

# The FORECASTER



## AT FAIRMOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH



### Baby Dedication Sunday January 22, 2023

**Pictures Needed of Babies Born in 2022!**

By **January 13th**, please submit your baby's photo and information at [fccsignups.info/BabyDay](https://fccsignups.info/BabyDay) or email to [agrubbs@fairmountcc.org](mailto:agrubbs@fairmountcc.org) along with baby's full name, birthdate, service you will attend, and names of any grandparents or great-grandparents to be recognized. Photos can also be brought to the church office to be scanned (and returned).

*Please provide a photo and information even if you know you will not attend on January 22nd so your child can be included in the keepsake publication and we can mail you a copy. Thank You!*

### CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are well underway with this year's Christmas Campaign. To date we have raised **\$216,817!** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

As the Elders reminded us, the funds raised through the Christmas Campaign go to retire the debt on our building. This year's goal is to raise \$350,000. As is our practice, we select one of our IMPACT partners to receive a 10% tithe of the funds received. We have selected **Polish Christian Ministries**, with an emphasis on Ukrainian Refugee Relief, to be this year's tithe recipient. Please take a few minutes to watch an excellent video that was put together by Adam Dulinski of the Warsaw South church detailing how they are continuing to serve Ukrainian refugees. You may remember that we were honored to have Adam and his family visit Fairmount in August. The work that Adam's church is doing is one piece of how the churches in Poland are ministering to Ukrainian refugees. Watch the video at [fccsignups.info/PCMVideo](https://fccsignups.info/PCMVideo)

Remember, you can give to the campaign through **January 8, 2023** by using one of the Christmas or green Onward envelopes available at church. Please memo your check "Onward Christmas". You may also give through our website [fairmountcc.org/giving/](https://fairmountcc.org/giving/) or through Pushpay. If you choose to give through the transfer of stock or other investments, please contact **R.W. McDowell** or **Veronica Brewster** in Fairmount's office at **804-559-8070**.

*Give Joyfully*

Onward Christmas Campaign

December 4, 2022 - January 8, 2023

Goal: \$350,000



**“My Favorite Verse”**

The Bible changes our lives. How has it changed yours?

On January 1st, the preaching team will kick off the new year in a special sermon presentation, “My Favorite Verse.” Each of our preachers will share their favorite passage of Scripture; and, how that passage changes their life.

It will be a special way for our church family to start the new year. We hope you’ll be there with us!



**January 29-April 30  
2-4pm Music Suite**

This professional DVD series explains different aspects of grief using a practical and positive approach. Contact **Charlie Udriet** at **804-781-0750** for details.

**CONNECTION 101  
NEW MEMBERS CLASS  
January 8, 15, and 22  
11:15AM MUSIC SUITE**

This 3-week class led by Seth Wortman connects you to: History of Fairmount, Basic Bible Doctrine, Salvation, God’s Word. The class is valuable to those who are new to our church family or to those who would like a refresher on the background of Fairmount. To sign up please go to: [fccsignups.info/101](http://fccsignups.info/101)

A 10-week Financial Peace University course begins January 22nd. We want to provide this resource in order to give hope to those who are fearful about the future. If you would be interested in attending, please contact **Paul Acors** at [paul.acors@gmail.com](mailto:paul.acors@gmail.com), or reserve your seat by calling the church office.



**SuperStart!**

SuperStart is a high-energy event for **4th-6th graders** to learn and grow in their relationships with friends, leaders, and most importantly God. Register before **January 3, 2023 for the early bird price of \$55**. Price increases to \$65 on January 4th. Payment (cash, check, or Pushpay) must be made by January 20th. Register at [fccsignups.info/superstart](http://fccsignups.info/superstart)

**LIFE GROUPS  
Doing Life  
Together**

SIGN UPS ON SUNDAYS **January 8th, 15th, and 22nd** in the Worship Center and Sanctuary lobbies. New groups begin February 12th.

Share Life | Pursue God |  
Invest In Others

[fairmountcc.org/adult-life-groups/](http://fairmountcc.org/adult-life-groups/)

- What’s next for the church and where do we go from here?
- What should be our priorities in this new era? How can we
- recapture momentum to fulfill our mission? Join us as Dr. Gary Johnson brings 40+ years of ministry experience to guide us into this next season of ministry. Our churches will be better for years to come!

**Saturday, January 21st from 9:00am — 2:30pm**  
Register at [fccsignups.info/E2](http://fccsignups.info/E2)  
There will also be time for questions and answers with Dr. Gary Johnson.

Fairmount Christian Church  
6502 Creighton Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111  
Saturday, January 21st  
9:00am-2:30pm  
\$25 (includes lunch)

## CHURCH PLANT UPDATE

We are just getting to know Luke Skywalker in Star Wars- A New Hope. He's not a complicated guy, but he's in a rut and a little whiney. He's just had dinner with his folks and is encountering a few issues. Uncle Owen shuts down any conversation about his father.

Luke wants to join the academy this year and hears the word "NO." And just about everything else he brings up is rejected. So, he leaves the dinner table and goes outside. Whoever has watched A New Hope, what we observe is the cinematic scene for the ages. He looks out at the horizon of the setting suns. The binary suns take center stage.



We encounter a pivotal moment for Luke Skywalker. This scene sets the tone for the rest of the movie and the overarching story of what is known as the Skywalker Saga. I have a teaching moment. Let me set the tone and the reasoning behind the gathering times as we plant the church in Ashland starting in the new year.

During our times together, we always focus on the following:

### 1) Vision

What are we doing? Why are we doing it? How are we doing it? When are we successful? Where is God taking us?

These are the questions I am asking, and the significant part of vision planning is this: you can hop on this train and watch God move and allow Him to use you. We are in the heavy stages of vision and have spent some time hearing from you about what God is saying. The groundwork is essential and creates our identity as a Kingdom influence in the community of Ashland.

### 2) Huddle

Building a culture of a community is crucial. One of our values as a church is **relational connection**. It is a mission-critical value. We grow closer to God and serve the world best when we do it together intentionally.

If you know anything about Jesus and His ministry, you know he invested his Kingdom on earth through a "rag-tag" small community (12 men) that birthed a movement that changed the world.

### 3) Skills

"I don't even have any good skills. You know, like **nunchuck skills, bow hunting skills, computer hacking skills**. Girls only want boyfriends who have great skills!"-

--Napoleon Dynamite.

We want to equip others with "mad skills."

It is easy for me to start a conversation with my neighbor about why I moved the family from 80-degree weather to 40-degree weather. I have a reason, and it floors people. We moved because Jesus said so. Then I receive that look, which is covered with a sympathetic remark, "Good for you."

Honestly, it is crazy to move and find a home, purchase a home with low inventory available, and do this when the asking price is too high. To top it off, we did this for Jesus (most people we meet do not know Jesus). People might think: Are you some nut case? Yes, I am. To the world, I am foolish.

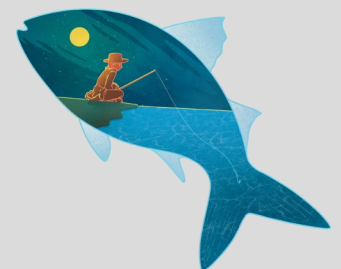
- Bruce Humphrey

## FINS & FANGS

7pm, Room 152

First Tuesday, every other month beginning January 3rd

A group of Christian-minded folks who love the outdoors, gathering to discuss current topics in the hunting, fishing, and outdoor sports industry. We will discuss all sides and when possible, we will approach the issues from a Biblical perspective. All are welcome! Contact **Scott Mahone**, [smahone@infinitymedicalinc.com](mailto:smahone@infinitymedicalinc.com) or **804-338-4189**, for more details.





# JANUARY 2023



**FAIRMOUNT**  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

<b>Sun, Jan 1</b>	8am-12:30pm	MANNA SUNDAY Sunday Services & Bible School	<b>Wed, Jan 18</b>	10-11am 6:30-8:30pm 6:30-8pm	Adult Bible Study, Room 132 Impact World Meeting Worship Choir Rehearsal
<b>Mon, Jan 2</b>		Church Office Closed	<b>Sat, Jan 21</b>	9am-2:30pm	E2 Conference: <a href="https://fcssignups.info/E2">fcssignups.info/E2</a>
<b>Tues, Jan 3</b>	10am-1pm 1:15-2:15pm 7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Morning Friendship Circle Forever Young Choir Rehearsal Fresh Hope, Music Suite One17, Activity Center	<b>Sun, Jan 22</b>	8am-12:30pm 4:30-5:30pm 6-7pm 6-7:30pm 6-7pm 6-8pm	BABY DEDICATION SUNDAY Sunday Services & Bible School Orchestra Rehearsal Children's Choirs FCYM CommUNITY Financial Peace University Martha Wade, Pioneer Bible Translators
<b>Wed, Jan 4</b>	6:30-8:30pm 6:30-8pm	Jerusalem Impact Meeting Worship Choir Rehearsal	<b>Mon, Jan 23</b>	9-11am 6:30-7:30pm	Caring Hearts & Hands Refit
<b>Sun, Jan 8</b>	8am-12:30pm 5:30-7:30pm	Sunday Services & Bible School Family Skate Night	<b>Tues, Jan 24</b>	7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Fresh Hope, Music Suite One17, Activity Center
<b>Mon, Jan 9</b>	9-11am 6:30-7:30pm 6:30-8pm	Caring Hearts & Hands Refit Deacons Meeting	<b>Wed, Jan 25</b>	10-11am 6:30-8pm	Adult Bible Study, Room 132 Worship Choir Rehearsal
<b>Tues, Jan 10</b>	7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Fresh Hope, Music Suite One17, Activity Center	<b>Sat, Jan 28</b>	9am-3pm	Moments of Hope Saturday Servings WPER Encouragement Café <a href="https://fcssignups.info/women">fcssignups.info/women</a>
<b>Wed, Jan 11</b>	10-11am 6:30-8pm	Adult Bible Study, Room 132 Worship Choir Rehearsal	<b>Sun, Jan 29</b>	8am-12:30pm 2-4pm 4:30-5:30pm 6-7pm 6-7:30pm 6-7pm	Sunday Services & Bible School GriefShare Orchestra Rehearsal Children's Choirs FCYM CommUNITY Financial Peace University
<b>Sun, Jan 15</b>	8am-12:30pm 12:30-2pm 4:30-5:30pm 6-7pm 5:30-8pm	Sunday Services & Bible School JC Crew Orchestra Rehearsal Children's Choirs FCYM Bowling Night	<b>Mon, Jan 30</b>	9-11am 6:30-7:30pm	Caring Hearts & Hands Refit
<b>Mon, Jan 16</b>	9-11am 6:30-7:30pm 6:30-8pm	Caring Hearts & Hands Refit Elders Meeting	<b>Tues, Jan 31</b>	7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Fresh Hope, Music Suite One17, Activity Center
<b>Tues, Jan 17</b>	10am-1pm 1:15-2:15pm 6:30-8pm 7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Forever Young Forever Young Choir Rehearsal Christ in Culture Fresh Hope, Music Suite One17, Activity Center			

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sun, Jan. 1 ..... Walk Faithfully Before God.....2 Chronicles 7:12-22  
Mon, Jan. 2 ..... God's Blessing, Israel's Unfaithfulness ...Isaiah 43:14-28  
Tue, Jan. 3 ..... Dry Bones Shall Live .....Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Wed, Jan. 4..... Israel Will Be God's People .....Ezekiel 37:15-28  
Thu, Jan. 5 ..... God's Compassion.....Hosea 11  
Fri, Jan. 6 ..... Stand Firm in the Spirit .....2 Thessalonians 2:3-15  
Sat, Jan. 7 ..... A Faithful Protector.....2 Thessalonians 3:1-5, 13-17  
Sun, Jan. 8..... God's Chosen Witnesses .....Isaiah 43: -13  
Mon, Jan. 9 ..... The Lord is My Shepherd .....Psalm 23  
Tue, Jan. 10 ..... Guided by God's Word .....Psalm 119:81-96  
Wed, Jan. 11 ..... Trust in the Lord.....Proverbs 3:1-15  
Thu, Jan. 12 ..... Tested Faith.....1 Peter 1:3-12  
Fri, Jan. 13..... Chosen For Holiness .....1 Peter 1:13-25  
Sat, Jan. 14..... God Guides and Refines.....Isaiah 48:1-11  
Sun, Jan. 15 ..... God Leads and Directs.....Isaiah 48:12-22  
Mon, Jan. 16..... Passing from Death to Life.....1 John 3:14-24  
Tue, Jan. 17 ..... You Are Light in the Lord.....Ephesians 5:1-10  
Wed, Jan. 18 ..... Christ Will Shine upon You.....Ephesians 5:11-20  
Thu, Jan. 19 ..... God's Word Lights My Path.....Psalm 119:97-112  
Fri, Jan. 20..... Your Light Has Come.....Isaiah 60:1-8  
Sat, Jan. 21 ..... Jesus, the Light of the World.....John 8:12-20  
Sun, Jan. 22 ..... Obeying God Brings Justice.....Isaiah 58:1-14  
Mon, Jan. 23..... God Is Love.....1 John 4:1-8  
Tue, Jan. 24 ..... God's Love Revealed.....1 John 4:9-21  
Wed, Jan. 25 ..... Testimony to God's Love .....1 John 5:10-21  
Thu, Jan. 26 ..... God Will Go with You.....Exodus 33:12-23  
Fri, Jan. 27 ..... The Lord, Merciful and Gracious .....Exodus 34:5-17  
Sat, Jan. 28 ..... God is Near Despite Adversity.....Joel 1:1-4, 14-20  
Sun, Jan. 29 ..... God Will Pour Out the Spirit .....Joel 2:18-31  
Mon, Jan. 30..... The Last Will Be First.....Matthew 20:1, 6-16  
Tue, Jan. 31 ..... God, Teach and Guide Me .....Psalm 25:1-15

## ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

### SUNDAYS

- ⇒ Adults: Roland Greene (804)746-0251; 6pm
- ⇒ Adults: Barry Will & Karen Smith-Will (804)916-9687; 6pm

### MONDAYS

- ⇒ Young Adult Bible Study: Jacob Ward jward@fairmountcc.org 7pm, email for location

### TUESDAYS

- ⇒ Christ in Culture: 3rd Tuesdays; Felix Cross (804)363-8529; 6:30-8pm, Room 132
- ⇒ Young Adult Group: One17; Jacob Ward jward@fairmountcc.org 7pm, Activity Center

### WEDNESDAYS

- ⇒ Adults: Rick Raines (804)559-8070; 10am, Room 132

### THURSDAYS

- ⇒ Men: Rick Raines (804)559-8070; 6am
- ⇒ Ladies: Kari Smith (804)366-6540
- ⇒ Young Women Rising to be Fearless, 6:30pm, Activity Center, email info@fearless-ministries.com
- ⇒ Men: Pointmen; Kevin Bartlett (804)932-3346; 7pm, Music Suite

### FRIDAYS

- ⇒ Men: Harry Gill (804)402-6107; 6am; Cold Harbor Restaurant; Current Study—Romans

## SUPPORT GROUPS

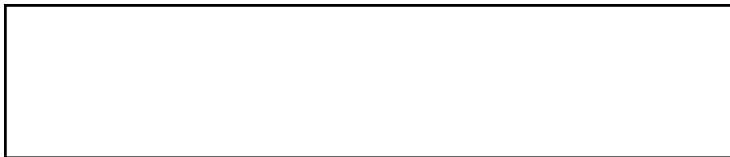
- ⇒ GriefShare: Sundays January 29th—April 30th, 2-4pm, Charlie Udriet 804-781-0750
- ⇒ Life Groups: Seth Wortman swortman@fairmountcc.org
- ⇒ Cancer Support Group: Pepa Acors (804)986-3996 or pepaacors06@yahoo.com
- ⇒ Mental Health Support Group: Fresh Hope Tuesdays; 7-8:30pm in the Music Suite; freshhope@fairmountcc.org
- ⇒ Parenting a Special Needs Child: The Unconventional Path: Monday, 6pm; Room 114; Jamie Serrechia usafff@gmail.com



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The  
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Ladies, join Your Encouraging WPER and Encouragement Café for an encouragement-filled day of worship, speakers, and fun. **January 28, 2023 9am – 3pm.** Tickets are just \$25 each.

Featuring: Worship Artist and Speaker **Natasha Owens**, Your Encouraging WPER's Midday Host and Speaker **Theresa Mills**, Speaker and Encourager **Dawn Mast**, AND Keynote Speaker, **Dr. Alveda King**. Wherever you are in life, this event is designed to encourage you, any age, any stage. Expect a day of spiritual refreshment, lots of laughter, encouragement, prayer and worship.

Purchase tickets at [fccsignups.info/women](http://fccsignups.info/women)

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:00am	Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary	10:15am*	Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary Adult & Children's Bible School Classes
9:00am*	Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center Adult Bible School Classes Children's Worship	11:15am*	Modern Worship in the Worship Center Children's Worship
10:00am	6-12th Grade FCYM community	*Worship service live-streamed at <a href="http://fairmountcc.org">fairmountcc.org</a>	