



“A New Vision”
Rick Raines

“In an age of hope men looked up at the night sky and saw ‘the heavens.’ In an age of hopelessness they call it simply ‘space.’” — Peter Kreeft

It seems more and more that we are living in that age of hopelessness. News accounts, the rapid rise in anxiety disorders, and a continuing cultural moral drift provide evidence that our world is struggling in their search for hope.

So, we ask. Are we truly without hope? The answer is ... of course not. Ever since the Garden of Eden, God has provided hope for the hopeless. In inventing the Church, Jesus provided a conduit of hope for this hopeless world in which we live.

In reflecting on the hopelessness of the age in which we live, our elder team recently molded a new, updated vision for Fairmount. Our mission as a church will always remain the same. Jesus’ directives are clear and unmistakable: love God, love people, and make disciples.

A church’s vision, though, changes from time to time as cultural circumstances change, as congregations change, as challenges change. The last time the elder team had crafted a vision for our church was 17 years ago. Coming out of the pandemic there is most definitely a sense that in today’s challenging times, a new vision/an updated vision was needed.

That’s why our church leaders have adopted a new, bold, and relevant vision for the foreseeable future: “Real hope for real people.” Fairmount wants to provide real hope to the world around us. Not wishful thinking hope – not put-on-a-happy-face hope – not hope based on earthly circumstances. But real hope based on the real promises of Jesus. Based on the truth of Scripture. Based on God’s great love for us. Real hope.

We provide that real hope for real people – real people like us. We are called to live authentic lives in the world around us. Not putting on masks and acting like we have everything all together. Not hiding our struggles or hiding our faith. We are surrounded by real people with real problems, with real challenges, and with the real potential of eternity without Jesus.

Real people need real hope. We have it in Jesus.

In times of great hopelessness God has always provided hope. We know He can do that through His church. We stand ready to be a beacon of hope in this community, in this region, and in this world. Let us keep the words of Paul to his friends in Rome always in front of us: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Let us overflow with hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday, August 27th, Fairmount held a special day of worship thanking God for his guiding hand in the past, present, and future. We celebrated our church's 120th anniversary as well as the launch of our church plant, Local Christian Church. We were also honored to ordain Jacob Ward, Local's Next Gen Minister, into Christian Ministry. It was an awesome day for our church family!



Local Christian Church celebrated their opening worship service on Sunday, September 17th at Patrick Henry High School. Fairmount is so excited to see our church plant in action! We can't wait to see what God has in store for the Humphrey family, Local staff and volunteers, and the community of Ashland. Please continue to pray for Local Christian Church as they follow their mission, "To move people to love like Jesus".



CONNECTION 101 NEW MEMBERS CLASS

October 1st, 8th, and 15th
9am or 11:15am in the Library
Sign up at fccsignups.info/101

Connection 101 is a three-week class which connects you to the history of Fairmount, basic Biblical doctrine, salvation, and God's Word. This class is valuable to those who are new to our church family or to those who would like a refresher on the beliefs and background of Fairmount. Identical classes will be offered in the Library at 9am and 11:15am. Please visit fccsignups.info/101 to let us know you will be attending. For more information, please email Seth Wortman at swortman@fairmountcc.org

Men's Steak Dinner Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00pm

Fairmount Christian Church
Family Life Center

Come and invite a friend to enjoy a delicious meal of steak or chicken, hear an encouraging message, & fellowship with the guys

Purchase your ticket by Friday, October 3rd from the Office or on the following Sundays:

Sept. 10, 17, 24, & Oct. 1 in the Front Lobby
Sept. 17 & 24 in the Worship Center Lobby

Cost \$20 in advance



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**INTERESTED IN TECHNOLOGY?
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We are seeking
volunteers to assist with
lights, sound, video,
streaming, and more.

**PLEASE CONTACT BARRY AT
BWILL@FAIRMOUNTCC.ORG
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.**



**Pick up a shoebox
beginning
October 1st**

To build a shoebox online at
fccsignups.info/shoebox

Fall Festival



**Featuring
Trunk or Treat!**

**Saturday, October 21st
4-6pm**

All for free!

Sign up to volunteer at fccsignups.info/fallfestival

AUGUST OFFERING

	Actual	Budget
General Fund	\$176,202	\$208,726
Onward	\$19,368	\$18,302

AUGUST ATTENDANCE

In Person Average	875
Online Average	328
Total Worship Average	1203
Discipleship Average	381



Pencil Packing Party

September 24th
5:00-6:00pm
In Room 132

Join the Children's Ministry as we pack pencil pouches for the Operation Christmas Child boxes.



PARENTING CLASS

For parents of preschool & elementary children

October 15, 22, & 29
11:15-12:15 in Rm 152

Register at
fccsignups.info/parenting-class
Book Cost: \$15

Parenting For God's Glory:

Creatively Training Children in Honor and Respect



Debby Sjogren
with Delia Massey



With Debby Sjogren

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Sign up to volunteer at fccsignups.info/fallfestival

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please prayerfully consider serving in Children's Ministry.

We still need the following volunteers:

- One 2-year old teacher at 9am
- One Nursery Volunteer at 11:15am
- One Preschool Teacher at 11:15am
- One Check in Volunteer at 11:15am



Operation Christmas Child Packing Party!

October 23rd
6-7:30pm in the
Worship Center
Lobby



OAK HILL CHRISTIAN CAMP

ELEMENTARY FALL RETREAT



NOVEMBER 3-4, 2023

3RD-5TH GRADERS
\$75

REGISTRATION OPENS SEPT 6

WWW.OAKHILLCHRISTIANCAMP.ORG

October Prayer Challenge



Pick up a prayer card from the display at Children's Check-In and join us starting October 1st for a daily challenge to pray 31 Biblical truths for your child.

text **PRAYERCHALLENGE** to the number 43506
for a daily prayer reminder

COMMUNITY

CommUNITY is our Sunday morning bible study for 6th-12th grade. We are committed to studying God's word together to reveal scriptural truth into the lives of our teens. We meet from 10-11am in the Gym.

CONNECTION

CONNECTION is an opportunity for our students to connect to the body of Christ through a variety of events such as service projects, fun events at church, and off-site fellowship opportunities. We meet on Sunday nights.



Middle & High School

Service Project
Sunday
September 24th
6-7:30pm in the Gym

OAK HILL CHRISTIAN CAMP MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

NOVEMBER 17 & 18

Check In: Friday 6pm
Check Out: Saturday 4pm

Cost: \$75

Registration Opens 9/6/23 8am on oakhillcamp.org

Deans: Heather Ferguson, Davis Ellenberger
Worship Leader: Chad Rice

Hanover Vegetable Farm Trip

October 8th 3-6:30pm
Meet in the Gym

Sign up at fccsignups.info/pumpkinpatch

Take a hayride to the pumpkin patch, make your way through a corn maze, meet some farm animals, and more! Cost \$10. Snacks/Drinks for purchase.

FCYM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Sunday Morning Boys Leaders
Sunday Night Chaperones
Sunday Morning Snack Helpers (once monthly)

Contact kbarnes@fairmountcc.org
if you can help!



October 2023



FAIRMOUNT
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun, Oct 1	8am-12:30pm 12:30-1:30pm 5-6pm 6-7:30pm	MANNA SUNDAY Sunday Services & Bible School Jedediah's Porch, Library Orchestra, Sanctuary FCYM CONNECTION, FLC	Mon, Oct 16	9-12pm 6pm 7pm	Caring Hearts & Hands, 132 Elders Meeting, 132 Rockin Refit, FLC
Mon, Oct 2	9-12pm 7pm	Caring Hearts & Hands, 132 Rockin Refit, FLC	Tues, Oct 17	10-1pm 1:15-2:15pm 6:30-8pm 7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Forever Young, Sanctuary Forever Young Choir, Music Suite Christ in Culture, 132 Fresh Hope, Music Suite ONE17 (Young Adults), Activity Center
Tues, Oct 3	10am-1pm 1:15-2:15pm 7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Morning Friendship Circle, Sanctuary Forever Young Choir, Music Suite Fresh Hope, Music Suite ONE17 (Young Adults), Activity Center	Wed, Oct 18	10-11am 5-9pm 6-8pm 6:30-8pm	Adult Bible Study, Room 132 Modern Praise Team Griefshare Bible Study, Library Worship Choir, Music Suite
Wed, Oct 4	10-11am 5-9pm 6-8pm 6:30-8pm	Adult Bible Study, Room 132 Modern Praise Team Griefshare Bible Study, Library Worship Choir, Music Suite	Thurs, Oct 19	7:30-9pm	Contemporary Praise Team
Thurs, Oct 5	7:30-9pm	Contemporary Praise Team	Sat, Oct 21	4-6pm	FALL FESTIVAL
Sun, Oct 8	8am-12:30pm 10am-12:15pm 3-6:30pm 5-6pm	SCRIP TABLE OPEN Sunday Services & Bible School Shares Store, 250 FCYM to Hanover Vegetable Farm Orchestra, Sanctuary	Sun, Oct 22	8am-12:30pm 11:15am-12:15pm 5-6pm 6-7:30pm	Sunday Services & Bible School Children's Ministry Parenting Class, 152 Orchestra, Sanctuary FCYM CONNECTION, FLC
Mon, Oct 9	9-12pm 6:30pm 7pm	Caring Hearts & Hands, 132 Deacons Meeting, 132 Rockin Refit, FLC	Mon, Oct 23	9-12pm 5-6:30pm 7pm	Caring Hearts & Hands, 132 IMPACT Leadership Meeting Rockin Refit, FLC
Tues, Oct 10	6-8pm 7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Men's Steak Dinner, FLC Fresh Hope, Music Suite ONE17 (Young Adults), Activity Center	Tues, Oct 24	7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Fresh Hope, Music Suite ONE17 (Young Adults), Activity Center
Wed, Oct 11	10-11am 5-9pm 6-8pm 6:30-8pm	Adult Bible Study, Room 132 Modern Praise Team Griefshare Bible Study, Library Worship Choir, Music Suite	Wed, Oct 25	10-11am 5-9pm 6-8pm 6:30-8pm	Adult Bible Study, Room 132 Modern Praise Team Griefshare Bible Study, Library Worship Choir, Music Suite
Thurs, Oct 12	7:30-9pm	Contemporary Praise Team	Thurs, Oct 26	7:30-9pm	Contemporary Praise Team
Sat, Oct 14		IMPACT DAY	Sun, Oct 29	8am-12:30pm 11:15am-12:15pm 12:30-1:30pm 4-6pm 5-6pm 6-7:30pm	Sunday Services & Bible School Children's Ministry Parenting Class. 152 Jedediah's Porch, Library Griefshare, Music Suite Orchestra, Sanctuary FCYM CONNECTION, FLC
Sun, Oct 15	8am-12:30pm 11:15am-12:15pm 12:15-2:45pm 12:30-1:30pm 5-6pm 6-7pm 6-7:30pm 6-7:30pm	Sunday Services & Bible School Children's Ministry Parenting Class, 152 JC Crew, 150 Jedediah's Porch, Library Orchestra, Sanctuary Vespers Service, Sanctuary Cancer Support Group, Library FCYM CONNECTION, FLC	Mon, Oct 30	9-12pm 7pm	Caring Hearts & Hands, 132 Rockin Refit, FLC
			Tues, Oct 31	7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Fresh Hope, Music Suite ONE17 (Young Adults), Activity Center

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sun, Oct 1	God Looks at Your Heart	Romans 2:17–29
Mon, Oct 2	Living Before God	Deuteronomy 5:1–15
Tues, Oct 3	Living with Others	Deuteronomy 5:16–22
Wed, Oct 4	Who Will Rescue Me?	Romans 7:14–25
Thurs, Oct 5	God Sees Human Intentions	Jeremiah 7:1–15
Fri, Oct 6	Dead to Sin; Alive in Christ	Romans 6:1–12
Sat, Oct 7	Present Your Bodies to God	Romans 6:13–23
Sun, Oct 8	Dead to the Law Through Christ	Romans 7:1–13
Mon, Oct 9	The Lord Preserves the Faithful	Psalms 31:1–5, 19–24
Tues, Oct 10	Your Faith Has Made You Well	Mark 10:46–52
Wed, Oct 11	My Heart Trusts in God	Psalms 28
Thurs, Oct 12	The Gospel Sets Us Free	Acts 15:22–35
Fri, Oct 13	Justice, Kindness, and Humility	Micah 6:1–8
Sat, Oct 14	The Gospel for All People	Galatians 2:1–10
Sun, Oct 15	We Are Justified in Christ	Galatians 2:11–21
Mon, Oct 16	So Great a Salvation	Hebrews 2:1–9
Tues, Oct 17	Christ Destroys the Power of Death	Hebrews 2:10–18
Wed, Oct 18	Delight in the Law of the Lord	Psalms 1:1–6
Thurs, Oct 19	Blessed with Every Spiritual Blessing	Ephesians 1:3–14
Fri, Oct 20	The Hope to Which We're Called	Ephesians 1:15–23
Sat, Oct 21	Receiving the Spirit	Galatians 3:1–5
Sun, Oct 22	Redeemed from the Law's Curse	Galatians 3:6–18
Mon, Oct 23	A Promise to Abram's Offspring	Genesis 12:1–9
Tues, Oct 24	An Imperishable Inheritance	1 Peter 1:3–12
Wed, Oct 25	Poor in the World, but Rich in Faith	James 2:1–7
Thurs, Oct 26	The Lord Is My Portion	Psalms 16
Fri, Oct 27	God Is the Rock	Deuteronomy 32:1–14
Sat, Oct 28	Heirs of God's Promise	Hebrews 11:8–19
Sun, Oct 29	Children of God	Galatians 3:23–4:7
Mon, Oct 30	Welcoming God's New People	Acts 15:12–21
Tues, Oct 31	The Lord Delivers	Psalms 37:27–40

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES**SUNDAYS**

- ⇒ Adults: Roland Greene (804)746-0251 - 6pm, Room 130
- ⇒ Adults: Barry Will & Karen Smith-Will (804)916-9687 - 6pm, Room 123

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

- ⇒ Men: Rick Raines (804)559-8070 - 6am - Worship Center Lobby
- ⇒ Men: Pointmen - Kevin Bartlett (804)932-3346 - 7pm, Music Suite
- ⇒ Women: Fearless - Angie Shay (804) 339-4777 - Time & Location Varies

FRIDAYS

- ⇒ Men: Harry Gill (804)402-6107 - 6am - Cold Harbor Restaurant

LIFE GROUPS

- ⇒ Life Groups - Seth Wortman - swortman@fairmountcc.org

SUPPORT GROUPS

- ⇒ Cancer Support Group: - Pepa Acors - pepaacors06@yahoo.com
- ⇒ Mental Health Support Group: Fresh Hope - Tuesdays - 7-8:30pm in the Music Suite - freshhope@fairmountcc.org
- ⇒ Loss of Loved Ones: Griefshare - Charlie Udriet - (804) 291-6873
- ⇒ Deaf Ministry: Sign Language Classes - Christy Conquy - 4christyconquy@gmail.com



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**Full Time Associate
Children's Ministry Director**

**Full Time Administrative Assistant
for Youth Ministry and Adult Ministries**
Sunday Hours Required

For more information:
fccsignups.info/job-postings



IMPACT DAY

Saturday, October 14

Serve those in our church family or with projects in the community.

Sign Up to Volunteer or Submit a Project at fccsignups.info/ImpactDay.

Questions? Contact G.W. Masten at 804-994-2285 or georgethree@msn.com

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:00am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

9:00am* Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center
Adult Bible School Classes
Children's Worship

10:00am 6-12th Grade FCYM community

10:15am* Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
Adult & Children's Bible School Classes

11:15am* Modern Worship in the Worship Center
Children's Worship

*Worship service live-streamed at fairmountcc.org