

Fairview Focus

January 2019



5 Ways to Grow Your Faith in 2019

1. Have Face Time with God Before You Open Facebook.

We live in a social media world. We update Facebook, we tweet, we post projects on Pinterest, and we put photos on Instagram. Start your day with God before you check the latest Facebook posts. "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). Your day will go better when you start with God, not with social media.

2. Get Deeper into God's Word

Many people will start reading through the Bible in January. Nothing wrong with that. I have read through the Bible in a year many times and if you've never read through the Bible in a year, I encourage you to do so. But there is also great value in digging deeply into sections of Scripture and letting its message penetrate your heart. You could focus on the New Testament.

3. Buy a study Bible

Use a study Bible as you read God's Word. A study Bible is like having a seminary faculty on your bookshelf. A good study Bible has notes on every passage, book introductions, outlines, maps, charts, etc. Today you have many excellent options but my two favorites are The ESV Study Bible and the Holman Christian Study Bible.

4. Get involved in a Sunday School Class

Small groups are absolutely necessary for real and sustained growth. Don't sit on the sidelines. Share your life with other Christians who can encourage you, pray with you, laugh with you, and cry with you. Taking part in a healthy small group is like taking an energy shot for your soul.

5. Memorize Verses

Because we live in a me-centered world, we need to brand these verses on our heart so we won't forget them. Start with your favorite verse and memorize a different verse each week. Commit yourself to storing God's truth in your heart this year. I use an app called "Bible Memory." I find it a very helpful tool in memorizing God's Word.

These are just five ways to make 2019 a year of growth.

Happy New Year!

Dr. Billy Nale

(Abbreviated and revised from a 2016 article by Dr. Ray Pritchard)

From our Pastor

Looking for a way to serve here at Fairview in 2019?



Why not join the choir!

The choir is not only a great way to serve the church, but also boost your own praise and worship as you sing God's praises during worship and at practices!

We practice on Wednesdays immediately after Bible study (7:30-8:30). There are NO try-outs and all music is provided including a practice cd!

So, in 2019.....BE a blessing and RECEIVE a blessing! Join the choir!

Lisha High

We are now entering into a brand new year and continuing with the building on the foundation in young lives. Looking back at December, the children had a great time and some very good experiences. We are so thankful for the BYW group sponsoring the parent night out with a movie and pizza. It was a great time. Also, the children were able to be a part of sharing the message of Christmas through song and skit before the adult Christmas Pageant. The children did an absolutely wonderful job. On the third Wednesday night in December, the children traveled on the bus to take the message of Christmas on behalf of Fairview to four different homes through Christmas caroling. I hope this was a blessing to those we visited. It was definitely a blessing for us.

We will start back with our Gospel project on Sunday nights starting January 6. We look forward to continuing our study through the Bible. We will be leaving the Old Testament and starting in our study of the New Testament. Also, on Tuesday nights during the Hispanic Bible study, children will be having Bible study also. On the fourth Sunday night in January, Jennifer Crouse will be having a night of crafts.

I would like to take a moment to thank all those teachers who share the word of God on Sunday mornings with our children. They do such a wonderful job, and this is so essential in the spiritual growth of our children at Fairview. Thanks again for the time and love you put into your teaching.

Hope you have a wonderful start to a new year.

Andrea Poindexter

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Church Library</p>	<p>Blessings and Happy New Year 2019 to Everyone!</p> <p>Placing an item in the Church Library "In honor" or "In Memory" of a person, is a very special way to remember someone! Please see me if you would ever like to do this! Since we opened the church library a couple of years ago, we have had several items put in the library, to honor someone special. Anytime you would like to place a book, DVD, or CD, in the Church Library, "In Memory" or "In Honor" of a special person, please bring the item to me and I will put a "book plate" in/on the item, with the name of the special person and the name of the person(s) placing the item. Items can be placed for various reasons such as: graduations, birthdays, deaths, marriages, loved ones, or for no specific reason except to honor a person. Keep this thoughtful gesture in mind, when you have a special person you would like to honor or remember!</p> <p>Linda Matthis</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Missions</p>	<p>Lottie Moon Offering</p> <p>We Praise the Lord for the amount of \$4,887 provided through Fairview as indicated in our December 30 bulletin.</p> <p>Future Missions Opportunities and Events</p> <p>We will be having Cristi Chivu, Director for the International Missions of Romania American Missions(RAM) with us on March 2 and March 3, 2019. We will be having a banquet on Saturday March 2 for Chivu to share information about RAM and create interest of support for this mission work. He will be sharing in our worship service on March 3.</p> <p>You can contact Surry Baptist Association for future Mission Trips planned in 2019.</p> <p>Kent Whitaker</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">BYW</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>Mark your calendars! Tickets available soon!</p> </div> </div>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">WMU</p>	<p>We would like to thank everyone for supporting missionaries through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. We look forward to 2019 and would like to invite all ladies to join us for our next meeting which will be January 16 at 11am in the fellowship hall.</p> <p>Jennifer White</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Youth</p>	<p>We completed the "Stop Asking Jesus Into Your Heart" bible study on December 2nd. After that, we took a break from Sunday night meetings throughout the rest of December. We did have a Youth Christmas Party at the home of Caleb and Beth Cosby. 5 adults and 10 youth attended and everyone had a great time full of good food and fun fellowship! Our Sunday night youth meetings will resume on January 6th. We are looking forward to another year full of awesome biblical studies, digging into God's word, praying for and with these teens, helping them grow in their faith, and encouraging them to boldly live their lives for Christ!</p> <p>Youth Team</p>

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Prayer Shawl</p>	<p>The Prayer Shawl ladies met at my house December 28th for a holiday gathering. A fun time of fellowship was had by all.</p> <p>For the calendar year of 2018 we created and distributed 5 hats and 208 blankets. This is a lot for our small group. The recipients are so grateful to get them.</p> <p>After taking the month of December off we are excited to begin the new year. Our meetings for January are the 8th & 22nd at 7 PM. We invite you to join us.</p> <p>Happy New Year to All</p> <p>Kathleen Edmonds</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Prayer Quilt</p>	<p>No prayer quilt workshop was held in December; however on December 3, members participated in a joint Christmas luncheon with the WMU at Linda Poindexter's home. A good time of food, fellowship and fun was enjoyed by all attending. At December's end, the prayer quilt ministry reports the 2018 statistics of 69 prayer quilts made, prayed over, and given to designated recipients (37 to women, 22 to men, 6 to couples, and 4 to children/youth). Appreciation is extended to the church for your prayers and support of this Fairview Baptist Church outreach.</p> <p>The next prayer quilt workshop will be held on Monday, January 14 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You are most welcome to join us. Please mark your calendars now for the workshops scheduled January until the ministry takes a summer break: January 14, February 4 & 25, March 18, April 8 & 29, May 20, and June 10.</p> <p>Have a blessed new year! The reason we can wish each other a "Happy New Year" is that Jesus promises us in <i>Matthew 28:20</i>, "I am with you always..." Trust in these words from our Lord, the source of all comfort, strength, and peace.</p> <p>Donna Dobbins</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Experiencing God Everyday</p>	<p>As we approach the New Year 2019, to many it is a time to re-evaluate their life and make resolutions, which sometimes just fall by the wayside. At the start of this New Year, why not take a moment to praise and thank the Lord for the past year and dedicate this New Year 2019 to the Lord, Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Make the decision to read the Bible, or at least the New Testament, and begin a sincere prayer life with the Lord. By reading His word, it puts one closer to the Lord, and better communication through prayer. More than any other discipline, prayer can get away from you. The most basic definition of prayer is "talking to God." Prayer is the communication of the human soul with the Lord who created the soul. Prayer is the primary way for the believer in Jesus Christ to communicate his emotions and desires with God and to fellowship with God. Prayer is defined as a "a conversation with the Lord". Prayer is not seeking our own will but seeking to align ourselves with the will of God more fully.</p> <p>Prayer can be audible or silent, private or public, formal or informal. All prayer must be offered in faith (James 1:6), in the name of the Lord Jesus (John 16:23), and in the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:26). Christian prayer in its' full New Testament meaning is prayer addressed to God as Father, in the name of Christ as Mediator, and through the enabling grace of the indwelling Spirit" ("Prayer" by J. C. Lambert).</p> <p>Paul wrote, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).</p> <p>Kingdom Prayer Coordinators</p>



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			7:00 p.m.— Adult Bible Study 7:30 p.m.— Choir Practice			
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