

The FORECASTER



AT FAIRMOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Operation Christmas Child at Fairmount

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, takes the message of love, hope, 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 is an opportunity to share Jesus Christ. Before receiving their boxes, each child is given a booklet, "The Greatest Gift," in their native language, which presents the message of the Gospel. **In 2023, over 2.9 million children accepted Jesus as their Savior as a result of this ministry.**



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 according to the instructions on the label. Most importantly, **PRAY** for the child that will receive your shoebox. **November 3 is the FINAL shoebox collection day.**

DONATE ITEMS: Donate items for the Fairmount Family Packing Party by **Sunday, October 27th**. Red collection bins will be in both lobbies. **Attend the the Packing Party on Monday, October 28 from 6-7:30 PM in the Worship Center Lobby to be a part of the excitement as we pack over 800 boxes!** Special thanks to our **Caring Hearts & Hands Ladies** for working all year to create items for the Party: washcloths, tote bags, precious dresses and shorts, baby doll blankets and matching hats, sock dolls, etc.

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

PACK YOUR SHOEBOXES ONLINE: These boxes are especially precious because they go to hard-to-reach areas. Customs in some countries require paperwork that states exactly what is in the containers of shoeboxes. With online shoeboxes, we know specifically what is in these boxes so that shipments can go through! Visit Fairmount's link: <https://fccsignups.info/shoebox> or use the **QR code** to choose from essentials, small toys, WOW items, and more. You can even write a personal note and include a picture. The \$25 cost includes the \$10 donation for processing and shipping.



BOONE PROCESSING CENTER MISSION TRIP: December 3-5. Help prepare the shoeboxes for delivery to their destination. Spaces are limited. Contact Peggy Cross at **804-798-9672** or lawguy101@aol.com to reserve your spot.

"I felt the love of Jesus through the shoebox!" - Manar, Recipient. **Thank you for supporting this profound ministry!**

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is more than a budget. It is a way to share the Gospel.

Thanks to all of you who have the gift of generosity and to the ones who practice the discipline of tithing.

Generosity brings the giver joy. II Corinthians 8: 2-4 states, "In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people." Everything is God's and He has trusted us to use His gifts wisely. God has given us free will to choose how to use the blessings He bestows on us. We have the choice of choosing Him and the choice of returning a portion for His work. Malachi 3:10 says, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, " says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Thanks to all who have made this choice. For those who haven't experienced the joy of giving and returning a portion of God's blessing to His house, we encourage you to try it! Yes, Fairmount will benefit financially from your gifts, but you will also be so blessed in deepening your relationship with Jesus by trusting Him with your heart and money. God is faithful and we have seen Him provide for the corporate church more times than we can count in ways we did not imagine.

A snapshot of Fairmount's financial results for the fiscal year ending August 31st is shown. \$2.3M in offering to support the operations of the church. Praise be to God for these gifts. As stated at our annual congregational meetings, the budget is a guideline for how the funds would be used as we receive them. Our goal is to receive more in contributions than we spend each year. We were barely able to do that this year, as there were savings in each of the major line items to offset the shortfall in gifts.

Fairmount Christian Church Analysis of Revenues & Expenses Summary			
August 2024			
Accounts	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	Better (worse) actual vs budget
Revenues			
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,318,001	\$2,634,126	\$(316,125)
OTHER INCOME	\$ 43,886	\$ 41,200	\$ 2,686
Total Revenues	\$2,361,887	\$2,675,326	\$(313,439)
Expenses			
MINISTERIAL COMPENSATION & EXPENSES	\$ 659,227	\$ 740,489	\$ 81,262
ADMINISTRATIVE SALARY & EXPENSES	\$ 571,302	\$ 687,795	\$ 116,493
MINISTRIES	\$ 485,728	\$ 539,900	\$ 54,172
OPERATIONAL & OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 645,005	\$ 707,142	\$ 62,137
Total Expenses	\$2,361,262	\$2,675,326	\$ 314,064
Net Total	\$ 625	\$ -	\$ 625

Our expenses primarily fall into three categories: people (\$1.2M), Impact (\$402k in ministries), and maintaining/operating the facility (\$457k in the operational & other expenses). As General Fund giving increases or decreases, these are the areas that are primarily impacted positively or negatively.

One other note is that Onward/Christmas campaign giving was \$680k this year. Onward is our debt reduction campaign. The balance of the loan is now \$1,675,000 and will come due in August 2026.

Praise God for the financial blessings of this past year. Please pray about your continued support. Please pray about experiencing the joy of generosity.

RW McDowell, Finance Manager



The Seniors Ministry asks you to remember these October 80+ Birthdays:

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| Melvin Fields - 2 | John Neagle - 13 | Harry Gill - 19 |
| Pat Smith Headley - 4 | Linda Nuckols - 15 | Ree Giovannetti - 20 |
| Betty Paciocco - 7 | Bob Baine -16 | Jack Tiller - 21 |
| Ken Green - 12 | Ann Baker - 16 | Phyllis Wendell - 21 |
| Mabel Coffelt -13 | Ann Tokosh - 17 | David Armistead - 23 |
| | David Boroughs - 18 | |

New Members

- Madelyn Miller** was baptized on Sept. 20th.
Lynn Robb transferred her membership on Sept. 22nd.
Carolyn Bost transferred her membership on Sept. 29th.
Jamie Lynn Meurer was baptized on Sept. 29th.

Fall Festival

featuring



Trunk or Treat!

Saturday, October 19th

4-6pm

Rain Date October 20th

Free Fun for the Whole Family!!

Wear your costume (nothing scary) and bring a BIG bag for Trunk or Treat! Enjoy hot dogs for dinner and pie for dessert! Take a hayride to our pumpkin patch, play fun games and more! Bring everyone you know!

IT'S ALL FREE!

Enter a homemade pie in the **Pie Judging Contest!** Be sure to label your entry as "Pie Judging" with your name and type of pie.

How can you help to make this a super fun event?

- Donate individually wrapped candy for Trunk or Treat.
- Donate cakes, cupcakes, or brownies for the Cake Walk.
- Donate pies for our dessert tables.
- Sign up to host a trunk for Trunk or Treat.
- Sign up to help serve food, help with games, greet our guests, and more!

Click the tab on **Linktree** or visit

fccsignups.info/fallfestival for sign up information.

CONNECTION 101

DISCOVER FAIRMOUNT

New to Fairmount or want to learn more about what we believe?

October 6, 13, & 20th

9am or 11am in the Library

Sign up on Linktree

Grieving the death of a spouse?

Or know someone who is?

Join us for Griefshare:

Loss of a Spouse

Sunday, October 20th

at 2pm

in the Music Suite

NIGHT to Shine

SPONSORED BY THE **TIM TEBOW** FOUNDATION™

Save the Date!

#NIGHTTOSHINE

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2025

Drop off dress donations to the church office beginning October 6th!



Fall Festival

Petting Zoo
Pumpkin Picking
Cake Walk
Hot Dogs

Tons of Candy
Hayride
Pie Slices
Face Painting
Cotton Candy

Saturday, October 19th
4-6pm

Featuring
Trunk or Treat!
All for FREE!
Invite All of Your Friends!

OPERATION Christmas Child

FAMILY PACKING PARTY!

Monday, October 28th 6-7:30pm

Samaritan's Purse

ELEMENTARY K-5

NERF & NACHOS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
6:30-7:30 PM

Register at fccsignups.info/Nerf, \$3/person
Bring your Nerf gun and eye protection;
we will provide the darts!

It's not too late to sign up!

Groups to help preteens navigate life with God

Meets 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4:30pm

4th Grade
5th Grade
6th Grade



3rd-5th Grade Retreat

MESSY

We had a blast getting MESSY and learning all about how Jesus is the one who can save us from our messy lies, pride, and plans.



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Sunday Morning Ignite

At Sunday morning **Ignite**, students spend time in fellowship with one another as they dive into God's word, seeking His truth for their lives. It's our desire that our students' faith would be ignited and that they would be set on fire for God. We pray that students would gain not only knowledge from scripture, but the wisdom and boldness it takes for them to be changed through their relationship with Christ.

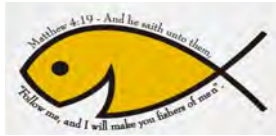
Sunday Evening Alive

Sunday night **Alive** Youth Group meets on Sunday nights for fellowship, fun activities, and service projects. Check out our fall/winter calendar for more information.

Be sure to join our Facebook Groups!
FCYM 6th-8th Grade FCYM High School



Our students had a great time assembling fishing kits for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!



Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Sunday Night Alive Events:

- October 6 - Hanover Vegetable Farm Trip - Leave at 3pm, Return at 6:30pm - Cost \$10
- October 13 - Prayer Walk Around Church - Meet in the Gym
- October 20 - MS: Mr. Beast Night/HS: Mystery Outing - Everyone starts in the Gym
- October 27 - Costume Party in the Gym



Meet from 6-7:30 in the Gym unless otherwise noted.

Hanover Vegetable Farm Trip

October 6th 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.



Sign Up to Volunteer at the **Fall Festival**
October 19th
<http://links.fairmountcc.org>

Middle & High School **Costume Party**
27 October - 6-7:30pm
contests, games, candy, snacks, & prizes

Middle School Fall Retreat
FOOD • WORSHIP • GAMES • FUN
6TH-8TH GRADES
Oct 4th-5th \$75 | Deans: Heather Ferguson/TBD
www.oakhillchristiancamp.org

Be sure to sign up for the Middle and High School Fall Retreats at Oak Hill Christian Camp!

These retreats are a fun break from the stress of everyday life and encourage our kids to grow in their faith and deepen relationships with friends.

Register at oakhillcamp.org

High School Fall Retreat
Nov 8th-9th \$75
Deans: Heather Ferguson/TBD
www.oakhillchristiancamp.org

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NEW SERMON SERIES Beginning October 13th

2024 has been the “Year of Jesus” from the pulpit – every message focusing on the life and ministry of our Lord. Our last sermon series before the Christmas season will be “Priority Mail” – a series focusing on the seven letters in Revelation that Jesus dictates to the Church. What Jesus said to the Church then He still says today. We will all be challenged and encouraged together. Join us as we prioritize Jesus’ message in our lives.

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 Ignite		*Worship service live-streamed at fairmountcc.org