



# THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

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## Upcoming Events

**March 7**—P.E.O. Mtg. (Chapel); Bells Practice; G.S. Troop 1191 (Cornerstone); Christian Ed Mtg. (Conf. Room); G.A.P. (FH); Choir Practice

**March 8**—Chapel Prayer; Classic Crowd (FH); MENA Mtg. (Family Life)

**March 9**—G.S. Troop 1024 (Cornerstone); G.S. Troop 3591 (FH)

**March 10**—Aquarium Club (FH); Chapel Reserved (Carolyn A.)

**March 11**—Daylight Savings Time Begins; Worship; Koffee Klatch (FH); Northland Disciples Youth (First CC NKC)

**March 12**—Monday Morning Men (FH); Mats Project (Family Life); Exec. Board Mtg. (Cornerstone); General Board Mtg. (Conf. Room/Lounge)

**March 13**—Rotary (FH); Guild Mtg.; Cubs (FH); Faith In Him; 4-H Group (Family Life); Boy Scouts (Cornerstone)

### Acts 2 is a Better Model



I want to apologize to our church. See, I've received some feedback and I have been made aware of a fairly major flaw in the way we've been doing church. It's not a new thing, or even a unique thing, but we've been looking at it from the wrong perspective.

See, for too long, we've put faith as a personal thing. I believe, I come to worship, I am a Christian. I'm happy there are so many of us that can claim that...but the issue isn't I... it's we. You can't be a Christian on your own. If you are, who gives you support? Who do you have to forgive? What work is there to love your neighbor if there is no neighbor?

No, we have a SHARED faith, a SHARED community, and a SHARED mission to love and serve our neighbors. It's not all on you...it's on us, as a community and as the body of believers. Take a min and read Acts 2, commonly known as the Pentecost or birth of the church. Go ahead...I'll wait...

Good, now notice what happened: They were together in one place, they were open to the Spirit moving among them and the Spirit was communicating between them all. They started meeting together, they started sharing together, they ate meals together. They grew as the Body of Christ...together.

We do some things together, but often times people in our congregation have assumed that the work of church growth is an individual thing. Again, not a new or unique problem, but still a pervasive thought. And because of this, they have heard the call to share the good news with their neighbor and come back with their head hung in shame. They think "I failed" or "I'm not good at this."

And again, for this confusion I'm sorry. The work was never yours alone to begin with.

How then do we change to a SHARED work?

A month and a half ago, two of our church members were out at Baskin Robbins on the 31st of January. As a place that prides itself on 31 flavors, the 31st is a day of celebration with special prices. It was packed and our church members ended up sharing a table with some wonderful people. They ended up talking and thought our new Connect gathering would be something worth sharing with these people. One of them had a postcard in her purse and shared it with the new friends.

What's more, when sharing this story at our next Connect gathering and at Elders, they decided this would be a good practice to do regularly. And on March 31st, we're getting a group together to enjoy ice cream and simply share what we do at Fairview. We'll also invite people at the Easter Egg hunt to ice cream on the 31st, maybe buy a few cones for people, and simply share in celebration and good news...

This is one idea, and one you can join in with. But more importantly, this is not all on you...it's on us. It's on us as a community of believers to be supportive of each other. It's on us as neighbors in Gladstone to shine the light of Good News. It's on us to work together, sharing what we have to see God's kingdom of grace growing every day. Will you join us? — Pastor Travis



## Sunday Services

8:30 a.m.  
Intercessory Prayer

9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School

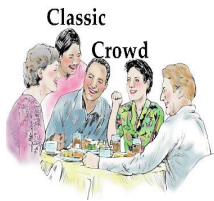
10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service

Co-Pastors  
Kassie & Travis

Daylight Savings Time Begins This  
Sunday, March 11th



Sharing the Good News of God's Love through  
Faith, Worship, Service and Community



Classic Crowd

Classic Crowd  
Thursday, March 8th  
11:30 a.m.  
FCC Fellowship Hall

Our meal will be fried chicken plus your great side dishes. Our entertainment will be Melissa & Company, classic country music.



GENERAL BOARD MEETING

**Monday — March 12th**

Executive Board Meeting  
Cornerstone Room—6:30 p.m.

General Board Mtg.  
Conference Room—7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 15th — 9:30 a.m.  
CWF Exec. Board—Cornerstone Room

10 a.m. — Clean Kitchen

Come help us! Working together is great fellowship. If you can't come then, we can save a job for you to do on your time



FCC CWF



**Friday Fellowship**

**FCC'S FRIDAY PIZZA**

Friday's in March...we will meet at the Godfather's on N. Antioch Road. 6:00 p.m. on for great fellowship! See you there.



**Northland Disciples Youth Group**

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 11th at First Christian Church NKC from 5-7 p.m.; a meal is provided. Please spread the word!



**An Invitation from Christian Education**

Christian Ed will be meeting tonight, **March 7th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room.

You don't have to be a regular member to join us & share your ideas. And if you only want to work on one or two projects this year, that's OK too.

Below is a list of some of the events/projects Christian Education has either sponsored or helped/assisted with:

- Coordinating & supporting Christian Ed for children & youth
- Made Christmas cards & baked cookies for shut-ins (in conjunction with Membership)
- Hosted Koffee Klatch multiple times during the year
- Provide interactive activities for Congregation during Koffee Klatch
- Graduation Recognition; Teacher Recognition
- Interactions with Cub & Boy Scouts
- G.A.P. Meetings
- New Northland Youth Group
- VBS at Park Hill Christian Church
- Summer Youth Camp
- Support Fairview Connect when possible
- Assisted with other church activities where needed

Please join us tonight or when you can.

**EASTER LILY ORDERS**

This **Sunday, March 11th is the deadline** to place your order for an Easter Lilly. Cost is \$10 per order.



Easter Lilies

Order *envelopes can be found on the Welcome Table in the Narthex or the small table* down from the Chapel.

Envelopes, with payment, may be dropped in the collection plate or left in the office.



FOOD PANTRY

**Wally's Memorial Food Box Challenge**

The 'challenge' for the month of March is Peanut Butter (no glass jars).

Each week the number donated will be counted and at the end of the month and an equal number of those items will be purchased for the food box preparation from the designated memorial fund.

Please remember to also bring the other items as well as you are able. We will just highlight one of the 8 items each month for this special challenge.



**Sanctuary Carpet — Pew Level Update**

Last week's article, the Memorials Committee shared they had heard from some families interested in donating towards replacement of the Sanctuary carpet, for the whole pew level.

Last week it was noted that the additional funds needed to re-carpet all of the pew level of the Sanctuary was an additional \$7,300 & at that time \$3,000 had already been ear-marked by some families.

As of the printing of this week's newsletter a total of \$5,355 has been ear-marked towards the \$7,300.

How large our carpet order is dependent on our funding.

If this interests you, a check or an envelope marked "carpet" in the offering plate or given to a committee member, would be welcome.

*Memorials Committee — Karen S., Janet T., Mikel B.*

Pancake Breakfast



On Snake **Saturday, March 10th** the Rotary Club of Gladstone will host it's annual pancake breakfast.

It's all you can eat pancakes and sausage and biscuits and gravy. Proceeds go to scholarships for Northland students.

On Sat., March 10th it will be from 7 to 11 AM at Gashland Presbyterian Church (8029 N. Oak, KCMO 64118).

Tickets \$5 per person in advance; \$6 at the door.

*Please see one of the Rotarians in our congregation (Tom C., Don G., Gary L., Pastor Travis) for tickets and more information.*

**Our Daily Bread Daily Devotional Booklets**

Have been getting several questions regarding the March, April, May devotionals.



We should be getting them in the office within the next week or so. Once received, they will be distributed in the usual places around church for you to pick up at your convenience & use.

Fairview is in need of volunteers on Sunday's to be Door Greeters.

If you would be able to help one Sunday a month or one Sunday a year, please contact Margaret C.



**Labels for Education**

Please save Box Tops for Education on General Mills products & Best Choice upc code strips.

These can be put in the Labels for Education box that can be found in the Fellowship Hall – they will be used for CWF Missions projects – questions contact Deanna W.



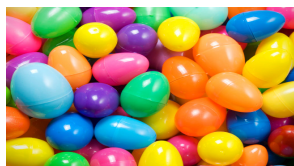
We have some extra copies of the 2018-2019 Christian Church Annual Planning Guide & Calendar.

They will be on the small table down from the Chapel.

Feel free to take one if you can use it—while supplies last.

**Fairview's Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>  
10:00 am



**Need to receive** candy donations (individually wrapped pieces) no later than **Sunday, March 25th.**

You may leave your candy donation in the church office.

Also we'll need some volunteers to help with the event on March 31<sup>st</sup>. **If you can volunteer to help** 'hide' eggs, or help set up in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m., please let the office know.

**Volunteer Work Day – Tall Oaks Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**



**Come to Tall Oaks with your work gloves & tools in hand!**

**It's time for spring clean-up & refreshing. All are welcome – lunch will be provided.**

**Please let Tall Oaks know if you are coming.**

**Remaining Fairview 2018 Offering Envelopes & 2017 Giving Statements**

Can be found in the office.

If you do not find what you are looking for, please let the office know.