



The Messenger

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If you've been around the testing of any sort of microphone equipment, it's likely you've heard this phrase, as constant speaking is necessary for sound adjustments to be made.

We recently upgraded our sound system in the sanctuary, which includes a new video streaming platform. This was all made possible thanks to some generous donations. With our wonderful staff and volunteers, we are hopeful to continue these enhancements, for both services, so that the joy of our worship services may continue to be more accessible to all.

Microphones and sound systems aren't the only things being checked these days. Our current sermon series on the "fruit of the spirit," is, in its own way, a bit of a mic check. Together, we are reflecting upon the gifts the Spirit has bestowed our community, that we may faithfully respond to God's grace as we live our lives in gratitude to what God has done for us. Faithful living requires constant attention to our words and actions.

"Check...check...am I coming through clearly?" Are our friends, family, and neighbors able to identify the fruit of the spirit within us? Have we been living lives of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness, and self-control? At the least, perhaps we've at least memorized that list by now...or can sing the wonderfully catchy song the praise band has been leading every Sunday.

Perhaps we need "microphone check" to pray and search inwardly if this fruit is growing, blossoming, and being shared. Perhaps we as a

church community could be doing the same.

Just as we went through a process of evaluating our needed changes for the sound system...we are also in the midst of determining our identity, our characteristics, and our gifts as a church. Our mission study will serve as a microphone check for us...so that we may discern who we are, and if we are being heard clearly. How are we living our lives of faith? How are we proclaiming Jesus Christ as a community...and how do we need to turn the knobs, make adjustments, so that our witness is at its best? I look forward to continuing on that journey with all of you.

"Check...check...sounds perfect!"

In Christ,



Member News

Dale Berry has moved. Her new address is 8230 Bald Cypress Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23111-6126. Please be sure to change this on your directory.



Janice Bailly, Vicky Beamer, Brenda Blue's mother, **Lorraine Creech, Beverly Burts' grandson, Russ, Becky Clark, Nancy Clark, Sam Endicott, Jim**

France's father, **Jim, Sr., Kaylyn McGee, Donna Richbourg, Cory Walter, Richard Walden's** wife, **Nancy, Barbara Wash, Mike & Melody Watson's** niece, **Ollie May Joachim, Ed Wolfgang, Richard & Deborah Wood's** son **Jonathan**, and all those who serve as missionaries abroad plus those who serve our nation.

Please remember our homebound members who are unable to get to church: **Margaret Barlow, John Crowe, Reggie Crump, Dot Gammon, Ruth Harpster, Merrilyn Jones, Eva Ladd, Laverne Longest, Elizabeth Moorhouse, Nancy Norment, Helen Rigsby, Larry Rigsby, Betty Wade, Jack Ward, Don Wells, and Sherri Woodburn.**



(Please update Pastor Richard, Pastor Nancy or Pastor Mike in the church office as often as possible if you wish to keep your name or your loved one's name on this list.)



to our newest members! On July 12, **Bennie & Joan Tomlinson** joined our family at the 11am service. Their address is 8172 Brook Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Their phone number is 804-723-4275.

We also welcomed **Brandon Rice** on July 19 at the 9am service. Brandon is married to Lauren who transferred here from Beulah. They have two children, Scarlett & Colton. Their phone number is 804-296-1271 and their address is 6899 Whiskey Hill Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

Let's show our new members some love!



I would like to thank each of you for all the birthday cards I received for my birthday. I was overjoyed to receive all the wonderful cards!

Dot Gammon



Dave Starzer	August 1
Ivy Lightsey	August 2
Brian Clark	August 4
David Jones	August 6
Keelyn Underdown	August 7
Kendall Underdown	August 7
LeVonne Neuharth	August 8
Donna Horn	August 12
Rob Blue	August 13
Rick Heretick	August 13
Peggie Rosen	August 14
Calvin Pearson	August 15
Helen Rigsby	August 17
Lori Briel	August 18
Joyce Ziglar	August 18
Barbara Cooper	August 19
Billy Putze	August 20
Hunter Glass	August 21

Lexie Horn	August 21
Jake Lake	August 21
Linda Daugherty	August 24
Mark Schneck	August 24
Topher Carson	August 25
Dee Griffin	August 26
Amanda Lee	August 28
Justin Harvey	August 29
Sue Coulter	August 30
Faye Sandridge	August 30



Bruce & Cathy Jenkins	August 1
Larry & Fran Hansbrough	August 3
Mike & Beth Weber	August 3
Noah & Ashley Clark	August 7
Linwood & Carolyn Ingram	August 8
Sean & Melanie Magill	August 10
Dennis & Tracy Sulser	August 11
Arnold & LaVonne Neuharth	August 12
Gerry & Celeste Underdown	August 12
Don & Joan Ross	August 20
Bob & Sharon Gaston	August 21
Bob & Elizabeth Moorhouse	August 22
Bill & Cory Walter	August 22



A knit or crocheted item can be inspired by many different things. In honor of our 250th anniversary, one of our members was inspired to create a patriotic red, white and blue lap robe. The Prayer Shawl Ministry decided to honor a veteran with that lap robe. On July 2nd the lap robe was delivered to Jack Ward in honor of his service to our country and for all the work he has done for fellow veterans. He was very pleased to accept this honor.

If you would like to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry, we meet the first Wednesday of every month. If you don't know how to knit or crochet,

we would be glad to help you learn.

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Wednesday, August 5 at 10:00am in the Barlow Parlor.

Anna Barrowclough



NURSERY SCHEDULE

9:00am Nursery

Aug. 2	Allison Letourneau & Abbey Glass
Aug. 9	Nikki Glass & McKenna Blue
Aug. 16	Anne Young & Zachary Letourneau
Aug. 23	Angela Schwartz & Majken Whitaker
Aug. 30	Marge Wantz & Barbara vanSteenburg

"Chair"ishing our Memories

The Memorial Garden and Columbarium Committee is helping the Facilities Management Committee clear out and make some more room. Join the many people who are offering to decorate a solid wooden children's chair. These chairs have been a part of Fairfield Church since its time on Harvie Road. Use your creativity to decorate your chair. You can use a nature theme, your favorite Bible verse, America 250, or one of the many ideas found on Pinterest or Google. Return your painted chair to church by Labor Day. This fall there will be an auction of these creations with the proceeds used to help finance the Memorial Garden. Use your creativity to help the garden become a reality. Just let us know if you are taking a chair and if you have any questions. Thanks!



Memorial Garden & Columbarium
Committee

**Chair painted by Kylee Smith*

August 2026
Preaching Schedule for Fairfield
"Fruit of the Spirit"
From Galatians 5:22-23

Aug. 2- Mike "KINDNESS"
Aug. 9 - Nancy "GOODNESS"
Aug. 16- Mike "FAITHFULNESS"
Aug. 23- Richard "GENTLENESS"
Aug. 30 - Nancy "SELF-CONTROL"



Fall Adult Small Groups are Coming!

Be on the lookout this month for signups for a 6-week run of small groups, which will start in early September. We will have a variety of options on different days and times, opportunities for you to connect with other members of this church and grow in faith alongside one another.



Fairfield Youth Group continues to be on break until school returns. We're in the process of recruiting advisors, teachers, and setting up a schedule for the year. Kickoff will take place after Rally Day Sunday.



Online Worship Streaming Updates...

Thanks to a generous donation, and our hardworking A/V volunteers at Fairfield, our 11am service is not equipped with a new streaming service called RESI. Sunday services can be viewed on our website, here: <https://fairfieldpcusa.org/worship/watch-live-new/>. Our 9am service will continue to be streamed on our YouTube page at the moment. In coming days, we'll explore the possibility of integrating RESI with our 9am service, as well as expanding our streaming to social media. Thank you for your patience!



**Flower Ministry Sign-Ups for 9am and 11am
Worship**

We continue to be blessed with a wonderful flower ministry that enhances our worship services, and livens the homes of those who receive them after worship. Please consider signing up on the flower calendar by the Barlow Parlor and a NEW sign up sheet on the Welcome Center bulletin board. There's a \$75 suggested donation for these flowers, and they're available to be taken with you following the 11am worship service every Sunday.

BACK-2-SCHOOL

2026

SWAP



FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6930 COLD HARBOR ROAD
MECHANICSVILLE, VA 23111
FAMILY CENTER

STEP 1: DONATE

DROP OFF BABY TO TEEN CLOTHING (+COATS.+SHOES) ON ONE OF THE DONATION DAYS BELOW.

✓ CLEAN, GENTLY USED ITEMS ONLY

✗ NO UNDERGARMENTS

✗ NO STAINED OR TORN CLOTHING

👉 YOU WILL RECEIVE A VOUCHER WITH THE TOTAL # OF ITEMS DONATED

DONATION DAYS:

- THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH | 8:30 AM -10:00 AM
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH | 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH | 6:00 PM-8:00 PM



STEP 2: SHOP

COME BACK SATURDAY, **AUGUST 15TH** AND SHOP WITH YOUR VOUCHER:

🕒 8:00 AM-11:00 AM

OPEN TO ANYONE IN NEED (NO DONATION REQUIRED) ON SWAP DAY FROM:

🕒 10:00-11:00 AM

PLEASE SORT CLOTHES BY GENDER AND SIZE BEFORE ARRIVING.

TABLES ARE LABELED: 0-12M, 12-18M, 18-24M, 2T, 3T, 4T, 5/6, 7/8, 10/12, 14/16, TEEN (SEE BELOW)

NOTE: TEEN GIRLS CLOTHES WILL BE DIVIDED BY SIZE (XS/S/M/L/XL)

SORTING TABLES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SITE IF NEEDED.

REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE HANOVER FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT AND BILTMORE BAPTIST CHURCH



RALLY DAY!

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION KICKOFF SUNDAY!

All ages are welcome to join us as we kick off the
new church school year, meet teachers, learn
about small groups, and more!

SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13TH
10:00AM IN
HERITAGE HALL

RALLY DAY *Picnic*



**COOKOUT FOOD PROVIDED
BRING SIDE DISHES TO SHARE!**

**FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
4:30-6:30PM**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00am -9:45am Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center) 9:45am -10:45am Sunday School 11:00am -1:00pm New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center) 11:00am -12:00pm Traditional Worship (sanctuary) 1:00pm -4:00pm Baby Shower for Ashley Foster (HH)	27 5:30pm -7:30pm Pickleball (FC) 6:00pm -8:00pm AA Group (#29)	28 12:30pm -2:30pm Pickleball (FC) 5:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14) 6:30pm -7:30pm Line Dancing (Family Center)	29 5:30pm -7:30pm Pickleball (FC) 8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)	30 11:00am -1:00pm Pickleball (FC) 1:00pm -3:00pm Mahjong Get-Together (FC) 6:30pm -9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center, 29, 31)	31	1 Communion Set-Up (Small Kitchen) 10:00am -12:00pm Rise Against Hunger Event (Family Center)
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Under-Aged Thinking

Puzzle!



Use the Scripture verses below to locate the places in the puzzle. (If a verse mentions more than one place, only one appears in the puzzle, so choose carefully.) Circle each place as you find it.
Answers go: → ↓ ↘

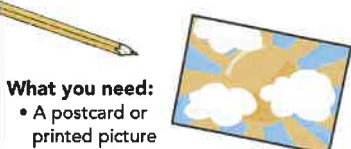
Genesis 2:15	Isaiah 23:1	Luke 24:13
Genesis 11:9	Isaiah 23:2	John 2:1
Genesis 35:1	Isaiah 23:3	Acts 8:5
Exodus 13:18	Jonah 1:2	Acts 11:22
Ruth 1:1	Matthew 3:6	Acts 17:16
1 Kings 18:19	Matthew 4:18	Romans 1:15
1 Chronicles 11:4	Matthew 26:36	

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T	O	W	E	R	O	F	B	A	B	E	L

Answers: Garden of Eden, Tower of Babel, Bethel, Red Sea, Bethlehem, Mount Carmel, Jerusalem, Tyre, Sidon, Nile, Nineveh, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Emmaus, Cana, Samaria, Antioch, Athens, Rome

Make a postcard puzzle

Summer is full of little moments that remind us that God is guiding each step. Like a puzzle, he brings every piece together in his time.



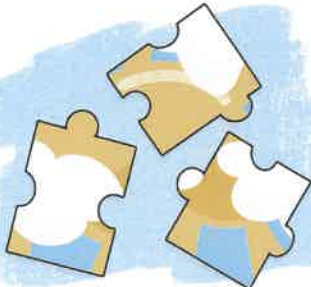
What you need:

- A postcard or printed picture
- Scissors
- Pencil (optional, for guiding your cuts)
- Envelope or small bag (for storing pieces)



What you do:

1. Flip your postcard over and lightly draw puzzle shapes or cut freely.
2. Cut the postcard into a mix of big and small pieces.
3. Mix up the pieces and try to put the picture back together.
4. Store the pieces in an envelope so you can use it again later.





Bible Quiz



Jesus said that his followers are the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). It wouldn't do much good to hide a light under a bushel, he said. It should be put on a lamp-stand to give light in the house. Then Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see ..."



Choose the ending of Jesus' sentence:

- A. their way and not stumble.
- B. how good and faithful you are as my servants.
- C. your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
- D. in their darkness.

Answer: C (Matthew 5:16, NIV)

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