

the FORECASTER

AT FAIRMOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER
— OF METRO RICHMOND —

PRC OF METRO RICHMOND BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Sunday, January 22 - February 12, Fairmount will host its annual **Baby Bottle Campaign**. All funds collected will be delivered to the Pregnancy Resource Center of Metropolitan Richmond. The PRC assists young expectant mothers and fathers by offering peer-counseling and professional medical services. Support continues after the birth and is supplemented by capable volunteers and staff members who inform those entering PRC's doors that God loves them and that He has a plan of eternal salvation for them and for the life of their newborn.

Pick up your Baby Bottles in the Church lobbies, fill them with your loose change, bills, or checks (made payable to PRC of Metro Richmond) and return them to FCC by **Sunday, February 12**. Do so confidently, knowing that your gift will be multiplied, bringing abundant life into this world and making known that the lives of new parents and of the children who are preserved can be had more abundantly through Jesus.

For info contact either **Peggy or Felix Cross at: lawguy101@aol.com**



NIGHT *to Shine*

SPONSORED BY THE **TIM TEBOW**
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Friday, February 10th at 6pm
Cool Spring Baptist Church

Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older. This year, on Friday, February 10, 2023, Night to Shine will celebrate its ninth anniversary as hundreds of churches and volunteers come together to honor thousands of guests with special needs. RVA will have TWO LOCATIONS this year!! One is right here in Mechanicsville at COOL SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH.

Fairmount is partnering with Cool Spring Baptist Church and we are in need of people to volunteer as buddies. A buddy serves as a personal escort throughout the evening for a special needs participant. Registration for participants and volunteers is now OPEN. Registration links can be found on www.nighttoshinerva.com



Give Joyfully
Onward Christmas Campaign

GOAL OF \$350,00 EXCEEDED
\$351,628 RAISED

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$351,628 during our Onward Christmas Campaign to help retire the debt on the Worship Center. From that, a tithe of \$35,163 will go to Polish Christian Ministries to help with the harsh winter conditions, and the enormous number of Ukrainian refugees who have fled to Poland.

ELDER UPDATE

There are times in my journey with Christ that I believe I have taken my relationship with God a bit too casually. I know Jesus is my friend; there is a hymn, "What a friend we have in Jesus". I believe that since Jesus was sent to walk among us, being fully human and fully God, we sometimes take that for granted knowing that Jesus was "one of us." He is my friend, and this is an important principle for another time, and I write this message at the risk of coming across as a prude or "stiff-necked" as scripture says.

We know that our God is a Holy, a Righteous God! Isaiah paints a word picture for us in Chapter 6 when he saw our Holy God. "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!'" And Isaiah said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Isaiah contrasts himself with God.

Often, we take grace for granted, and then become offended at God's wrath and judgement. But when we come to understand that we worship the King, the Lord of Hosts, a perfect and Holy God, the concept of grace and forgiveness and God's wrath take on an entirely new dimension. By His holy authority, He has the right to judge us, He has the right to be angry at us. He has the right to demand justice, to mete out justice. But this Holy God did not!

God could have sent a lawyer to argue our case, a doctor to heal us of our infirmities, an army to defend us. But this Holy God saw our sins and our inability to atone for them, and He took pity on us; then, he sent a substitute; someone to stand in our place. He sent His Son, His ONLY Son, to take our place. His name is Jesus; you know Him. He gave up His life by death on a Roman cross, and that my friend is Grace from The King!

We worship a Holy God! Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of your glory! Glory be to God Most High! God, you love us more than we can even fathom! In the Revelation of John, he says: "And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk."

Jim Bland, Chairman of the Elders

| NOVEMBER OFFERING | | | NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE | |
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| | Actual | Budget | | |
| | | | In Person Average | 890 |
| | | | Online Average | 342 |
| November General Fund | \$190,980 | \$208,726 | Total Worship Average | 1232 |
| November Onward | \$25,777 | \$18,302 | Bible School Average | 428 |

MOUNTAIN MISSION SCHOOL GIFTS



In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians in chapter 9, Paul describes how their generosity comes from the overwhelming generosity and grace of the Lord. As I reflect back on our annual desire to help make Christmas special for the students and staff of Mountain Mission School, I can't help but think of Paul's thankfulness for the Corinthian Church when he writes "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

So many in our church family came together to share the Christmas spirit with the Mountain Mission School family! I want to thank the children and youth ministries, the twelve adult Bible school classes, the deacons, and the Impact Virginia team that provided all of the Christmas gifts for 33 students and a gift card for each of the 56 staff members. Kevin, Christopher, and Meredith Hopkins along with my family were honored to deliver over \$7000 in gifts to the Mountain Mission School family from our church family.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! — Josh Smith

Pioneer

Bible Translators

MARTHA WADE
PRESENTATION

Sunday, January 22 at 6:00pm in room 132. Come and listen as Martha shares about her ministry with Pioneer Bible Translators in Papua, New Guinea.

Sweetheart Banquet

Celebrating Fairmount Couples
Married 50 Years or Longer

Sunday, February 12th
12:30-2pm in the Family Life Center

RSVP to kbarnes@fairmountcc.org or
call the church office at 804.559.8070



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

We are also in need of volunteers: 6 greeters, 3 volunteers in the Prayer Room, and 3 for lunch preparation. If interested, email info@fairmountcc.org



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.

FEBRUARY 2023



FAIRMOUNT
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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| Wed, Feb 1 | 10-11am 6:30-8pm | Adult Bible Study, Room 132 Worship Choir Rehearsal |
| Fri, Feb 3 | 7-9:45pm | CIY SuperStart |
| Sat, Feb 4 | 8:30am-3pm | CIY SuperStart |
| Sun, Feb 5 | 8am-12:30pm 2-4pm 4:30-5:30pm 6-7pm 6-7:30pm 6-7pm | MANNA SUNDAY Sunday Services & Bible School GriefShare Orchestra Rehearsal Children's Choirs FCYM CONNECTION Financial Peace University |
| Mon, Feb 6 | 9-11am 6:30-7:30pm 6:30-8:30pm | Caring Hearts & Hands Refit Jerusalem IMPACT Meeting |
| Tues, Feb 7 | 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 |
| Wed, Feb 8 | 10-11am 6:30-8pm | Adult Bible Study, Room 132 Worship Choir Rehearsal |
| Fri, Feb 10 | 6pm | Night to Shine |
| Sun, Feb 12 | 8am-12:30pm 9am-12pm 12:30-2pm 2-4pm 4:30-5:30pm 5pm-Halftime 6-7pm | SUPER SPONSORSHIP SUNDAY Sunday Services & Bible School CM Soup-er Bowl Challenge in Jr. Church Sweetheart Banquet GriefShare Orchestra Rehearsal FCYM Super Bowl Party Financial Peace University |
| Mon, Feb 13 | 9-11am 6:30-7:30pm | Caring Hearts & Hands Refit |
| Tues, Feb 14 | 7-8:30pm 7-8pm | Fresh Hope, Music Suite One17, Activity Center |

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| Wed, Feb 15 | 10-11am 6:30-8pm | Adult Bible Study, Room 132 Worship Choir Rehearsal |
| Fri, Feb 17 | 5:30-8pm | Fearless Friday Night |
| Sun, Feb 19 | 8am-12:30pm 12:30-2pm 2-4pm 4:30-5:30pm 6-7pm 6-7pm 6-7pm | Sunday Services & Bible School JC Crew GriefShare Orchestra Rehearsal Children's Choirs Financial Peace University Night of Worship |
| Mon, Feb 20 | 9-11am 6:30-7:30pm 6:30-8pm | Caring Hearts & Hands Refit Elders Meeting |
| Tues, Feb 21 | 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 |
| Wed, Feb 22 | 10-11am 6:30-8:30pm 6:30-8pm | Adult Bible Study, Room 132 Impact World Meeting Worship Choir Rehearsal |
| Fri, Feb 24 | 6-9pm | Box Car Drive-In |
| Sat, Feb 25 | | Moments of Hope Saturday Serving |
| Sun, Feb 26 | 8am-12:30pm 12:30-2pm 2-4pm 4:30-5:30pm 6-7pm 6-7:30pm 6-7pm | Sunday Services & Bible School Pizza With the Pastors, Room 132 GriefShare Orchestra Rehearsal Children's Choirs FCYM CONNECTION—Special Speaker for Families Financial Peace University |
| Mon, Feb 27 | 9-11am 6:30-7:30pm | Caring Hearts & Hands Refit |
| Tues, Feb 28 | 7-8:30pm 7-8pm | Fresh Hope, Music Suite One17, Activity Center |

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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| Wed, Feb 1 | Majestic Is God's Name! | Psalms 8 |
| Thu, Feb 2 | God Will Build a House | 2 Samuel 7:1, 4-17 |
| Fri, Feb 3 | Who Am I? | 2 Samuel 7:18-29 |
| Sat, Feb 4 | God Confounds the Wise | 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 |
| Sun, Feb 5 | God Chooses the Lowly | 1 Corinthians 1:25-31 |
| Mon, Feb 6 | God's Children and Heirs | Galatians 4:1-7 |
| Tue, Feb 7 | A Holy Nation | Exodus 19:1-8 |
| Wed, Feb 8 | Abide in Christ | John 15:1-14 |
| Thu, Feb 9 | Chosen by Christ | John 15:15-27 |
| Fri, Feb 10 | Be Holy | Leviticus 19:2-4, 9-18 |
| Sat, Feb 11 | Keep God's Statutes | Leviticus 20:22-26 |
| Sun, Feb 12 | Kindle God's Gift | 2 Timothy 1:3-14 |
| Mon, Feb 13 | Pure and undefiled Religion | James 1:19-27 |
| Tue, Feb 14 | Defender of the Oppressed | Amos 5:7-15 |
| Wed, Feb 15 | Father of the Orphans, Protector of Widows | Psalms 68:1-13 |
| Thu, Feb 16 | Defend the Poor and Needy | Proverbs 31:1-9 |
| Fri, Feb 17 | Good News for the Poor | Luke 4:16-30 |
| Sat, Feb 18 | Coming Miseries upon the Rich | James 5:1-11 |
| Sun, Feb 19 | God Has Chosen the Poor | James 2:1-12 |
| Mon, Feb 20 | Rescued from Darkness | Colossians 1:9-22 |
| Tue, Feb 21 | A Charge to a Young Leader | 1 Timothy 6:11-16 |
| Wed, Feb 22 | God Turns Darkness into Light | Isaiah 42:8-17 |
| Thu, Feb 23 | God's Word Gives Light | Psalms 119:121-136 |
| Fri, Feb 24 | You Are Children of Light | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10 |
| Sat, Feb 25 | You Are Chosen | 1 Peter 2:1-12 |
| Sun, Feb 26 | The Light Brings Freedom | 1 Peter 2:13-25 |
| Mon, Feb 27 | Lord, Hear My Prayer | Psalms 28 |
| Tue, Feb 28 | Come to Me, You Weary | Matthew 11:25-30 |

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
- ⇒ Ladies: From Our Prisons to His Presence, 6:30pm, Room 123
- ⇒ Men: Pointmen; Kevin Bartlett (804)932-3346; 7pm, Music Suite

FRIDAYS

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

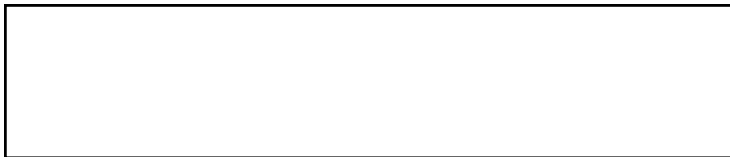
SUPPORT GROUPS

- ⇒ 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 usauff@gmail.com



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READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

On Sunday, January 29th, join us at 6pm in the Worship Center to read through the entire Bible in one hour (or less!) Each person will be given a few chapters to read, and then everyone will read their chapters aloud simultaneously. The more people who come, the fewer chapters each person needs to read! This is a meaningful time of worship and fellowship for everyone.



FOUR WEEK FASTING CHALLENGE

- 1/19:** Focus on personal repentance and confession to God; Psalm 139:23-24; 1 John 1:9
- 1/26:** Focus on praise and adoration to God; Luke 2:36-37; Psalm 22:25-26
- 2/2:** Focus on preparation for upcoming service to God; Matthew 4:1-11; Acts 9:8-9
- 2/9:** Focus on God's presence and power in our lives and church; Ephesians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 3:5



SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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