



## EVERY SHOEBOX GIFT MATTERS! IT MEANS ANOTHER CHILD HEARS ABOUT JESUS

*"My favorite thing I received was a toothbrush of my own. I was sharing one with 9 other girls in a Guatemalan orphanage." - Jaki*

**Operation Christmas Child**, a project of Samaritan's Purse, takes the message of hope, love, and salvation to children in need around the world through a simple shoebox gift. For many children, this shoebox filled with school supplies, hygiene items, and toys is the first gift they have ever received. Delivered into the hands of children through local churches, every shoebox gift is an opportunity to share Jesus Christ. Before receiving their boxes, each child is given a booklet, "The Greatest Gift," which presents the message of the Gospel in their native language. **In 2022, over 2.4 million children accepted Jesus as their Savior as a result of this ministry, and OCC delivered boxes to 99 Unreached People Groups in 38 nations.**

### Here's how you can be involved:

**FILL SHOEBOXES:** Use your own shoebox or the preprinted ones supplied by the church (located in the lobbies). Inside each shoebox is an adhesive label and a "How to Pack a Shoebox" brochure. Include a personal note or picture if you can, as this is treasured by the child. There is a suggested donation of \$10/box to cover shipping and processing. If you want to discover the destination of your shoebox, you can pay online by following instructions on the label. Most importantly, **PRAY** for the child that will receive your shoebox. **October 29 is the FINAL Shoebox collection day.**

**DONATE ITEMS:** Donate items for the Fairmount Family Packing Party. Red collection bins will be in both church lobbies. **The Donation deadline is Sunday, October 22 for the Packing Party on October 23. Attend and be a part of the excitement as we pack over 600 boxes!** Special thanks to our **Caring Hearts & Hands Ladies** for working all year long to create items for the Packing Party, like washcloths, tote bags, dresses and shorts, hats, baby doll blankets, sock dolls, and more.

**MONETARY DONATIONS:** Make checks out to **Samaritan's Purse** to help cover processing and shipping for Packing Party boxes.

**PACK YOUR SHOEBOXES ONLINE:** Like to shop from home? Visit Fairmount's own link: <https://fccsignups.info/shoebox> where you can choose from essentials, small toys, WOW items, and accessories. Write a personal note and even include a picture. These boxes are especially precious, as they go to hard-to-reach areas. The \$25 cost includes the \$10 donation for processing and shipping.

**CHARLOTTE PROCESSING CENTER MISSION TRIP:** Help prepare the shoeboxes for delivery to their destination. The church van will depart on **Tuesday, November 28 at 8am and return Thursday evening, November 30.** Sign up early – space is limited. Contact Peggy Cross at **804-798-9672 or lawguy101@aol.com** for more information.

**Last year Fairmount filled 2000 shoeboxes! This year's goal: ONE MORE. . . and then ONE MORE. . . Because ONE MORE SHOEBOX means ONE MORE CHILD will hear about JESUS!**

# Fall Festival



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

**Featuring  
Trunk or Treat!**

**All for Free!**

We need your help! Fairmount's Fall Festival is October 21st from 4-6pm! We need volunteers for car trunks for the Trunk or Treat, greeters, food service, set-up & take-down, & donations of cakes and sliced pies. We couldn't have this amazing, FREE community event without our volunteers! **Sign-up to help at [fccsignups.info/fallfestival](http://fccsignups.info/fallfestival)** or stop by the table in the Worship Center Lobby.

Are you an amazing baker? Enter your pie in our **Pie Judging Contest!**  
Be sure to include your name and the type of pie.

**Invite Your Friends!**

## ELDER UPDATE

# DEACONS & ELDERS 2023-2024



**Tommy Norwood**  
**Chairman of the Elders**



**Lynn Barden**  
**Chairman of the Deacons**

### ELDERS:

Michael Berryman  
Jim Bland  
Steve Dalton  
Sam Henderson  
Geoff Johnson  
Tommy Norwood  
Shawn Sears  
Eric Taylor  
Kevin Tyler

### DEACONS:

Paul Acors  
Ross Andrews  
John Baker  
Mike Banton  
Perry Barber  
Lynn Barden  
Manley Barden  
Ryan Basile  
Jason Beahr  
David Beazley  
Scott Bohannon  
Jeff Carter

Scott Compston  
Felix Cross  
Ronnie Edwards  
Melvin Fields  
David Filegar  
Jacob Filegar  
Ollie Greenwood  
Barry Griffin  
Bobby Hollins  
Ken Horner  
Mark Iannitto  
Jake Jacobs

Michael Kemper  
Bill Lipscombe  
Dean Loving  
Jim Mallory  
Joe McHale  
G.W. Masten  
Chris Minor  
David Minor  
Scott Mullins  
Ryan Nelson  
Dwayne Norvell  
Butch Parrish

Mike Peace  
Chuck Rogers  
Tom Royer  
Johnny Scott  
Jeremy Sears  
Art Sitterson  
Ken Tanner  
Glenn Thacker  
Mike Thurman  
Zach Walker  
Bob Weirup



# IMPACT DAY

**Saturday, October 14**

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

Sign Up to Volunteer or Submit a Project at [fccsignups.info/ImpactDay](http://fccsignups.info/ImpactDay)

Questions? Contact G.W. Masten at 804-994-2285 or [georgethree@msn.com](mailto:georgethree@msn.com)

## Fairmount's Help Ministry



Fairmount has a variety of medical supplies that we loan out free of charge to those in need.

This includes wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and shower and toilet chairs.

Call the church office at (804) 559-8070 for more information.

Thanks to  
all who  
volunteered at  
the Micah Tyler  
Concert!



**Adoration**  
Communion ✝ Prayer ✝ Scripture  
**Vespers Service**  
Sunday, October 15th at 6pm  
in the Sanctuary



## Loss of a Spouse

**Sunday, October 29 from 2-4pm in the Music Suite**

Fairmount will be offering a "Loss of a Spouse" seminar, sponsored through GriefShare, on Sunday, October 29th from 2-4pm. This seminar is intended to give attendees an introduction to our regular weekly GriefShare sessions, which will be held on Sundays, beginning January 28th. They will run for 13 weeks, with the exception of Easter Sunday. The October session will present a three-step approach, including video, participant handout guide, and group discussion. The 35-minute video features wise and encouraging counsel from people who have made it through unique struggles in dealing with the heartache after the death of a spouse. It also includes insights from prominent Christian counselors and teachers. The Survival Guide handout is provided for note taking during the video as well as for a reference at home. It contains practical strategies, encouragement, and helpful exercises for daily survival. Most important is group discussion. Attendees are encouraged to share their grief experiences, allowing participants to use their stories to help others. According to the U.S. Census, there are approximately 43.8 million widowed people in the United States. You are not alone.

– Charlie Udriet, Grief Facilitator - [cwudriet@hanovercounty.gov](mailto:cwudriet@hanovercounty.gov)





## PARENTING CLASS

Parenting For  
God's Glory:

*Creatively*  
Training Children in  
Honor and Respect



Debby Sjogren  
with Debi Massey

For parents of preschool &  
elementary children

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

Register at  
[fccsignups.info/parenting-class](http://fccsignups.info/parenting-class)  
Book Cost: \$15



With Debby Sjogren

## BELL CHOIR



**Sunday Evenings 6:00-7:00pm**

**Beginning October 15th**

**For K-5th Grade  
in Room 150**

*Join Us!!* **OPERATION**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**CHILD**  
A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE  
**PACKING**  
**PARTY**



**Monday**  
**October 23rd**  
**6-7:30pm**  
**Worship Center**  
**Lobby**

Join Mrs. Ashley & Your Fairmount Friends!  
OAK HILL CHRISTIAN CAMP

## ELEMENTARY FALL RETREAT



**NOVEMBER 3-4, 2023**  
**3RD-5TH GRADERS**  
**\$75**

PLEASE REGISTER AT  
[WWW.OAKHILLCHRISTIANCAMP.ORG](http://WWW.OAKHILLCHRISTIANCAMP.ORG)

**ELEMENTARY K-5**

## NERF & NACHOS

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**  
**6:30-7:30 PM**

Register at [fccsignups.info/Nerf](http://fccsignups.info/Nerf), \$2/person  
Bring your Nerf gun and we will provide the darts!



# 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.

## Upcoming CONNECTION Events:

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| <b>October 8</b>   | <b>Hanover Vegetable Farm</b><br>3-6:30pm  |
| <b>October 15</b>  | <b>MS: Christian Village BINGO</b><br><b>HS: Cornhole &amp; Corndogs</b><br>6-7:30pm |
| <b>October 22</b>  | <b>FCYM Prayer Walk</b><br>6-7:30pm  |
| <b>October 29</b>  | <b>Costume Party</b><br>6-7:30pm   |
| <b>November 5</b>  | <b>MS: Cornhole &amp; Corndogs</b><br><b>HS: Couch Olympics</b><br>6-7:30pm          |
| <b>November 12</b> | <b>MS: Game Night</b><br><b>HS: Flapjacks &amp; Flannels</b><br>6-7:30pm             |
| <b>November 19</b> | <b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b><br>6-7:30pm   |

## Hanover Vegetable Farm Trip

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

Sign up at [fccsignups.info/pumpkinpatch](http://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.

**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](http://oakhillcamp.org)  
Deans: Heather Ferguson, Davis Ellenberger  
Worship Leader: Chad Rice

# FCYM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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

Contact [dellenberger@fairmountcc.org](mailto:dellenberger@fairmountcc.org)  
if you can help!



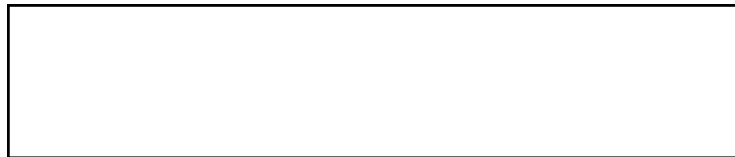
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**FORECASTER**  
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[fairmountcc.org](mailto:fairmountcc.org)



Join us for our next sermon series, MVP, which begins Sunday, October 8th. We will explore the core values behind Fairmount's mission and vision. Everyone at Fairmount can be an MVP when we understand and put into practice our Mission, Vision, and Priorities.

## 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](http://fairmountcc.org)