



2017

Fairview Focus

A Word From Our Pastor

Hello Church Family,

Here we are in 2017. It seems like yesterday that we started praying for revival - we start praying for revival in January 2016. What a year 2016 has been for the church body. We have seen the kingdom of God expand along with our ministry and witness.

As you begin 2017, I want to give you a few things to think about for this new year.

Do you have plan to grow in your knowledge of Jesus Christ through His Word? I suggest committing yourselves to go to Sunday School and Worship each Sunday. But you know, that is the beginning point of this discipline. Get a plan to read your Bible – name the time, place, and what you are going to read. Don't miss your appointment with the Creator. Youversion.com can help you with finding free reading plans.

Do you have a plan to share your story, give a tract, and pray for people? Keeps tracts with you. Set it in your heart before the Lord that you will share Jesus more this year than ever before. For some, 2016 will be their last year and they need Jesus. We have the privilege, responsibility, and task to share Jesus with them. Be faithful.

Do you have a plan to grow in your generosity this year? We are most like God when we are giving. Thankfully God is incredibly generous towards us. Plan your monthly budget. I love the website/application everydollar.com as a tool for budgeting. We have used this app for over a year. It helps us tell our money where to go. We are able to prioritize being generous at the beginning of the month. God has been faithful to us and I want you to experience His faithfulness in giving as well.

Do you have a plan to grow in your service this year? How is the Lord stirring up in your heart to serve? How has He gifted you to serve? Go, serve joyfully in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God do exceedingly and abundantly more in and through His church at Fairview in 2017.

Blessings,
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Churchwide Events:

January 1

Lord's Supper

January 15

Baptist Men Sunday

January 22

Gospel Project for Kids
Bible Studies for Men and Women

Experiencing Revival Everyday

John 1:1 states: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*" Through His Word, we can know God's plan for His creation, but also to know your God in a personal way. Think about and meditate on what you read. Pray the scriptures. Reading His Word we can hear God's voice anytime. Let Him show you who He is. Consider making this your prayer for 2017: *Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep thy law.* (Psalms 11: 33-34). Let us resolve to strengthen our prayer lives this year because as we *draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to you* (James 4:8). Have a blessed 2017!

Kingdom Prayer Coordinators

WMCU

Thanks again to all of you who contributed to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. After our December meeting we visited church members and church friends either who are home bound or in assisted living. We are also cleaning the nursery, trying to keep the germs to a minimum! We meet monthly on the second Tuesday, with our next meeting being on January 10th at 10 am. Please join us, we'd love to have you!

Jennifer White

BYW

The BYW met on December 12 in the Fellowship Hall and began our new study *Open Your Bible: God's Word is For You and For Now*. While this study does have a short video, it also has a lot of discussion among our group. We also agreed to help a young woman who is having some financial difficulties by purchasing some household items. We met on Saturday, December 31 to take down the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary--many thanks to the ladies who helped! Also, mark your calendars for our Ladies Conference on March 25. Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 9 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be continuing our study and would love to invite any ladies in the church to join us! We've only done one section so there is still plenty of time to catch up!

Holly Whitaker

Connect

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! The Connect Ministry is excited about this new year and has a couple things we want to make sure you are aware of...

- 1) We will be beginning the study, *Breaking Free*, written by Beth Moore, on January 22 at 6 pm. This is a 10-week DVD driven study that helps us find freedom from the spiritual strongholds in our lives. The cost of the workbook is \$16 and can be picked up at our first meeting on January 22. We hope you will join us!
- 2) We will be heading to Charleston, SC, April 28-30 for a time of fellowship and Bible study! We will be staying at an ocean front beach house that sleeps up to 47 people, so there is plenty of room for you to join us! Your total payment of \$100 should be given by February 12 for your spot to be reserved. Checks can be made payable to Fairview Baptist Church. There will be an insert in the bulletin giving more information but if you have any additional questions please contact Heather Bryan.

Heather Bryan

Children's Ministry

Happy New Year's everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and is looking forward to a wonderful new year at Fairview Baptist Church. The children took a break during December from the Gospel Project, but it will start up again on Sunday, January 22 at 6:00 PM. Although it seems far away, we will also be finding out interest in going to summer camp again in July to Uplands Reach. I will be placing a form at the back of the church for families to sign up for those children who would be interested in attending. It will be held the second week in July. Also, go ahead and mark your calendar for VBS and be praying for that event which will be the last week in July. Again I hope this will be a great new year at Fairview Baptist. Please continue to pray for the children's ministry and for the families of those children represented. And please pray for the children's workers of our church. Thank you.

Andrea Poindexter
Preschool and Children's Minister

Prayer Quilt Ministry

Year 2016 was a productive time of work and ministry. In review, 69 prayer quilts were made and delivered: 6 were presented to couples, 6 to children and youth, 17 to men, and 40 to women. Thanks to all who supported Fairview's Prayer Quilt Ministry during 2016. Looking ahead to 2017, these are the following scheduled workshops:

January 16	May 1	August 7	October 30
February 6	May 22	August 28	November 20
February 27	June 12	September 18	December 4
March 20	<i>Summer Break</i>	October 9	<i>Winter Break</i>
April 10			

You are invited to join us this year as we reach out to "cover in prayer" those dealing with physical, emotional, and spiritual life issues. Have a blessed 2017!

Donna Dobbins

Church Library

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas filled with many blessings!

The new Church Library has had a busy first four months, since it started back in September! We are looking forward to the new year and what God has in store!

There are many new items, including additional books and DVD's, that have been donated! We are so appreciative of the continuous flow of donated items that keep coming in! Our church family is such a blessing! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

If you would like to place a book, a DVD, etc., "In Memory Of", or, "In Honor Of" a friend or loved one, please see me and I will label it appropriately, with the name of the special person, inside. What a thoughtful and meaningful gift this makes!

If you haven't been by to visit the Church Library, lately, I challenge you to do so! You may just be surprised at what you may find that interests you!

Happy Very Blessed New Year 2017 To All!

Linda Matthis
Church Librarian



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year! Lord's Supper	2	3	4 6:00 Fellowship Meal 7:00—Church Conference 7:30 Choir Practice	5	6	7
8 Gideon Speaker	9 7:00—BYW	10 10:00—WMU	11 7:00—Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice	12	13	14
15 Baptist Men's Day	16	17	18 7:00—Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice	19	20	21
22 8:00 a.m.—Baptist Men 6:00—Bible Studies for Men & Women and Gospel Project for Kids	23	24	25 7:00—Bible Study 7:30 Choir Practice	26	27	28
29	30	31				