

# *The* FORECASTER

AT FAIRMOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH



## Summer Sermon Series: "Trail Guide"

The Commonwealth of Virginia has one of the most diverse and picturesque state park systems in the country. Over 40 beautiful parks grace our state from Wilderness Road in the southwest corner to Sky Meadows in the far north to Kiptopeke on the Eastern Shore. All of these natural wonderlands offer a wide variety of activities for the outdoor enthusiast.

In addition, each park is crisscrossed by hiking trails, both for the casual walker and the avid backpacker. Every trail in a Virginia State Park or National Park is dotted with trail guides to keep the hiker headed in the right direction. Oftentimes, trails intersect. To stay on the right trail, one has to follow the directions of the trail guide. To do otherwise could lead a hiker on a trail that becomes more than what he or she expected – or more than the hiker can handle.

The Bible is the ultimate trail guide for the follower of Jesus. Each and every chapter serves as a signpost, pointing us in the direction we should go – and the direction we should avoid. God provides us with this trail guide to help us in our life journey.

This summer, for our annual book reading series, we will traverse the beauty of 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Paul writes these two letters to his Greek friends to point them to a faithful Christian life with a singular focus: eternity with Christ. The Church needs this encouragement today to stay on the path, not be misdirected, and to get other life travelers to travel with us.

Prior to our series beginning on July 2, go ahead and read through these two powerful, encouraging letters. We'll work through them together on Sunday mornings. When vacation or other commitments keep you away from our Sunday gatherings, you'll know exactly where we are and can still follow along. In fact, invite a friend or two to join you on this trail journey. The destination is awesome! The signs are clear. Let's experience and enjoy the trail together.

**Rick Raines**

# LOCAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Many blessings continue to pour into Local Christian Church! We are thrilled to announce that we have a meeting space for Sunday mornings! We hope you will join us at Patrick Henry High School beginning September 17th at 10am. It's going to be an unforgettable experience, and we can't wait to welcome you!



Local is excited to welcome Fairmount's own Caity Ligon as the Local Kids Lead. Caity will bring her passion and excitement for Jesus, help our families, and lead children in making their next steps to love like Jesus. Caity will create a precise vision and strategy for the Children's Ministry's discipleship program that aligns with the overall vision and mission of Local Christian Church. We are looking forward to seeing how she will lead the development of the Local Kids Leadership Team, comprised of dedicated and talented volunteers, under the guidance of Jesus. We are excited to have her on board and are grateful for her dedication to serving Jesus and Local.



Jacob Ward is also joining the Local staff as the NextGen Leader. Our church recognizes the need to address the spiritual needs of this rapidly growing ministry, which includes middle and high school students, as well as young adults. Jacob has been working part-time at Fairmount over the past two years, overseeing the college and young adult ministry. He has a genuine love and passion for the next generation, which is very valuable in today's culture, where identity, authenticity, and truth are highly sought. Jacob is incredibly relatable and authentic, making him a great addition to our team.

## Local Christian Church Upcoming Events - Visit [www.localchristian.church](http://www.localchristian.church) for More Details

June 24	8:30am-4:30pm	Local Volunteers at the Hanover Youth & Family Festival at Hanover Vegetable Farm
June 25	6-7:30pm	Launch Team Meeting at the Humphrey's
July 4	11am-1pm	Ashland July 4 Parade & Celebration
July 23	10-11:30pm	Local in the Park at Carter Park in Ashland
July 30	10-11:30pm	Local in the Park at Carter Park in Ashland
August 5	7-10PM	Local Hosts a Dive in Theater Pool Party at Carter Pool in Ashland

## SUMMER EVENTS



Sunday, July 9th

6:30pm in the Family Life Center



Bring a chair or blanket  
Free Popcorn & Frozen Treats





## Caring Hearts and Hands

Caring Hearts and Hands is a group of ladies that faithfully meets Monday mornings at 9am in Room 132 to use their talents to bless others. The ladies knit blankets and hats for our local hospitals' labor and delivery units, as well as Richmond's Ronald McDonald House. They also craft sleeping mats for the homeless from plastic grocery bags. The group has already started preparing for Operation Christmas Child, fashioning dresses and shirts as gifts for the children, as well as making over 800 washcloths to include in the boxes. You can support Caring Hearts and Hands by donating flannel and other fabrics, yarn, plastic shopping bags, and full size bars of soap (to accompany the washcloths). A wooden table is set up in the back of Room 132 to drop off these items. The ladies of Caring Hearts and Hands always welcome new members and appreciate your support and prayers.



The members of Caring Hearts and Hands celebrate Mrs. Tucker's 102nd Birthday.



Blankets and hats lovingly knitted for labor and delivery units of many of our local hospitals.



The group meets every Monday morning to work on various projects.



Beautiful dresses and accessories fashioned for little girls receiving Operation Christmas Child gifts.

MAY ATTENDANCE	
In Person Average	953
Online Average	333
<b>Total Worship Average</b>	<b>1286</b>
Bible School Average	413

MAY OFFERING		
	Actual	Budget
<b>General Fund</b>	\$181,234	\$212,159
<b>Onward</b>	\$33,014	\$18,302

# July 2023



**FAIRMOUNT**  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Sun, July 2**

8am-12:30pm

**MANNA SUNDAY**

Sunday Services & Bible School  
Junior 2 Camp at Oak Hill Begins

**Mon, July 3**

9am –2pm  
9-11am  
7-8:30pm

Children's Summer Bible Challenge Begins  
**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Caring Hearts & Hands, Room 132  
Rockin Refit, FLC

**Tues, July 4**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Church Office Closed—No Activities

**Sun, July 9**

8am-12:30pm  
10am-12:15pm  
6pm

SCRIP Table Open  
Sunday Services & Bible School  
Shares Store Open, Room 250  
**Family Movie Night**  
Middle School 2 Camp at Oak Hill Begins

**Mon, July 10**

9-11am  
7-8:30pm

Caring Hearts & Hands, Room 132  
Rockin Refit, FLC

**Tues, July 11**

11:30am  
7-8:30pm  
7-8pm

Morning Friendship Circle Lunch Outing  
Fresh Hope, Music Suite  
One17, Activity Center

**Wed, July 12**

First Chance Camp at Camp Rudolph  
Begins

**Sun, July 16**

8am-12:30pm

Sunday Services & Bible School

**Mon, July 17**

9-11am  
6:30pm  
7-8:30pm

Caring Hearts & Hands, Room 132  
Elders Meeting  
Rockin Refit, FLC

**Tues, July 18**

7-8:30pm  
7-8pm

Fresh Hope, Music Suite  
One17, Activity Center

**Sat, July 22**

8am-1:00pm

Moments of Hope Saturday Serving

**Sun, July 23**

8am-12:30pm

Sunday Services & Bible School  
Junior 1 Camp at Oak Hill Begins

**Mon, July 24**

9-11am  
7-8:30pm

Caring Hearts & Hands, Room 132  
Rockin Refit, FLC  
CIY MOVE Conference for High School Begins

**Tues, July 25**

7-8:30pm  
7-8pm

Fresh Hope, Music Suite  
One17, Activity Center

**Sun, July 30**

8am-12:30pm

Sunday Services & Bible School

**Mon, July 31**

9-11am  
7-8:30pm

Caring Hearts & Hands, Room 132  
Rockin Refit, FLC

**The Congregational Meeting planned for July 19th has been moved to August 9th.**

**The Church Office will close at 12:00pm on Fridays through August 18th.**

## July Daily Bible Readings

1	Glory and Honor of the Nations	Revelation 21:15-27
2	Rejoice! The King Is Coming!	Zechariah 9:9-17
3	Teach Us to Pray	Luke 11:1-13
4	Your Kingdom Come	Matthew 6:5-15
5	The Lord Is King!	Psalms 97
6	Shout to God, the King	Psalms 47
7	The Lord of the Sabbath	Matthew 12:1-13
8	God's Gentle Servant	Matthew 12:14-21
9	The Kingdom of God Has Come	Matthew 12:22-32
10	The Kingdom's Small Beginnings	Mark 4:21-32
11	The Wind and Sea Obey Jesus	Mark 4:33-41
12	Listen to God's Voice	Psalms 95
13	God's Wisdom Is Unconventional	1 Corinthians 2:1-8
14	The Spirit Reveals God's Ways	1 Corinthians 2:9-16
15	God's Harvest of Righteousness	Isaiah 61
16	Receiving and Understanding the Word	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
17	Preparing for God's Harvest	Matthew 3:1-12
18	The Righteous Yield Their Fruit	Psalms 1
19	Examine the State of Your Faith	2 Corinthians 13:1-10
20	Search Me, O God	Psalms 139:11-18, 23-24
21	God Brings Every Deed into Judgement	Ecclesiastes 12
22	God Will Deal with the Weeds	Matthew 13:24-33
23	The Righteous Will Shine	Matthew 13:34-43
24	Wisdom Is Better than Jewels	Proverbs 8:1-12
25	Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?	Job 28:1-2, 12-19
26	A Miraculous Catch of Fish	Luke 5:1-11
27	Praise the Lord from the Heavens	Psalms 148
28	Store Up Treasures in Heaven	Matthew 6:19-33
29	God's Word Is Great Treasure	Psalms 119:161-176
30	Heaven's Hidden Treasures	Matthew 13:44-52
31	You Must Be Born Again	John 3:1-9

## Coming Events

Note: All dates and events are subject to change.

### August 2023

- 2 ~ Children's Ministry Volunteer Dinner
- 6 ~ Manna Sunday
- 9 ~ Congregational Dinner & Meeting
- 13 ~ Family Camp Night at Oak Hill Camp
- 16 ~ Children's Ministry Summer Bible Reading Celebration
- 20 ~ Promotion Sunday
- 27 ~ Local Christian Church Send-Off Celebration and Fairmount's 120th Birthday

### September 2023

- 3 ~ Manna Sunday
- 7 ~ Labor Day - Office Closed, No Church Activities
- 15 ~ Fearless

### October 2023

- 1 ~ Manna
- 14 ~ Impact Day
- 21 ~ Fall Festival
- 23 ~ Operation Christmas Child Packing
- TBD ~ Elementary Retreat

## Support Groups



Weekly Peer Support Group  
Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm  
For those with a mental health diagnosis  
as well as their caregivers

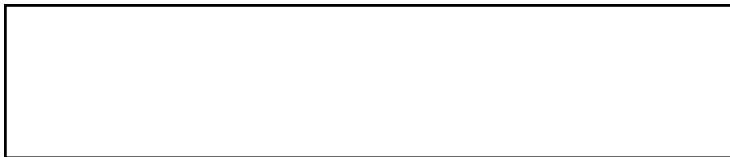
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AMERICAN RED CROSS  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
MONDAY, JULY 3RD  
9AM-2PM  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

**Christian Education Assistance Fund**  
Fairmount will provide up to \$1,000 in education assistance for families choosing private, Christian-based education.  
For information, visit [fairmountcc.org/files/CEAF2023.pdf](http://fairmountcc.org/files/CEAF2023.pdf) or call the church office for details.

## 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>