



Ola Cox

The Ola Cox mission week of prayer is Sept. 11-18. We will have a march for missions in both services on Sept. 18. The WV state goal is \$117,500.

Operation Shoebox

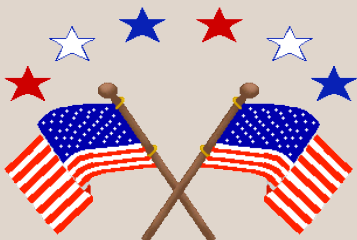


It's time for shoeboxes again! We will have our launch on Sept. 25.

This year, our church goal is to fill 450 boxes.

"Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow."

Isaiah 1:17



Labor Day



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We are entering the final quarter. Over the next four months we will remember where we were on 9/11, elect a Governor, and celebrate the fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and on to the New Year. I almost forget "are you ready for some football?" Fall is in the air.

It has been an incredibly busy and productive summer. We have seen God bless all areas of ministry. Our little ones are a true joy and a reminder of our need to minister to the whole family. We love kids here at Fairlawn. Our children have incredible dedicated leaders who love and invest in them week after week. Joel has had a summer to work and build relationships with our students who are ready to take their faith into the schools and beyond. We are thankful to have Jason Spade and family back with us and he is going to be leading our adult education and discipleship ministries. Our senior adults continue to rock; they are a blessing in so many ways. I am so thankful for all of our dedicated volunteers.

Throughout the month of September, you will find tables and displays surrounding the worship center. Our goal is to promote the many Bible fellowship classes we offer at 9:30 every Sunday morning. Many of you already belong to one of these classes, but we are wanting to get more involved in a small group Bible study. Our leadership is convinced that as God continues to bless and allow us to grow, we must continue to get smaller. Relationships are critical to this process. We want everyone to find a place to connect. If we don't currently offer a class where you fill like you fit, let us know and Jason and I will work to create a place for you to belong. We want to see the body of Christ grow and go. It is our desire for you to connect, grow, serve, and go.

We just recently finished our Wednesday night study of the book of Hebrews. Starting September 7th, we will begin studying the book of Romans. I want to encourage you to join us as we will go verse by verse to uncover what it is God desires for us to know and live. I am looking forward to see how God is going to use this study in my own life. I love the beauty and splendor of God's Word.

These are exciting days here at Fairlawn! I see so many willing to "do whatever it takes to reach one more for Christ." There is so much more we want to do with your help. Join us in this journey where "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." It is my joy to serve the Lord here with you at Fairlawn. I can hardly wait to see what God is going to do next. Hold on, it's going to be a fun ride!

Until the Whole World Hears,

Pastor Greg

Church tidbits

Service / Office Notes

There will be no evening service on Sept. 4. The church office will be closed on Sept. 5.

Senior Adults Ministry

SAM planning meeting is Sept. 7 at 10 a.m.

SAM meeting day is Sept. 15 at 10 a.m.

SAM will take a field trip to historic Pt. Pleasant on Sept. 23. We will leave at 11 a.m. from the church.

WMU

WMU will meet on Sept. 8 at 10 a.m.

Wednesday Meals

Wednesday evening meals return Sept 14. Watch the bulletin for menu and sign up.

Scrapbooking Event

There will be a scrapbooking event on Sept. 16 from 5 p.m.—11 p.m. and on Sept. 17 from 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

MomsNext

MomsNext will begin meeting again on Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Cindy Daley at (304) 488-2992 for more information.

Deacon Meeting

The deacons will meet on Sept. 18 following the evening service.

Beth Moore Simulcast



Cross Lanes Baptist Church in Cross Lanes, WV is hosting a Beth Moore Simulcast on September 10 from 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$25 and include lunch. With a group of 10 or more, ticket cost is \$19. Worship leader will be Travis Cottrell. Ladies will carpool from the church at 7:30 a.m.

Ruble's Sternwheeler Cruise

Our annual sternwheeler cruise will be September 11 from 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. We will start boarding at 4 p.m. We will depart promptly at 4:30 p.m.



Please note that the boarding location has changed. Follow OH Route 7 N from Belpre for 1 1/2 miles and turn right onto Joe Skinner Road. Go 1/2 mile to the Station Landing. Parking is in the lot between Station Carryout and Camelot Mobile Home Sales.

There will be a Patriotic Theme. The menu will consist of pulled pork, chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, and desserts. Bring your own drinks. Tickets are limited and will be \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for seniors and children.

VBS Post-2011 / Pre-2012 Meeting

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in room 118 for all those who helped with VBS this past summer or are interested in helping next summer. We will discuss ideas on how to make next year even better. All teachers, craft workers, music leaders, mission workers, and recreation workers are welcome!

Bible Fellowship and Discipleship

This going to be a very exciting month for our classes! We are having a Bible Fellowship emphasis month and the displays around the foyer are going to let anyone who does not have a class, know what we are all about. October 2 is our high attendance weekend so be sure and INVITE, INVITE, INVITE!

Bible Fellowship is where we will have the greatest opportunity for the salvation of people and the spiritual growth of members. Roughly 50 percent of all people that attend a small group will come to know Christ as their savior. Roughly 34 percent of those that attend small groups regularly will become involved in other parts of the ministry of the church. Those numbers tell us how

important it is to grow and develop our Bible Fellowship opportunity.

For anyone that is interested and feeling called to be involved in teaching, please contact me either by email, in person, or by phone. We are in need of teachers and alternates for a couple of different classes. Please be aware that we are looking to offer new kinds and times for classes so if you have ideas please convey those.

Our first men's bible study is underway and it has been amazing to see how many signed up for our first go at this. The ladies' study has had a tremendous turn out as well. Both of these have given excellent opportunities for discipleship and we

look very forward to seeing what else we can offer in this vain.

The next meeting for the Bible Fellowship teachers is October 16 at 5 p.m. The topics for that meeting will be focusing on strengthening our grasp of basic Baptist doctrine and solidifying our outreach leaders for the coming year. We are a part of something that changes people and grows people's spiritual lives. We should thank God every day for the opportunity to lead and minister to His people.

Thank you again for letting me serve you!

God Bless!!
Jason Spade

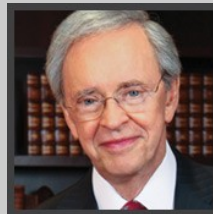
“Doing whatever it takes to reach one more for Christ”

MEN AND BOYS RETREAT

The statewide annual men and boys retreat will be Sept. 16-17 at Camp Caesar in Cowen, WV. The guest speaker is Craig Culbreth, the Partnership Missions Director of the Florida Baptist Convention. The cost is \$5 per person. Activities include archery, fishing, horseshoes, marksmanship, softball, and missions leader training. Bring your own bedding, towels, and other personal items. You may also bring a guitar, banjo, etc. for bluegrass pickin’.

Fall Jubilee 2011 Conference

The senior adults who have already registered will be attending the Fall Jubilee September 26-28 in Gatlinburg, TN. Speakers include Dr. Charles Stanley, Johnny Hunt, and Aaron Wilburn. Musical guests include Gaither Vocal Band and Pat Boone. We will announce a departing time soon. There are no more spaces available.



Dr. Stanley

Youth Turkey Shoot

The Sportsmen’s Ministry is sponsoring a turkey shoot for youth on September 24 from 2-4 p.m. Please sign up in the Worship Foyer. There will be safety training prior to the shoot.

Virtuous Reality



Virtuous Reality is a puppet team from Lancaster, Ohio. They use blacklights and neon puppets to tell biblical messages. They will perform at church on Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to invite children who may not attend church.

Creative Arts Ministry

The first of the school year has started, the maple tree on the right side of our house has begun to change color and loose a few leaves. All of these things signal a change of season. If you have noticed, there has been a change in the worship center as well. Beginning September 4, we will be adding drums to the praise band. It is something that has been needed for a very long time, and I am excited to see how God is going to use this instrument to bring more people to help us during our time of lifting praises to Him. Be in prayer for these people.

We have also changed the name of our ministry. We will no longer be known as the Music Ministry but the Creative Arts Ministry. With all of the talent we have at our church in the area of fine arts, we need to start to try and encompass more than just music. To that end, Denise Vardell has agreed to join the Creative Arts Ministry Team. Her main focus will be drama. No longer will drama be tied to musicals presented by the choir, even though it will still be a part. Drama will be a part of our

ministry that will be able to stand on its own. If you are interested in working in front or behind the scenes with our drama team, please let Denise know. I am sure she will appreciate the help.

Another area of the Creative Arts Ministry that we are going to be developing over the next year deals with interpretive movement. I don’t know if you were able to see Tina and her friend when they did special music, but it was very moving. Tina Huddleston has agreed to take this part of the ministry on. If you would be interested in being involved in this, please contact Tina. We are not just looking for youth. This is a ministry open to all ages.

A season of change. Thank you for your continued support of our Creative Arts Ministry. You make it a joy to serve such wonderful and loving people.

Rick Morgan
Music Director



This is the beginning of the 25th year

of the Preschool Learning Center. We are to start this year with newly painted rooms. The rooms look awesome.

The week of the August 22, the teachers and I met with our preschool family. It was an exciting week. It was so nice to hear little ones in the hallways. We were amazed how many of the little ones do not want to leave to go home, it makes us feel good.

A BIG THANK YOU to our church family for their donations during the month of August. It made “Stepping into Preschool” a success.

If you would like to come and read to the little ones or just play with them, the teachers and I would love to have you.

Thank your for all of your love and support.
God Bless,
Georgeanna Bird
Director

Prayground

Volunteers Needed

The Prayground staff is building teams for both morning services. If you would like to volunteer to serve in the Prayground, contact Julie Morgan at (304) 482-5595.

Lock-in

The Prayground is sponsoring a lock-in for children in 1st through 5th grades on Oct. 21-22.

THE WAREHOUSE

Student Ministry

THOUGHTS FROM JOEL

In an attempt to encourage him to take up golfing, a friend once took Ulysses S. Grant to a golf course, where the president observed a novice player hacking at the grass around a tee without touching the ball. "That does look like very good exercise," Grant declared, "but what is the little white ball for?"

It is a funny story, but I am afraid that it could also be a good illustration of the church. People see cars parked outside. They watch people go in and people go out. But there is often a disconnect between what people learn at church and what people live outside of it. I'm curious how many people could tell me what the church is for. What is its purpose? Why do people go? Why does it exist?

Purpose is a word that I have been looking at a lot lately. President John F. Kennedy once said, "Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction." He is right! And I am certain that churches are filled with people without purpose. So what is the purpose of the

church? What is the reason Fairlawn Baptist Church exist?

Our purpose statement reads, "Doing whatever it takes to reach one more for Christ." That is our purpose. In anything we do, we must ask if this purpose fits. Lifeway has put together a wonderful four part model of how to go about this. It is the "connect, grow, serve, go" strategy. Here are four simple questions to answer to see how you are doing: Do you know Christ and are you connecting to Him daily? Are you growing in your faith by deepening your knowledge of the scripture and applying it to life? Are you currently serving others through the local church? Are you making Christ known to the world around you?

When we can say "YES!" to these questions, there is a pretty good chance that you are following God's purpose for Fairlawn Baptist Church and also God's plan for your life!

Serving the Savior,
Joel McMullan

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 30 and Oct. 7:

Youth are helping with concessions at the Parkersburg South



games. We will get \$50 per game for the youth budget. Please see Joel if you are able to help.

Sept. - Oct.: During these months, we will doing an in-depth study on the cross.

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

Trunk or Treat

Get out your jack-o-lanterns. Trunk or Treat will be here before you know it! It will be October 29 from 4-7 p.m. We will have food, inflatables, games, and CANDY!

We will need lots of candy donations. We will start collecting candy on Sept. 1 in the Worship Foyer. We are also looking for individuals, Bible Fellowship classes, ministry teams, or any group to participate in decorating trunks to give out candy. This would be a good opportunity for ministry teams to get info out about their ministry to our community.

If you are willing to help in any way, contact Susan Wright at (304) 588-2010.

