexts." (a conversation partner)
2. Opportunity to learn about other cultures. "I didn't realize that Jordan was a monarchy until I met my friend from Jordan." (a conversation partner)
3. Discussion about faith that can lead to decisions for Christ. "I have organic opportunities to share my faith story." (a conversation partner)

Here is a 2 minute and 50 second video of volunteers who are Conversation Partners with IFI:
<https://youtu.be/KetU4EWclkg>

Notes on Session Activities

The Fairview Session last met 19 March 2018. It will convene again on 16 April.

Recent Session actions:

Approve the Property Commission moving ahead on some major painting projects around campus. Elder Tom Dunaway is the Chairman of the PC.

Approved establishing a Designated Fund for backlighting the cross on the wall of the lobby of the Fellowship Hall lobby. Skip Jones has a key interest in this project. You may donate through the Church Office.

Approved Worship Committee recommendation to purchase backdrop curtains to be used near the stage in the Fellowship Hall.

Approved an action that describes the procedure for disbursement of Designated Funds. This policy is to be included in the new Manual of Operations that is required by the recent reorganization of the governmental structure of FPC.

Approved a period for using a different arrangement for seating during Morning Watch in April as a trial looking toward longer term changes.

Approved scheduling a Kirking of the Tartans/Celtic Night weekend in January 2019.

Approved 20 May as Commitment Sunday for the 2018 Stewardship Campaign.

The Session and Diaconate have begun combined meetings as we participate in the Flourishing Churches initiative provided by the ECO denomination. The plan is to meet each month for six months following a prescribed syllabus.

FPC will send representatives to the meeting of the Presbytery of South Carolina on 13-14 April.

Session received a report in February from the Associate Pastor regarding his attendance at the National Gathering in late January. It is available from Mr. Chiba. FPC had both pastors, an elder commissioner and another covenant partner in attendance at that meeting in Houston.

Session was reminded of the Installation Service for Rev. Mr. Thompson is to be held on 22 April 2018 at 11 AM. Other activities are planned for that day also.

Ongoing considerations include the safe church and secure church policies

Presented FYI,

JF Johnston, Clerk

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Children's Church: Margaret and John Shearouse

Counters: Brian Enter, Ross Douglas

Hospital Visitation: Katie Johnston, Nick Gavalas

Mary's Helpers: Suzanne Shimp, Cindy Norvell

MW Coffee: Kevin Toole

MW Welcome: Melody McRee

Nursery: Dara Dixon

SS Coffee: Gary Clark, Duane and Holly Perry

Ushers: Len Carter, Jack Burckhalter, Jim Minyard,
Pat Jackson, Larry Herring

Wednesday Supper Team: William Salters,
Bob Voegtlen, Paul and Janice Gesche, Bill Price,
Candy Bigg, Cindy Norvell, Robert Lance

Welcoming Team (9 am): Sarah Lawson, Ann and
Jay Jackson, Norman Guest, Stephanie Guest,
Claudia Thompson

Welcoming Team (11 am): Alice Hester, Shawn
Kendinger, Tina Melton, Vicki Tilby

PRAYER REQUESTS

Home: Verlon McDowell, Nancy Duncan,
John Attaway

University: Jim Baggott

Foothills, Easley: Mary Frances Lown

Benton House: Louise Beck

Brandon Wilde: Mildred Beams

Brookdale: Marguerite Fogleman, Edith Carlson

Marshal Pines: Walt Marter

NHC: Marilyn Horen, Barbara Dennis, Frances Baldwin

Ongoing Concerns: Lilly Enter, Janet/Don Geckeler,
Ray/Georganne Browder, Randy Baker, Wayland
Wilcox, Rod/Annalee Scherr, Bill/Ann Campbell, Nick
Gavalas, Bob Folger, Laura Purtz, Marian Royster, Matt
Royster, Will Royster, Leon Sherman, Skip Jones

Friends and Family: John Hobert (Pat Johnson's son, Air
Force, Kuwait), Nancy Spears (Suzanne Shimp's cousin),
Lorelei Hinsvark (Charisse Chiba's sister), Phyllis Dotterer,
Lou Ellington (Marian Royster's mom), Lucas Oliver (Guy
and Sara Oliver's grandson), Mable Payne (Christina
Payne's mother), Braden Boozer (Sarah Lawson's
nephew), Margaret Houser (Nancy Duncan's mother),
Lois Belger (Grady Belger's mother),
Avery Moore (Kirby Ashe's granddaughter)

CALENDAR

Friday, April 13

10:30 am Bible Study

Sunday, April 15

9:00 am Morning Watch

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

6:00 pm GAP on Greene

6:30 pm Flourishing Church Training

Monday, April 16

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Tuesday, April 17

7:00 pm Martha Circle

Wednesday, April 18

6:00 pm Supper – pork loin, vegetable, salad,
bread, dessert

6:00 pm Intercessory Training

6:30 pm ESL Class

6:30 pm WenZday KidZ

Youth Study

Adult Program

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, April 20

10:30 am Bible Study

IN MEMORIAM

Marie Taylor Tomlinson

March 15, 2018

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life...."

The Christian sympathy of pastors and
congregation is extended to Randy Burckhalter
and family following the death of his mother,
Mary Lazar Burckhalter.

*Thank you to the Fairview pastors and
members, for the calls, visits, cards, presence
and food, during this time of loss of our Father,
Emmett Harkins. Your outpouring of love and
care has been very special to us.*

Marsha Furness and Twyla Kneece



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