



# Proclaim

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*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."  
Psalm 100:4*



Penetrating lostness! What does it look like? How does it affect me personally? Every day I am reminded of our need to share the good news of the Gospel, which is to tell the world about Jesus. I am reminded that Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks; I am overwhelmed to know that Christ loves me and many years ago someone else I know loved me enough to introduce me to Christ. When I think of "doing whatever it takes to reach one more for Christ," I am challenged by our need to penetrate the lostness we are surrounded by on a daily basis. As you think about all you have and all that you have been given, do not

forget that there are others who have never heard of Jesus and still others who have no idea just how crazy in love He is with them. In West Virginia there is one evangelical church for every 8,000 residents. While West Virginia may be wild and wonderful, think about how wonderful it would be to see our friends, neighbors, co-workers and even strangers come to know Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. This Thanksgiving help us penetrate the lostness that exists all around us.

As we consider all that we have to be thankful for, let us not forget that this is also a season of giving. We will be collecting turkeys again this year. We are partnering with some of our local community organizations this year to show the love of Christ in a practical way. So far we have a request from Old Man River for 15 turkeys, Hospice for 60 turkeys, Christmas food baskets for 45 turkeys, and we are waiting to hear from the Salvation Army. If you know of someone in the community we can help, simply send us an email or drop us a note. Our community will not care about how much we know until they know how much we care. This is doing "whatever it takes." Along with our turkey drive which will run through November 20 with a goal of collecting over 200 turkeys, we are having our first Thanksgiving day dinner at the church on Thanksgiving day beginning at noon. If you or someone you know needs a place to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal please let us know so we can prepare enough food. No one should have to be alone or not have someone to share this day of thanksgiving with. Again, this is what it means to do "whatever it takes."

On a more personal note, I want to thank everyone for my birthday wishes, cards, notes, and gifts. I never knew turning 50 would be so much fun. Special thanks to the staff and CWE for decorating my office. I am a very blessed man! Thank you Fairlawn family for loving me and my family. I never knew how much I would enjoy turning 50 and having such a great church family, friends, and loved ones to share it with. Lest I forget, I love my birthday gift! While my family and many of you will be serving and enjoying a Thanksgiving meal here at the church, I will be in Dallas watching the game from inside the stadium which has been a life-long dream of mine. I am speechless; well maybe not speechless, but I can hardly wait! GO COWBOYS!!!

Thank you church for being the church. Thank you for helping us all to discover every day what it means to "do whatever it takes to reach one more for Christ."

Until the Whole World Hears,

*Pastor Greg*

**Bible Fellowship Classes**

Adult VI  
 Adult V  
 Adult IV  
 Friends in Faith  
 John 3:16  
 Adult I and II  
 Youth Parents  
 The Loft  
 College Ministry  
 The Warehouse (grades 7-12)  
 Underground (grades 5-6)  
 Discoverers (grades 3-4)  
 Learners (grades 1-2)  
 Preschool 5 (Kindergarten)  
 Preschool 4 (Pre-K)  
 Preschool 3 (Threes)  
 Preschool C (Twos)  
 Preschool B (Babies)  
 Preschool A (Babies)

**Bible Fellowship and Discipleship**

In every effort to build, there are challenges that have to be overcome. In the growth of our church we have seen the growth of our Bible Fellowship classes as well. We have dealt with issues about everything from room to outreach. I am so impressed with our teachers. We now have outreach leaders for each of the adult classes. We have developed a plan to have all of our classes meeting in more permanent rooms. We have begun, and continue, work on a Bible Fellowship Teachers



Covenant that will be in place to begin the New Year.

In the next couple of months our classes are going to begin getting names of those they should follow up with. These will be visitors to the church. The outreach leaders from each class can determine the best way to reach out to these souls.

I would ask that, going forward, each class keep a record of members that have not been in your classes for a while. A phone call, a letter or a visit would be great ways to let them know that they have been missed. Let's take every opportunity to reengage with

those that haven't been with us for a while.

Our next meeting will be on December 18 at 5:30 p.m. I am looking forward to discussing any and all issues for the New Year. If there are any comments or concerns you have that I can help with at all, please contact me through my email at [touchedbyjesus04@gmail.com](mailto:touchedbyjesus04@gmail.com) or by cell at (304) 482-3793. I am here to serve you and our church, so please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you for all you do and I pray you will have a great Thanksgiving.

God bless!  
 Jason Spade

## ~ Serve ~

**Stewardship**

Please remember the 15 campaign. If 200 families or individuals would give an additional \$15 per week, we would have \$156,000 extra per year in tithes and offerings. That's real money for real ministry. Please prayerfully consider giving.

Also, the vote for the 2012 budget will be coming up soon. Please watch the bulletin for the exact date.

**Monthly Newsletter**

If you have anything that you would like included in the newsletter, please e-mail the information to Charlene Brannon at [charlene@fairlawnbaptist.com](mailto:charlene@fairlawnbaptist.com) with a copy to Gina Cheshire at [ginac@casinternet.net](mailto:ginac@casinternet.net) by the 15th of the month prior to publication. The deadline for the December issue is **November 15**.

**Shoebox Ministry**

Fairlawn will be the regional drop off center again for shoeboxes this year. We will need volunteers to help check in and pack the shoeboxes into larger boxes for shipping. Collection runs from November 14-21.

**The collection times are:**

**November 14:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**November 15:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**November 16:** 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
**November 17:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**November 18:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**November 19:** 12 noon - 5 p.m.  
**November 20:** 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
**November 21:** 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Any help that you can give would be appreciated.

**Constitution / Policies and Procedures Review Team****Directors/Chairmen/Leaders:**

If you received a copy of the policy (job) descriptions previously approved for your area, we ask that you return them soon with your statement of approval or any change that is required.

You may return the copy to a member of the team or to the tray on the reception desk at the main entrance. Team members are Betty Jean Mathess, Pat Beall, Virginia Jarrell, and Jackie Runyon. Thank you!

# WV State Convention

WV Convention of Southern Baptists state convention starts Nov. 4 at 9 a.m. and ends Nov. 5 at noon at Westview Baptist Church in Martinsburg, WV. The annual guest message will be delivered by Robby Gallaty, senior pastor at Brainerd Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Bible study will be lead by Dr. Richard Melick, Jr. of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. The convention message will be delivered by Rev. Dan Jividen, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Princeton, WV. Special music will be brought by Marc Ivey and The Joyful Sound. If you are interested in attending, please visit [www.wvcsb.org](http://www.wvcsb.org).

## Mission Project

The Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) is requesting your help with one of our many mission projects.

We have united with "Essentially Yours," an outreach of the Salvation Army. This ministry outreach supplies many items ranging from household appliances and furniture to cleaning products, paper products, and personal care items to those in need. The Woman's Missionary Union at Fairlawn will be collecting cleaning and paper products and personal care items.



Items needed include: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, body washes, first aid supplies, personal care items, feminine care products, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, infant care items, diapers, household cleaning products, laundry detergent, and more.

Don't forget about the "complimentary items" you collect from hotels and motels while on vacation. If you aren't going to use them, bring them in. Place your donations in the basket provided at the WMU Ministry display.

God Will Provide the Blessings,  
Woman's Missionary Union

## Mission Luncheon

Ashley Wright is having a fundraiser luncheon to raise money for her mission trip to China in March. It will be Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lunch will consist of soup, sandwiches, drinks, and dessert. It is by donation only. All proceeds will go to help Ashley with her trip.

## Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The church will be hosting Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 from 12 - 2 p.m. The dinner is open to anyone in the community or in the church family. Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve. There will be a sign up sheet for helpers. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Church Office.



## Brown Bags

The Fairlawn Food Pantry Team is gearing up to fill and deliver 50 Christmas Food Baskets on Friday, December 23, 2011 with your help. If you know of anyone who can use our assistance this Christmas, please call the church office and the necessary information will be taken.



Brown Bags will be handed out November 27, after the morning services. In case you want to be shopping for items to be put in a Brown Bag, this is what you will need:

- 4 Roll package of toilet tissue
- Box of Stove Top Turkey Dressing (off brand will do)
- 1 pound Margarine Sticks
- 2 Large Pumpkin Pie Mix (NOT plain pumpkin)
- 2 cans Evaporated Milk
- 1 dozen Eggs

A sign-up list will be put in Sunday School

Classes, on a clipboard at the sign-up table, and posted on the Education Wing Bulletin Board for the following: Turkeys (12-20 pounds); Dinner Rolls (need 60 packages of 1dozen); Fresh Fruit (all kinds); and Home Baked Cookies & Candy. Please sign-up at only one of these locations.

Many items will be added to each basket from Pantry stock.

A Delivery Sign-up list will be at the above locations. Delivery date will be Friday, December 23, 2011 beginning at 2pm.

Boxes are being collected and will need to be wrapped.

There will be more information in the December Newsletter. Pray about how you and your family will get involved in helping those needing our love.

Caring is Sharing,  
Judy Boston, Chairperson  
FBC Food Pantry Team

# SAM

## Senior Adult Ministry

### Harvest Meal

The annual Harvest Meal will be November 10 at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be former Fairlawn pastor, Sam Crawford. All you need to bring is your appetite!



### SAM Event

The senior adults will visit the Dickens Victorian Village in Cambridge, Ohio on December 2. We will also see Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Unraveling Strand at the Cambridge Performing Arts Centre. We will leave from the church at 1 p.m.

### Meeting

SAM will have a meeting on December 15 at 10 a.m. The theme will be pizza and PJ party. Wear your PJs!

### Light Tour

SAM is sponsoring a light tour and fellowship on December 15. We will leave the church at 5 p.m. to tour the Cedar Lakes and Ravenswood areas.

### **Adult IV Dinner**

Adult IV class will have a fellowship dinner on November 4 at 5 p.m. It will be soup beans and cornbread in the Fellowship Hall.

## Scrap-fest Event

There will be a Scrap-fest on November 5 from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. The cost is \$65 and includes personal crop space, time to work on crafting projects, the opportunity to participate four exciting classes, a DVD of video tutorials for all projects, take and make projects, lunch and dinner, registration in door prize drawings, and the opportunity to shop at the craft vendor fair. Participants must bring scissors, wet adhesive, dry adhesive, and may bring a paper trimmer or scorer if desired. Scrap-fest is a benefit for the Erickson All Sports Facility. There are a limited number of tickets for Scrap-fest so please register ahead of time. Contact Michelle Mills for more information or registration forms at (304) 485-5568.



## Church Christmas Dinner

The church Christmas dinner will be December 3 at 6 p.m. The dinner will be catered and will consist of pork chops, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry salad, tossed salad, and dessert. The children's menu will consist of chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, and applesauce. The cost will be \$5 per person or \$15 for a family. The sign up sheet will be available in the Worship Foyer starting on November 6.

### *Ladies' Night Out*

The Women's Ministry is sponsoring a fellowship dinner for all the ladies of the church. It is December 5. There will be a sign up sheet available in the Worship Foyer starting November 6. More details to be announced.

## ~ Worship ~

### ***Christmas Décor for Worship Center***

1<sup>st</sup> -- We will be ordering Poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary in honor and/or memory of someone. Forms for ordering your plant will be located on the Welcome Center or the Information Area. They are beautiful large plants with approximately 20 blooms, the cost is \$18.50 per plant. They will arrive on Friday, December 2 for display in sanctuary on Sunday, December 4 – Sunday, December 25. Orders must be placed on or before Sunday, November 13.

2<sup>nd</sup> -- We will decorate the church for the Holiday Season on Monday, November 21 at 5 p.m. and hopefully be finished before 9 p.m. We need and welcome all the help (Men and Women) we can get. We are proposing Tuesday, December 27 at 10 a.m. to take down and put away the decorations.

3<sup>rd</sup> -- Anyone who may be interested in making a Chrismon for our Chrismon Trees, I have found very nice kits that can be purchased to make the ornaments for the trees, please contact Diana Barnes via e-mail at [Diana@casinternet.net](mailto:Diana@casinternet.net), home phone at (304) 863-3904, or cell phone at (304) 488-2162 if you are interested and I will show you what I have found.

## A Christmas Homecoming

The Creative Arts Ministry Christmas program will be presented on December 17 and 18 at 6:30 p.m. The program will be in the style of Gaither Homecoming and will feature the many talents of the church family, including singing, instrumental, drama, and interpretive movement. If you are interested in participating in the Christmas program, please see Rick Morgan as soon as possible.



## Christmas Services

We will have two Christmas Eve services on Christmas Eve, December 24 at 4:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. There will be music.

On Christmas Day, December 25, we will have one morning service at 10 a.m. There will be no evening services.

## Creative Arts Ministry

November will be another busy month in the creative arts ministries. All of our teams will be involved in one form or another for our Christmas production this year. We will be presenting a Gaither-style homecoming Christmas production. The choir, Out of Ashes, soloists, interpretive movement, and drama team will be helping to put this together. The choir will be singing some of the music from "All Is Calm, All Is Bright," as well as some other music. Be in prayer for our teams as we get ready for the presentations on December 17 and 18.



kicking into full gear as they begin to prepare some skits to go along with sermon series that Pastor Greg is preparing. If you would be interested in participating in this ministry, in front or behind the scenes, please contact Denise Varndell. She will be the contact person in charge of this ministry.

Another area that I am looking to get more people involved in is our instrumental music. There are many people sitting in the congregation that God has blessed with the gift to play a musical instrument or two. I would like to start a rotation just like we have for special music for people to play during offertory. If you fall into this category, please contact me. I would like to

start this calendar in January. What a great way to serve God with the talents He has blessed you with.

Finally as an FYI, several years ago, a CD was produced at our church featuring different people with musical talent that were attending Fairlawn at that time. We have found a couple of boxes, one with CDs and one with cassette tapes. If you would be interested in these to give to someone for Christmas, we will have them out at the welcome center during the month of November for free. It would be a great way to spread the Greatest Gift that was given to mankind during the Christmas season.

Rick Morgan  
Music Director

The drama team will be

## No Evening Service

There will be no Wednesday evening service on November 23 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please take this time to spend with your family and loved ones.

## Church tidbits

### Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry team will meet on Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m.

### SAM

The SAM planning meeting will be Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be Dec. 7.

### MomsNext

MomsNext will meet Nov. 4 and will discuss extreme couponing. On Nov. 18, there will be a scavenger hunt. Both meetings will start at the church at 6:30 p.m.

### Deacon Meeting

The deacons will meet on Nov. 6 following the evening service.

### Wednesday Meals

The last Wednesday meal for the fall is Nov. 9. Meals will resume in January.

### Vacations

Georgeanna Bird will be on vacation from Nov. 19-25.

Rick Morgan will be on vacation from Nov. 20 - 26.

### Office Notes

The church office will be closed a half day on Nov. 23 and full days on Nov. 24 and 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



Where did October go? We are now heading into November. The preschoolers enjoyed their fall festival parties; again, the parents did an awesome job.



Parents, clean off the refrigerator! Your preschoolers will be bringing home SPECIAL crafts to put on the refrigerator in the month of November.

In the month of November, we will be having Indians and Pilgrims running around the preschool along with Turkeys and Scarecrows. The Indians and Pilgrims will come together to have a Thanksgiving feast in their classrooms.

A lot of classes are participating in Operation Christmas Child. The class will choose a shoebox or two, then the boys and girls will decide what age and if they want to help their parents buy for a boy or a girl. After they receive the items, the preschoolers will write a letter from the class telling a little about themselves. Some of the teachers already have explained some of the places where shoeboxes will be delivered. They seem really excited to help a child to receive something for Christmas.

December is a very special month for us, it's Jesus' Birthday. Our main emphasis throughout the classrooms will be the Birth of Jesus Christ. We will also get a visit from the Jolly Old Man in Red with his sleigh and reindeer.

Thank you to all for your prayer, love and support. If you would like to come and visit, you could read a book, do a craft, or just play with them. They would love to have you!

In Christian Love,  
Georgeanna Bird  
Director

## Puppet Christmas Program



Outstretched Arms for God will present "The Greatest Gift: A Christmas Musical" at church on December 4 at 6:30 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to invite children who may not attend church. They will also be performing on December 8 at 7 p.m. at the Rock Family Worship Center in Rockford.

## Helping Hands

The Christmas party for Helping Hands will be December 10 from 1-4 p.m. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tim or Diana Gore at (304) 863-9077.

## Prayground



The Prayground had a lock-in for grades 1-5 on October 21. Thirty-one children attended for games, food, movies, and fun. Thanks to all the adults and helpers who made the lock-in special.

Prayground meets during both services on Sunday at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. The children learn about Jesus through music, skits, memorizing scripture, and Bible lessons. All children in 1st through 5th grade are welcome!

# THE WAREHOUSE

## Student Ministry

### THOUGHTS FROM JOEL

Anyone out there enjoy history? I hope so, because that is what we are about to look at. In 1859, Charles Darwin published *Origin of Species*. Two years before that Darwin



confided in American botanist Asa Gray who published the first American textbook with evolutionary concepts in it. Because of the Christian ideology that Gray had, God was the central figure in creation and evolution had a small part of the process of how nature changed over time. Over the next few decades subtle changes were made to the texts that gave less and less credibility to God. During this time there was a struggle with those that taught creation according to the Bible and evolution as taught by Darwin. Several sought middle ground, like Asa Gray, and came up with what is known as theistic evolution.

In 1920, this struggle gave way to a legal battle over education in the public

schools. Over the next few decades text books gave more and more credibility to evolution, even teaching it as fact and not theory in many cases. For some scientists, disproving that there is a god became their motivation for seeking out Darwinism. Thomas Huxley called himself "Darwin's bulldog" and fought for the cause, and yet by his own admission, he never thought Darwin's theory amounted to much scientifically. He was willing to defend any naturalistic theory as long as it provided an alternative to creation. This is just one example of the many evolution backers that dismiss scientific evidence for the theory, but adamantly support it because the alternative is God.

Why go into all of this? Because students are being taught that God does not exist. It starts out as simple science in grade school. Then it progresses to evolutionary ideas in middle school. By the time they get into high school, students are taught that the biblical account of creation opposes science. In college, they are taught that science has done away with God and anyone who still believes in Christianity is uneducated or stupid. That is why we are spending

November and December looking at "Creation vs. Evolution." We need to teach our young people what the Bible teaches, that it is truth, and that science backs it. I encourage parents reading this to take time and talk to your child about creation. See if they have any questions or struggles with this issue. And please...please, please, please let me know if there is any way that I can assist you in the process. Encourage your teenager to join us on Wednesday nights for what I believe is one of the most crucial studies that we do.

Serving the Savior,  
Joel McMullan

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Nov. - Dec:** We will begin a study on creation vs. evolution.

**Feb. 24-26:** High school / college ski trip, \$25 deposit due by Dec. 4.

**June 16-23:** Romania Mission Trip, \$100 deposit due by Nov. 27.

**Jan. 20-21:** YEC, \$10 deposit due by Nov. 20.

## COLLEGE MINISTRY

The College Ministry meets on Sunday evenings at 7:45 p.m. in The Warehouse. Our current study is College Ready. You can follow our events and updates on our Facebook page by searching for Fairlawn College Ministry.

### EVENTS

We will have a bowling night on Sunday, November 20 immediately following the evening service at Pike Street Lanes. Cost is \$5 per person. Please invite your college friends that are home for Thanksgiving break.

On February 24-26, we will have a ski

trip retreat to Snowshoe Resort. We will be going with the high school students, but will have separate Bible studies. The \$25 deposit is due by December 4.

If you are interested in going to Romania on a mission trip June 16-23, the \$100 deposit is due November 27.



# November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Elmer Woodring Anna Crow Cali Crow	3	4	5 Buck Malcolm Billy Winans Joe Medaglio Hayden Radcliff
6 Eddie Byers Marilyn Perry Kaitlyn Eaton	7 Thomas Currey	8 Wayne Towner  <i>Election Day</i>	9 Regina Kerby Seth Phillips	10	11  <i>Veterans' Day</i>	12 Lois Eaton
13 Cindy Coleman Carolyn Hardman	14	15	16 Mark Wilson Nicole Dooley	17 Joy McMullan	18	19 Ann Spade Beth Trimble Deanna Kinsolving Ashley Phillips
20 Ernest Evans Mindy Valentine Laura Thompson Emily Medaglio	21 Casey Seagraves Kelsey Eaton	22 Bob Barnes Michele Colteryahn	23 Maralu Craven	24 Cheryl Holliday Robert Hall Derek Springston  <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	25 Derek Currey Matthew Currey Jaylyne Morgan	26 Julie Springston Will White
27 Randy Jarvis Melvin Mills David Keatley Madison Evans	28	29 Michael Eaton	30 Mikayla Satow			

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