



THE

FORECASTER

FAIRMOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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“Know God” – in our year of renewal and revival we want to connect with God in more meaningful ways. One way to connect on a more meaningful level is to get to know Him even better. Based on Exodus 34:6-7, this new sermon series will focus on the eternal qualities of our awesome God. When focused on His eternal qualities, we will know Him better – we will be stronger in our faith – and we will be even more eager to share the powerful hope that we have in Him.

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Message from the Elders

By Kevin Bartlett, Elder

For many, myself included, the past year has been a bit of a struggle. It's been a year of pandemic, social distancing, loss of jobs and income, sheltering at home, school at home, and work at home. Families that usually spend nights and weekends together and then go off in different directions during the week have been together twenty-four hours a day seven days a week and are trying not to trip over each other in the new work-school environment. Then just for fun Satan threw in a very contentious presidential election and a huge dose of civil unrest caused by the cancers of racism and government mistrust. Which, by the way, are some of his favorite tools to divide God's children from each other and a closer walk with Jesus. It seems we can't even get a break on Sunday mornings because even with things "opened up" to the extent that they have been, it does not feel the same with friends missing from the sanctuary seats and Sunday school classes, smiles hidden behind masks, and hugs and handshakes being pretty much non-existent. I don't know about you but reading what I just wrote is downright depressing. No wonder there is so much anxiety in America today.

Although scripture tells us to not despair but to "Praise God in all things", even in the pandemics and pandemonium, we tend to forget who is truly in control here and it isn't Satan. Yes, there may be a time when he thinks he has triumphed, but Satan knows his moment in the sun is just that, a fleeting moment before he is banished to the lake of fire. But hold firm to the hope we have in Jesus, revival is coming. Just like the darkness that fell over the earth before Jesus died on the cross, this darkness we are experiencing now will only be with us a short time longer and then the sun will shine again. In fact, we can already see the rays starting to break through the clouds and feel the excitement building over the regathering of God's faithful. Soon we will hear the voices of many singing praises to the Creator and lifting high the name of Jesus and we will bask in the warmth of each other's love as well as the love of Christ. And even though all will not be right with the world we will once again be reminded that this world is not our home, but a mere stepping stone, a doormat even, to the home that awaits us as believers where darkness reigns nevermore.

YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Welcome to our newest members: Cole & Lisa Tucker transferred their memberships on March 5th.

Sympathy to Morgan Waters and the Davis family at the passing of **Sarah L. Davis** on March 6th.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Paul Hayden Davis, who passed away on March 9th.

Morgan Waters and the family of Sarah Davis appreciate all the support, prayers, and cards they received at her recent passing.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Banner Christian School at Fairmount: Open Discussion: Sunday, March 21st at 6:30pm in the Worship Center

FCYM CONNECTION March Events: March 21st - Middle School Nerf Wars from 6-7:30pm
 March 28th - High School Scavenger Hunt from 6-7:30pm

March Meal for Moments of Hope: Needed: fruit cups, desserts (we can package), shredded mozzarella cheese; **Drop donations off no later than Wednesday, March 24th** at the main kitchen at church or Pat Dalton's home (8357 Summer Walk Parkway, Mechanicsville 23116); Contact Pat at 840-3901 or prdalton@hotmail.com.

Joining God's Family - Sunday Mornings at 9am, R. 255, April 11th, 18th, and 25th: Designed for older elementary children, this 3-week class teaches the basics of deciding to become a part of God's family. Topics include what it means to be a Christian and what you need to do to join God's family. Email asears@fairmountcc.org to participate - limit 10.

Impact Days - April 24th and June 5th: It's been a long, cold, wet winter. Enough of staying inside! Spring is right around the corner - are you ready to get out? What better way than to help others who need a helping hand. Better yet, be the hands and feet of Jesus! Bless others and you will be blessed. Visit fccsignups.info/ImpactDay for details, volunteer signup, and project submission. Any questions, contact Ed Muller at (804) 240-2299 or edwardmuller@mullerconstruction.com. Thanks, Jerusalem Impact Team

Let's Go Services - Volunteer Drivers Needed: Help others by driving them to their appointments and assisting them once they're there. Contact Terri Sears at (804) 366-0670 or theresa@letsgoservices.org.

ICOM - Save the Date: The International Conference on Missions returns to Richmond November 18-21, 2021.

Impact Update - The Silva Family

By *Chris Santasiere*

Diego & Claudia Silva and their three children have worshiped at Fairmount for the past two years. From their very first Sunday with us, they jumped in and began to serve. Despite a language barrier, Diego became our super greeter, welcoming everyone at the Worship Center main entrance with a smile and hug every week.

Diego & Claudia sold all their possessions and moved to the United States in obedience to God's calling. They worked with YWAM as missionaries to immigrant families in the City of Richmond. Diego used his soccer talents to share the Gospel with children and in turn, their parents. They are now working with College Ministries of Virginia (CMOV) and will be ministering to international students at VCU. Their mission will be to make disciples among the international student community. It is also their dream to send missionaries out from among those VCU students to wherever the Lord leads them.

The Silva family returned to Brazil on March 11th while CMOV helps to secure them another VISA before they begin their new ministry. IMPACT recently added Diego and Claudia as partners, providing them with monthly financial support. Their goal is to raise \$33,000 annually to provide funds for salary and personal ministry expenses. You can support the Silva family financially through CMOV at www.aplos.com/aws/give/CollegeMinistriesofVirginia/diego or contact Lori McGhee at (804) 956-7630.

We will miss Diego and his family while they are back in Brazil and look forward to their return to the US and Fairmount later this year. Please pray for the family, specifically for Diego's English language training, for God's favor as they navigate the VISA process, and for receptive hearts among the international student community at VCU.



Easter Events at Fairmount

Going on Now

21 Days of Hope: Text "HOPE" to 804-532-5311 and receive encouraging devotions leading up to Resurrection Sunday.

"Jesus" Yard Signs Available for \$10/each: Display it in your yard, snap a photo, and post to social media using #jesusatfcc. Signs are available in the lobbies or contact the church office.

Easter Flowers: Hydrangeas in memory or in honor of a loved one are available for \$20/each. All orders are due by Sunday, March 28th. Order at fccsignups.info/flowers.

Sunday, March 21st

Fairmount Kids - Road to Resurrection: Children will celebrate Easter with special lessons, crafts, snacks, and an outdoor egg hunt. 10:15-11am - Preschoolers (2 years-old & up); 10:15am-Noon - Elementary Children (K-5th Grade)

Fairmount Kids - Resurrection Activity Bags: Grab a special bag from the Check-In Desk which includes 12 days of devotions and activities for your family to do together as we lead up to Easter Sunday.

Friday, April 2nd

Good Friday Service with Speaker, Neil Wheeler: Presented by the Bill Farmer Bible Class at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Easter Worship Schedule



Register for the service you will attend - fccsignups.info/Easter

We are practicing social distancing and following the governor's mask mandate in all classes and worship services. Masks are available at each entrance and must be worn at all times while in the building.

If you are not feeling well, please stay home and join us on Sunday for a live stream at 9am (Contemporary), 10:15am (Traditional), or 11:15am (Modern) at fairmountcc.org. These services are also recorded and may be watched at any time.

Happy Easter - He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

- Saturday, April 3rd:** 3:00pm..... Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center
Children's Worship for 2 year-olds - 5th graders
5:00pm..... Modern Worship in the Worship Center
Children's Worship for 2 year-olds - 5th graders
- Sunday, April 4th:** 6:30am..... Sunrise Worship in the Sanctuary; no Children's offerings
8:00am..... Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary; no Children's offerings
*9:00am.... Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center (live streamed at fairmountcc.org)
Adult Bible School; no Children's offerings
10:00am... FCYM commUNITY (6-12th Grade Bible School); Adult Bible School (Salt & Light class)
*10:15am.. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary (live streamed at fairmountcc.org)
Children's Bible School Classes for 2 year-olds - 5th Graders; Adult Bible School
*11:15am.. Modern Worship in the Worship Center (live streamed at fairmountcc.org)
Child care for 1 year-olds; Children's Worship for 2 year-olds - 5th Graders

**Bring fresh flowers
on Saturday or
Sunday to decorate
the Living Cross.**

*** 9am, 10:15am, and 11:15am services - Live streamed at fairmountcc.org.**

Note: All Traditional Services are Identical; All Contemporary Services are Identical; All Modern Services are Identical



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ATTENDANCE & GIVING		<u>03/07</u>	<u>03/14</u>
8:00	Traditional Worship:	69	68
9:00	Contemporary Worship:	161	134
	Online Views:	148	124
10:15	Traditional Worship:	76	71
	Online Views:	87	80
11:15	Modern Worship:	196	200
	Children's Worship:	55	48
	Online Views:	54	57
	Total:	846	782
	Bible School:	277	234
	Budget Requirements:	\$49,127	\$49,127
	Budget Receipts:	\$62,074	\$46,218



WORSHIP LINEUP

8:00 – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 9:00* – Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center
 Adult Bible School Class Offerings
 10:00 - FCYM CONNECTION; Adult Bible School

10:15* – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
 Adult & Children's Bible School Class Offerings
 11:15* – Modern Worship in the Worship Center
 Children's Worship Program

* Worship service live-streamed at fairmountcc.org.

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Register each week for Worship and Bible School at fccsignups.info/Worship.