

# The FORECASTER

AT FAIRMOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH



## LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

### SERMON SERIES

When the shepherds were watching their flocks outside of Bethlehem, the last thing they ever expected was a heavenly host of angels to interrupt their quiet night. But that message – found in Luke 2 – has echoed through the centuries, giving real hope to a very real world. Jesus is indeed the “**Light to the Nations**”.

This December, with the angels’ message echoing in our ears, we will be reminded how the light of Jesus still wipes away fear and brings joy, salvation, and peace to every person on earth. We look forward to being together on Sunday mornings to celebrate the coming of the Light of Life ... Jesus.



We continue to look for ways to invest in kingdom work at Fairmount and to reach those who might find their hope in Jesus, **the only source of real hope**. During this time of celebrations, we **worship by giving** our time, talent, and treasure.

Our Christmas Campaign kicked off on December 1st with a goal of **\$350,000**. This goal will allow us to reduce our current mortgage loan balance of approximately \$1.6 million on the Worship Center. As we have done in the past, we will tithe 10% of what is generously given. This year, the tithe focuses on our ministry partners in New Zealand. It will be divided between Michael & Rosalind Trusty with Current Church and Diego & Claudia Silva as they begin serving as missionaries there. The Lord’s word is indeed bringing hope in New Zealand.

Please contribute by using Christmas envelopes or the green Onward envelopes in the church seatbacks. Be sure to memo your check “Onward Christmas.” You may also give through our website, **fairmountchristian.org**. If you choose to give through stock transfer or other investments, please contact RW McDowell or Veronica Brewster in the church office at 804-559-8070. Fairmount’s Christmas Campaign will run through January 12, 2025. We look forward to reaching more for Christ as we continue to **offer Real Hope for Real People**.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Christmas Events

- Dec 5 Kid's Christmas Concert | 6:30pm | Sanctuary
- Dec 8 Children's Ministry Gingerbread Decorating Party | 12:30pm | Family Life Center
- Dec 8 Middle & High Illuminate Light Show | 5-8pm
- Dec 15 Journey to Jesus for Preschool & Elementary 10:15am-12:15pm
- Dec 15 Adult Choir Musical | 6pm | Sanctuary
- Dec 18 Preschool Paint & Praise | 6:30pm | Room 150
- Dec 18 Elementary Caroling & Tacky Lights | 6:30pm
- Dec 20 Young Adult Christmas Party | 7pm | Bill Nicol's House
- Dec 22 Middle & High Ignite Christmas Party | 10am Family Life Center
- Dec 22 Quiet Winter's Night Concert | 6pm | Worship Center
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services | 3pm Sanctuary 5pm | Worship Center

Place Your Order for Christmas Poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones

\$15 each

Orders due 12/8  
Pick up 12/22

Ways to Order:

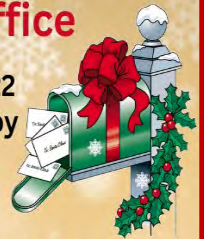
- [links.fairmountcc.org](http://links.fairmountcc.org)
- Complete a form at the Welcome Desk
- Call the office
- Scan the QR Code



### Christmas Card Post Office

Drop Off Cards: Dec 1 through Dec 22  
Front Foyer or Worship Center Lobby

Pick Up Cards: Dec 8, 15, 22, & 29  
Front Foyer Only



- Write Last and First Names & Bible School Class
- Write Return Address on the upper left corner
- Alphabetize, secure with rubber band, & write # of cards on attached slip of paper.

### Mountain Mission School Christmas

Fairmount will be blessing students at Mountain Mission School with Christmas gifts this year. Children's and Youth Ministries are collecting monetary donations to purchase gifts for multiple students. Bible School Classes have been assigned specific children to buy for.

All donations are due **December 8th**. If you do not attend a Bible Study, email Josh Smith at [josh@cmov.org](mailto:josh@cmov.org) if you wish to be involved.



Sunday,  
January 5th  
5:30-7:30pm  
Ashland  
Skateland

Join the Fairmount family for our annual Skate Night! Admission is a non-perishable food item for MCEF.

Rent skates for \$4 or bring your own.

Hotdog combos including a hotdog, chips, and drink will also be available for \$2.

### Fairmount Staff Update

Please join us in welcoming our new staff member, Tracy Norman. Tracy will be working part-time as a Worship Ministry Administrative Assistant. Tracy and her husband, Josh, and their children Mason and Marshall are members of Fairmount. We are excited to have Tracy on staff!



Scan the QR code or visit  
<http://links.fairmountcc.org>



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### Baby Celebration Sunday

January 19, 2025

Please join us  
at one of our worship services  
to celebrate your baby  
born in 2024.

### Baby Celebration Day Sunday, January 19th, 2025

#### Baby Pictures Needed for Babies Born in 2024!

We are looking forward to celebrating babies born into our church families in 2024 at a special service on Sunday, January 19th, 2025. Please use the QR code or visit **Linktree** by **January 12th** to submit a current photo of your baby along with his or her full name, birthdate, service you will attend, and the names of any grandparents or great-grandparents you wish to be recognized. Photos can also be brought to the church office to be scanned and returned. *Please use provide a photo and information even if you know you will not be able to attend on so that your child can be included in the keepsake publication.*



HEBREWS 6:19 *we have this*  
**HOPE**  
ENCOURAGEMENT CAFÉ WOMEN'S EVENT  
GET YOUR TICKETS AT [WPER.ORG](http://WPER.ORG)

 **WPER** &   
Virginia's Home For Encouragement™  
Encouragement Café

JANUARY 25, 2025  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
FAIRMOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**NIGHT** *to Shine*  
SPONSORED BY THE **TIM TEBOW**  
FOUNDATION™

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH FROM 6-9PM  
Registration for Participants & Volunteers at  
[nighttoshinerva.com](http://nighttoshinerva.com)





*Christmas*  
**Bible Reading Plan**

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Jeremiah 33:14-16	Micah 5:2	Isaiah 11:1-2	Malachi 3:1	Mark 1:1-3
Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
Luke 1:5-17	Luke 1:18-25	Luke 1:26-33	Luke 1:34-38	Isaiah 7:14
Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15
Luke 1:39-45	Luke 1:46-56	Luke 1:57-66	John 1:1-8	John 1:9-18
Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
Matthew 1:18-19	Matthew 1:20-25	Luke 2:1-3	Luke 2:4-7	Luke 2:8-12
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25
Luke 2:13-20	Matthew 2:1-2	Matthew 2:3-8	Matthew 2:9-12	Isaiah 9:6

Join us this month as we read about the very first Christmas! Use this plan or pick up a copy from the Resource Wall this Sunday. It's never too late to start!

There are lots of exciting Christmas events happening around church as well. Can't wait to celebrate the season with you!

**NEW YEAR BIBLE READING CHALLENGE**

Join us as we read through the Bible this year, using the Day by Day Kid's Bible.

Purchase yours at Children's Check-In for \$17.

*Preschool Journey to Jesus*  
*follow the star*  
*Dec 15 / 10:15-12:15*

**DECEMBER 15TH**  
**10:15-12:15PM**

**THE REEL CHRISTMAS STORY**

**JOURNEY TO JESUS**

Journey to Jesus is an annual tradition for our preschool and elementary students. We "travel" through time to learn about the story of the birth of Jesus, meeting special characters, enjoying fun snacks, and participating in meaningful praise and worship along the way. Please plan for your child to stay for the full two-hour journey.

**ELEMENTARY TACKY LIGHT TOUR & CAROLING**  
**DEC 18 @ 6:30PM**  
**PRESCHOOL PRAISE & PAINT**

Thanks to all who contributed to Christmas gifts for our Mountain Mission School students!

**SuperStart!**  
4th, 5th and 6th graders

**SHARPE**

BY GOD FOR KINGDOM WORK

**February 21st-22nd**  
**at Fairmount**

Early Registration open NOW for \$65!

Use the QR code or visit Linktree to sign up!

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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. Be on the lookout for our Winter/Spring Calendar coming soon!

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



Dear Youth Ministry Parents and Students,

As 2024 comes to an end I'd like to reflect on and remember some of the highlights our teens have experienced with Fairmount Youth. It was a year full of spiritual growth, building relationships, and pushing our students deeper in their walk with Christ.

On Sunday mornings, teens gather in the gym to study the Bible at Ignite. Throughout the year, we dove into some important themes such as dating and relationships, the Resurrection, wisdom, mental health, Christlike friendship, and imitating Christ. This is such a valuable time we get to spend in the Word with our teens, and I'm very excited that we will have a little more time with them on Sunday mornings as our church transitions to our new schedule in February.

Our Sunday evening, Alive events this year were some of my favorites. From some yearly traditions like our trip to Hanover Vegetable Farm, to some new events like our river day retreat, our teens experienced a variety of events that pushed them closer to one another as we all seek Christ together. Our teens got to serve God's kingdom at Alive through events such as our Operation Christmas Child project, Oak Hill service day, and bingo at Christian Village. We also had some powerful nights of faith-building such as our mental health forum and our prayer walk around the church.

I'm very excited to see where God is leading our ministry and our students in 2025. I always value your prayers as we seek to reach the lost and hurting middle and high schoolers in our community and point them to the love of Christ. I also ask that you specifically pray for the groups and teams of students who will be attending our mission trips in April to Mexico City and to Grundy, VA. Pray that God would work in the hearts of those He has called to make an impact for His Kingdom and that they would be bold in their response to that calling. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and many blessings for the New Year!

In Him,

*Davis Ellenberger*



Davis Ellenberger, Youth Ministry Director



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**FORECASTER**  
 best viewed online @  
[fairmountcc.org](http://fairmountcc.org)

**Fairmount Christian Church**  
*Unity Service*  
**Sunday, December 29th at 10am**  
**in the Worship Center**  
 All four services will unite for one special time of Worship. Nursery will be available. Preschoolers will meet for Wee Worship & Preschool Worship. Elementary kids should attend service with their families.

## 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 fairmountcc.org