

Fairview Focus  
March 2017



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## A Word from Our Pastor

*A few years ago, I ran across a leadership principle that was taught by Dan Cathy of Chick-fill-a. The principle is simple yet profound, "vision leaks" . The idea behind the principle is that organizations and people often forget the vision that they have for themselves. Organizations have vision but over the time become like a tire with a nail hole in it ... they leak. Then it is the responsibility of leadership to pump the air back in , or to recast vision.*

*In the past six months, God has put something in my heart, and in the heart of the church, that has been unique. We have been sharing the Gospel with our family, friends, classmates, and coworkers. We have been giving out the tracts, sharing our stories, and praying with servers. We have been holding each other accountable to this vision in various meetings. We are doing more than praying for the lost, we are reaching the lost with the message of Christ. I am proud of what the Lord is doing through us.*

*However, in the last two weeks I missed an easy opportunity to share the Gospel. I wish that I could say that I had a good reason for not sharing, but I do not. In that moment, the vision had leaked out of me. Maybe some of you are experiencing the leaking of vision as well.*

*To put that vision back in our hearts we will be going through how to use the tract, "Steps to Peace with God", during the **March 5** worship service. We want to pump the vision back in as we enter the lead up to Easter. May we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ everyday by sharing His good news.*

**Blessings / Blue Bryan**

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## Baptist Men

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Greetings from the Baptist Men. We met Sunday, February 26th for breakfast. There were 14 men in attendance. Graham Atkinson was our speaker and challenged us to make decisions and carry out tasks only with and through Jesus Christ. He shared personal experiences where he had jumped ahead and attempted to make decisions based on his own ability or with those that surrounded him. It was something that each man in the room could relate to and I'm sure that everyone reading this can attest to as well.

I would like to invite any man reading this come to the next breakfast on **Sunday, March 26th at 8:00AM**. In Christ,

**Brandon Whitaker / Baptist Men**

## WMU

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At our last meeting we had a wonderful time of sharing and fellowship. Linda Poindexter reminded us of how much God loves us and that nothing can separate us from His love!

We are thankful of God's love and want you to know that we love you too! If you have a special need or prayer request, please see any WMU member. We are here for you and would love to pray for you! Our next meeting is **March 14 at 10AM** in the fellowship Hall, Please join us.

**Jennifer White / WMU**

## Joyful Noise

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Join us on **Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** for a special worship service celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



Because He Lives...  
Amen!

AN EASTER CELEBRATION OF PRAISE

Mark your calendar and plan to invite a guest!

**Lisha High / Worship Director**

## BYW

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The BYW met on February 13th in the Fellowship Hall for our meeting and bible study. We made plans for our *Ladies Conference on March 25th*. Our speaker is Ginger Williams and her message will be "Come Just As You Are." We would like to invite all ladies in the church to attend and encourage you to invite others from outside our church as well! Please see a BYW member for *tickets by March 12*. Tickets are \$10 each.

The BYW will meet again on *March 24th at 6:00 PM* to decorate the Fellowship Hall for the meal.

*Holly Whitaker / BYW President*

## Connect

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Connect is currently working through Beth Moore's Bible Study "Breaking Free" and would love to have you join us! This study focuses on breaking through the bondage we find ourselves in due to sinful struggles and its proving to be awesome in leading us on this journey to freedom. This is a DVD driven study, so even if you have not purchased a book or haven't attended any previous sessions, you can still jump in at any time

*Heather Bryan / Connect*

## Church Library

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*Happy "Almost" Spring to Everyone!*

On Wednesday night, February 15, 2017, eleven children gathered with me, in the Church Library for a read-aloud story and follow-up Bible verses. After discussion and sharing time, the children did a craft that went along with the story. The children then, enjoyed some snacks and check-out time in the Library. A fun-filled time was had by all!

Spring is in the air, for sure, and the flowers are starting to bloom! Step in the Church Library and you will see a touch of Spring! Adults, teenagers, and children, alike ... Come and choose something to read, play, listen to, or watch, from the many choices of items to choose from! We look forward to you enjoying the Church Library  
*Linda Matthis / Church Librarian*

## Preschool & Children

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The children's ministry has many things going on right now, as well as in the future. We have started with our third segment of the *Gospel project for kids on Sunday nights*. We are having very good attendance at those classes. The children are learning so much in their study of the books of the Bible from Genesis through Revelation.

The children's choir will be meeting on *March 5 and March 19 at 5:30 PM*. They are beginning to practice for a musical that will be held in *May*.

Also, the children will have Bible study on *Wednesday, March 8 & 15*. I will be leading the Bible study on *March 8* and Rickey Dobbins will be leading the Bible study on *March 15*.

The Children's Council will be meeting on *March 9 at 7PM*. Please let us know if there's anything that you like to suggest for us to discuss at our council meetings.

On *March 12*, the children will be singing at the Sunday morning worship.

On *March 18*, anyone who would like may attend the Scorecard workshop, which is being offered by the North Carolina Baptists in Monroe, North Carolina. This is a one day workshop and lunch will be provided. The focus of the workshop is our vision for discipling children from infant through senior high. Please let me know by *March 4* if you would like to attend this workshop.

Please mark your calendar for the children's Easter event which will be held on *Saturday, April 8*. We are hoping to offer a new type of egg hunt this year which will be announced a little later.

If you have a chance, go by the nursery to see the new bulletin board which will display Fairview's newest baby arrivals. The board will have pictures of children who are one year old and younger.

In addition, parents and children need to mark your calendars for *July 10 through the 14th* for our Upland's Reach summer camp. Parents can still contact me and let me know if they're interested in their child and/or children attending this camp.

We are so excited about the new playground at Fairview. We are so very excited about the vision for this playground, and are so thankful for all those who have generously given to this project. I pray that this can be a vital and important part of our children's ministry.

Although it seems early, be in prayer for our VBS which will be the *last week of July*.

Also pray for the children and families represented at Fairview and our surrounding community.

Thank you for your support of the Fairview's children's ministry.

**Andrea Poindexter / Minister of Preschool & Children**

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## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry collected 12 shawls and 7 hats in February. The shawls go to those receiving cancer treatments at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital Regional Cancer Center and others in our community. Each shawl is lovingly made and blessed before being distributed. If you are interested in learning to crochet or already know how and wish to join our ministry, all are welcome! If you have a request for a need for a shawl, please let one of our members know. We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month in the Senior Ladies classroom at 7PM. Our next meetings will be **March 6th and 20th at 7PM**. We look forward to seeing you

**Megan Quance / Prayer Shawl Ministry**

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## Prayer Quilt Ministry

A Prayer Quilt meeting was held on February 6 with 16 members participating. The Devotional time focused on love for others. Nine lap quilts were circulated during intercessory prayer time during the February 12 Worship Service for those designated recipients. A prayer quilt workshop was also held on February 27. One workshop will be held in the month of March. Mark your calendar for **Monday, March 20**, and feel free to join us for a time of creativity, work, and fellowship

**Donna Dobbins / Prayer Quilt Ministry**

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## Experiencing God Everyday

**II Corinthians 5:17- "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."**

Experiencing warm temperatures these past weeks, it's difficult to think winter is still here. Cold, short days and gray skies are drawing to a close as the signs of spring are all around us—sunshine peeking through the clouds, birds' songs announcing a new day, flowers pushing through the soil, trees budding, warm breezes... Our senses stir us to get excited that another spring is arriving. Spring reminds us of God's creation, and let us embrace the notion that "every day is spring." We can celebrate new life every day of the year. Be intentional each day to be renewed in spirit. Learn something new about God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Celebrate your salvation, praising God for His love and the new life He gives through Jesus Christ.



# March 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 <i>Deacons Meeting</i>  5:30PM <i>Children's Choir</i>  <i>Bible Study</i>	6 <i>Prayer Shawl</i> 7PM	7	8 <i>Children's Bible Study</i>  <i>Church Conference</i>	9 7PM <i>Children's Council</i>	10	11
12 <i>Children Sing Sunday Morning Worship</i>  <i>Day Light Saving Time Begins</i>  <i>Bible Study</i>	13	14 <i>WMU 10AM</i>	15 <i>Children's Bible Study</i>	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>  	18 <i>Scorecard Worship (Monroe, NC)</i>
19 5:30PM <i>Children's Choir</i>  <i>Bible Study</i>	20 <i>Prayer Quilt 9AM</i>  <i>Prayer Shawl 7PM</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>BYW 6PM to decorate</i>	25 <i>Ladies Conference- "Come Just as You Are"</i>
26 <i>Baptist Men 8AM</i>  <i>Bible Study</i>	27	28	29	30	31	

*Read: Psalm 96:1-2*

*Kingdom Prayer Coordinators*

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