

# A Word From Our Pastor

By my estimation one of the most reverent places in our country is the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery. As an eighth grader, I went there on a field trip there. I do not remember a lot about that trip but the impression that the Tomb of the Unknowns and the changing of the guard has stuck with me. That is probably my favorite place in our capital.

The Tomb contains the remains of a WWI Unknown, WWII Unknown, and a Korean War Unknown. A Vietnam Unknown was exhumed from the tomb after being identified in 1998 by DNA testing. The inscription over where the Vietnam Unknown was interred now reads, "Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen."

The Tomb of the Unknown is a place to remember the thousands of soldiers who have given their life for our freedoms, including the freedom of speech and religion. They have done so without any recognition on this earth.

That memory of that place reminds me that there are millions of saints who have served the Lord faithfully without any fanfare, plaques, or awards. They have simply believed that they were storing up treasures in heaven. They never gave up on doing good deeds and loving one another. They believed that God would see them, judge them, and reward them. They are unknown saints without a PHD in theology and without books being written about them. They are the faithful.

This truth has been on my heart because so many of you serve the Lord so well at Fairview. You do things that no one sees and you seek no earthly reward or recognition. You visit the sick, visit our guest, volunteer to serve, you give, you make a meal for someone, you clean off snow, you make a call to someone who needs encouragement, you give a kind smile, and you love.

Who you are and what you do does not go unnoticed. As you pastor, I am grateful for you. Thank you for being you. But most importantly, God sees you. He sees your humility, grace, and mercy. He is going to reward you. Thank you.

Let us keep serving the Lord together because we will never regret giving Him everything we have.

Thanks for letting me be your pastor,

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Fairview Focus

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## Churchwide Events:

Bible Study for Children, Men and Women

Sunday, Feb. 12, 19, & 26

Fellowship Meal &  
Church Conference  
Wednesday, Feb. 8

## Experiencing Revival Everyday

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LOVE – God is love! His love for mankind is boundless. Throughout the Bible, the topic of love is ever-present. Three basic types of love are identified in the scriptures:

The love of God for man (John 3:16, Romans 5:8)

Man's love for God (Psalm 91:14, Proverbs 8:17)

Love of Christians for others (John 13:34, Romans 13:8-10)

The gift of grace through knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior directs our love beyond our relatives, friends, church family, and associates. This love must be extended to all God's children, our neighbors, even our enemies. Let us continue to love unconditionally, pray the scriptures and seek revival. Pray that the Holy Spirit will deepen our love for Jesus; pray that we will confess Jesus to the unfaithful and unbelievers so lives can be forever transformed.

**Kingdom Prayer Coordinators**

## WMU

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WMU did not meet in January due to inclement weather. Our next meeting is February 14 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us! We'd love to see you!!

**Jennifer White**

## BYW

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The BYW missed our January meeting due to inclement weather. We will meet on February 13 at 7:00 and continue our study *Open Your Bible*. We are looking forward to our Ladies Conference on March 25 with Ginger Williams and hope the ladies in the church will be able to attend. We will have tickets available soon. The price of the ticket covers the cost of the meal.

**Holly Whitaker**

## A Joyful Noise

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**We were created to worship the Lord...to worship in spirit and in truth, to worship with all our heart and soul and to worship Him alone!**

**Psalm 100**

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his ; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**Lisha High  
Worship Leader**

## Children's Ministry

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The children's ministry of Fairview is excited to have started back on Sunday nights at six with the children going through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation through the Gospel project for kids. We have just finished in Deuteronomy and are starting to go into the book of Leviticus. I'm so very thankful for the teachers that we have that are coming to help on Sunday night to teach the children from God's word. The children are also meeting now on Wednesday nights after our fellowship meal then we are skipping a Wednesday and then they will be meeting with either Rickey Dobbins or with Linda Matthis. Linda Matthis plans to spend some time with them in the library reading stories and activities. We are also in the process of finding out interest in the children's camp at Uplands Reach for this summer the second week in July. Parents please let me know if your child is interested in attending this camp. I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful Valentine's Day being thankful for God's love and showing it to others

**Andrea Poindexter**  
**Preschool and Children's Minister**

## Prayer Quilt Ministry

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The first meeting of 2017 was held on January 16 with 13 attending. The devotional focused on a "Prayer for the New Year" and on recording blessings realized throughout 2017. For the first time since the beginning of this Fairview ministry, a supply of available prayer quilts now exceeds requests. If you know of others who are dealing with physical, emotional, or spiritual issues who need to be "covered" in prayer, and, who may like to receive a prayer quilt from Fairview, please contact any Prayer Quilt Ministry participant. Our desire is to reach out to, pray for, and minister to those who suffer. **February workshops: 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**

## Prayer Shawl

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Last year, the Prayer Shawl Ministry donated 111 shawls to the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital Regional Cancer Center. These shawls went to inpatients and outpatients receiving their cancer treatments at the hospital. We will be meeting at 7pm on February 6th and February 20th. We invite anyone interested in making shawls for these cancer patients or learning how to crochet/knit shawls to join us these nights. We look forward to seeing you!

**Megan Quance**

## Church Library

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The Church Library is always open for anyone that wants to browse or check out any of books, DVD's, CD's, CD-Rom's, or board games, that are available. REMINDER: If the desk is unattended, you are welcome to browse and still check out items! Just sign the check-out card and leave the card in the container, on the table. A basket is conveniently located underneath the table, for any return items.

Attention Children: On February 15, 2017 (third Wednesday in Feb.), I will be reading aloud, a story in the Church Library. Afterwards, we will do a fun craft, followed by snacks, and check-out time. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Happy Valentine's Day!

**Linda Matthis**  
**Church Librarian**



# February



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1</p> <p>7:00 Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 Choir Practice</p>	2	3	4
<p>5</p> <p>Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 a.m.— Prayer Quilt</p> <p>7:00 p.m.— Prayer Shawl</p>	7	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 Fellowship Meal</p> <p>7:00 Church Conference</p> <p>Children's Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 Choir Practice</p>	9	10	11
<p>12</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Bible Study for Children, Women and Men</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 p.m.— BYW</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1000 a.m.— WMU</p> <p></p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 Choir Practice</p>	16	17	18
<p>19</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Bible Study for Children, Women and Men</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 p.m.— Prayer Shawl</p>	21	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 Bible Study</p> <p>Children's Bible Study w/ Linda</p> <p>7:30 Choir Practice</p>	23	24	25
<p>26</p> <p>8:00 a.m.—Baptist Men Breakfast</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Bible Study for Children, Women and Men</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Prayer Quilt</p>	28				