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GROWING TOWARD MATURITY: THE GIFT OF SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

BY REV. NATHAN FINSEL

One of the great joys of following Jesus is discovering that discipleship is not a moment but a lifelong journey. Scripture paints a picture of believers who are continually being shaped, refined, and strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Yet that growth does not happen by accident. It happens as we intentionally place ourselves in the path of God's transforming grace.

For centuries, Christians have practiced what we call spiritual disciplines—habits of the heart and rhythms of life that open us to God's presence. These disciplines are not about earning God's love; they are about making room for the love that is already ours. When practiced regularly, they help us grow into mature disciples who reflect Christ in our character, our relationships, and our daily lives.

1. Prayer: The Lifeline of the Disciple

Prayer is more than words—it is communion with God. When we pray consistently, we learn to listen, to trust, and to surrender. Prayer forms us into people who depend on God rather than ourselves. Over time, prayer softens our hearts, aligns our desires with God's will, and strengthens our ability to love others well.

2. Scripture Reading: Feeding the Soul

Just as our bodies need nourishment, our spirits need the steady diet of God's Word. Regular engagement with Scripture—whether through reading, study, or meditation—roots us in truth. It reminds us who God is, who we are, and how we are called to live. The more we immerse ourselves in Scripture, the more it shapes our decisions, our attitudes, and our worldview.

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3. Worship: Reorienting Our Hearts

Worship lifts our eyes from the pressures of life and fixes them on the One who holds all things together. Whether gathered on Sunday or worshipping privately throughout the week, we are reminded that God is worthy of our praise. Worship recalibrates our hearts, helping us live with gratitude, humility, and hope.

4. Service: Putting Faith Into Action

Spiritual maturity is never just inward—it always moves outward. When we serve others, we imitate Christ, who came “not to be served, but to serve.” Acts of compassion, generosity, and justice stretch our faith and deepen our love. Service reminds us that discipleship is not merely what we believe but how we live.

5. Fellowship: Growing Together

We were never meant to grow alone. Christian community provides encouragement, accountability, and support. Small groups, Bible studies, and shared ministry help us learn from one another and bear one another’s burdens. Fellowship strengthens our faith and keeps us grounded in the Body of Christ.

6. Sabbath and Rest: Trusting God’s Rhythm

In a world that glorifies busyness, Sabbath is a countercultural act of trust. Setting aside time for rest, reflection, and renewal reminds us that God—not our effort—is the source of life. Sabbath restores our souls and helps us live with greater peace and clarity.

A Journey Worth Taking

Spiritual disciplines are not quick fixes or checklists. They are practices that, over time, shape us into people who look more like Jesus. When we engage them regularly—with grace, not guilt—we discover that God is already at work within us, drawing us deeper into His love.

As we step into this new season together, may we commit ourselves to these life-giving rhythms. May we become a church marked by prayer, rooted in Scripture, overflowing with worship, active in service, strengthened by fellowship, and grounded in holy rest. And may Christ be formed in us more and more each day.

Growing with you in grace,
Pastor Nathan Finsel

THE VINE BIBLE STUDY

The Vine Study group meets Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00pm in the Wesley Building. Join us for an hour of prayer and study led by Pastor Nathan Finsel. All are welcome as we seek and cling to the vine.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know are homebound and would like to request one of our communion servants to administer communion at your home, please call the church office to schedule a time.

Communion servants have been trained to serve communion and are Stephen Ministers and congregants. We appreciate their service to the church body.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Each Thursday, the Fair View Church volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels. Many recipients are widows or widowers, some are in ill health and dealing with disabilities or aging restrictions. We would ask you to keep them in your prayers as we have ministered to their needs and have developed friendships.

If you would like to join this ministry, contact Judy at judithdonaldson@windstream.net.

Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls are available from the church office for all members as well as Stephen Ministers to share with family, friends, or neighbors who need a reminder that we care about their loss or difficulty. In their time of need, a shawl says “I’m thinking of you and want to share God’s love with you.”

CHURCH APP

We are excited to continue to utilize the features of our new web-based platform, Subsplash. Please download the church app to:



- watch or listen to past messages
- stay up-to-date with small groups announcements and notifications within the app
- share your favorite messages via Twitter, Facebook, or email, and download messages for offline listening.
- sign-up for events and service opportunities
- check your recent giving
- read the current newsletter via access to the website

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9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Watch your inbox each Wednesday for the View from Fair View.

This weekly newsletter regularly contains upcoming events and opportunities to serve the church

and the greater Mooresville community. Not receiving church emails? Let us know by emailing us at info@fairviewumc.org.

Dates for birthdays and anniversaries come from the church database, so if there are any errors, please contact the church office.



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The privacy of your personal information is our first priority and is secure through our giving platform!

Truly Grateful for you.

YOUR TITHES & OFFERINGS KEEP OUR CHURCH ACTIVE AND THRIVING!

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Happy Anniversary

ROBERT & JEAN NEWMAN

FEB 3

JAMES & DANYEL WILLIAMS

FEB 6

KELLY & SUSIE STAPLETON

FEB 23

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"...OFFER YOUR BODIES AS A LIVING SACRIFICE."
ROMANS 12:1

SURRENDER

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 7, 2026



Aspire

WOMENS EVENTS

MARY SHANNON



MICHELLE MILLER



JAIME JAMGOCHIAN



Author & Bible Teacher

Comedian

Singer/Songwriter

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 • 6PM
HERE AT FAIR VIEW UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

HAPPY birthday

1 DONA JEAN MCCOY

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10 JUDY DONALDSON

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15 VICKI RICHARDSON

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FAIR VIEW HAPPENINGS

Upper Room

Mark your calendar for Wednesdays at 11:00 am – Noon

Every Wednesday at 11 am is another worship opportunity, we won't make you sing but may listen to a video hymn. We do have a call to prayer at 11:00 AM. We follow this with a reading of a Psalm and then we do prayer petitions, for Fair View, those suffering, our community, our country, the world, the church universal and communion of saints. Then we study the scripture from the Wednesday devotion from the Upper Room. In back of the devotional, there are a list of questions for the day and we discuss them and how they relate to our lives or what God is calling us to do. Open to any and all who would like to come. We meet in the portable classroom, Wesley.

Communion Servers

February 1

Kathy Mazewski, Heather Gray,
Ann Goode, Brenda Harvey

March 1

Addisyn & David Finsel,
Danyel & Reese Williams

M.O.M.s Bible Study

The M.O.M.S Bible Study next meeting is February 9th at 6:00 p.m.

January we discussed week 1 from Untangling Faith and looked closely at the word trust, and specifically our trust in God. We considered God's trustworthiness as we explored the nature of

God through these 5 characteristics:

1. God is a Loving Parent
2. God is Good
3. God is Faithful
4. God is My Safe Place
5. God Desires to Help Us See Clearly

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him,
and he helps me.

My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. Psalm 28:7

Contact Danyel if you have any questions.

Move Group

We meet on an irregular basis according to what is playing at the theater. When someone in the group sees a movie scheduled to show they would like to see we announce to the email list and typically meet at the box office for a matinee on Tuesday when they offer lower admissions and discounted concessions. If you would like to be included on our email list please contact Brenda Harvey. BrendaTHarvey@gmail.com

Movers & Shakers

On January 15th, we gathered in Wesley to plan our fun for the year. We enjoyed soup and chili and yummy desserts. We had social time. Food and Fellowship are always included in our time together.

On February 19th, we will gather in the work room at 9:30 and leave the church at 10. We will visit the Lucas Mansion Museum and then have lunch at the Yellow Deli. They have a bakery/store next door if you want to get goodies to take home. Admission to Lucas Mansion is \$10.

Hiddenite Cultural Center – Lucas Mansion Museum – Explore this unique North Carolina treasure today! Enter on the ground level into the Alexander County Visitors Center. On first floor you will find the Artist Gift shop, and entrance to the 1914's house museum! 2nd floor houses our Art Gallery with rotating exhibits! The Emerging Artist Wall is located on 3rd floor

The Yellow Deli – Deli offering sandwiches, salads & breakfast, plus a juice bar mixing up smoothies & other drinks.

We hope you will join us for a day of fun!

Have a blessed day!

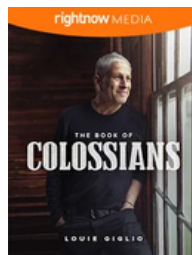
Mary Stutts

Faith Study

Wesley 5:30–7:00 pm

About a dozen, faithfully meet each Monday evening at 5:30 pm for food, fellowship and growing in our relationships with our Lord and Savior and with each other. We meet in Wesley, the portable classroom for a meal and study. We invite you to join this group which is made up of young, old, singles and couples.

We will begin in February:



The Book of Colossians by Louie Giglio

Description: What we think about Jesus matters. Our perception of Him shapes us—what we say, how we treat others, even what we think. If we paint Jesus as any less than who He is as supreme over all creation and savior of the world, not only does our theology slip, but the working out of our faith also suffers. In this 8-session series, Louie Giglio will take us through the book of Colossians to help us form a complete picture of Jesus. What we believe about Him influences everything from our corporate worship to our relationships to our attitude toward sin. Now alive in Christ, we can live a life worthy of God instead of falling back into the ways of the world.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT FAIR VIEW?

Book Club

Book Group meets the 2nd Monday in Wesley at 7pm following the Faith Study. You can join us for dinner and Faith Study or show up at 7 pm.

A lively discussion was held in January after reading *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn and led by Jo Rossini. It was a murder mystery and a departure from the books we normally read and had a lot of history from the 1950 era.

February 9 *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick Led by Judy Donaldson



Eight ordinary people. One extraordinary choice.

It seems like any other day. You wake up, drink a cup of coffee, and head out.

But today, when you open your front door, waiting for you is a small wooden box. The contents of this mysterious box tells you the exact number of years you will live.

From suburban doorsteps to desert tents, every person on every continent receives the same box. In an instant, the world is thrust into a collective frenzy. Where did these boxes come from? What do they mean? Is there truth to what they promise?

As society comes together and pulls apart, everyone faces the same shocking choice: Do they wish to know how long they'll live? And, if so, what will they do with that knowledge?

The Measure charts the dawn of this new world through an unforgettable cast of characters whose decisions and fates interweave with one another: best friends whose dreams are forever entwined, pen pals finding refuge in the unknown, a couple who thought they didn't have to rush, a doctor who cannot save himself, and a politician whose box becomes the powder keg that ultimately changes everything.

Enchanting and deeply uplifting, *The Measure* is an ambitious, invigorating story about family, friendship, hope, and destiny that encourages us to live life to the fullest.

Upcoming Schedule

March 9 *Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict Led by Ann Goode

April 13 *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelly Van Pelt Carol Carman

May 11 *Witness Protection* by Robert Whitlow Led by Brenda Harvey

June 8 *The Girl in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustain Led by Sara McMinn

July 13 *The River Knows Your Name* by Kelly Mustain Penny Price

MISSION OUTREACH



MISSION OVERVIEW

By Kathy Schilling

In January we continue to provide food on the weekends for 21 students at Coddle Creek Elementary School. We also have been collecting supplies and monetary donations for Hope of Mooresville.

In February we are collecting monetary donations, food and supplies for the Lake Norman Humane society.

Their amazon wish list link is:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/XTOIC605E3VT?ref=wl_share.

Other suggestions are:

- Food: Dry kibble (any brand), Fancy Feast Pate, puppy/kitten wet food, peanut butter (no xylitol).
- Supplies: Cat litter, paper towels, bleach, detergent, nitrile gloves, durable toys (Kong), martingale collars, puppy pads, blankets, towels, pet beds, carriers.
- Treats: Dog treats (Pupperoni, Nudges), cat treats, lickable treats, pill pockets.





FAIR VIEW KIDZ



In Children's Church this month we have been learning about how Jesus Transforms Faith using the Transformers series as examples. We have learned about transforming doubt, sadness, from the inside out and total transformation. In February we will be doing the series "What Does The Bible Say". We are in need of a pencil sharpener and light colored construction paper in the Children's Church room if you have any extras laying around.

On Sunday February 15th Fair View Kidz and their families are invited to our annual Sweethearts Luncheon following service in room 304. We will enjoy pizza, dessert and a craft.

VBS 2026 is right around the corner! We can't wait to explore God's nature in Rainforest Falls VBS July 13-17, 2026. We are deep in the planning and preparing stages and have created both an [Amazon VBS Wishlist](#) and a [Group VBS Wishlist](#) to help offset costs. We are also beginning to register volunteers for stations, crew leaders and kitchen help. Please contact Krystal if you have any questions or would like to sign up to volunteer.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Minister - Krystal Davis
Contact: fairviewkidz@yahoo.com

FAIR VIEW YOUTH

During Youth on Sundays we have started a series on Right Now Media called Unashamed by Lecrae. We are living out loud for Christ and discussing how being confident in our faith isn't always easy. Especially when culture wants us to conform rather than stand out and sometimes church culture often glorifies perfection and power, making us want to hide our flaws and weaknesses. So how do we proclaim the gospel when it can be easier to stay silent? Can we live boldly for Jesus when we know we are weak and flawed? This is the questions we have started diving into on Sundays. We are leaning we don't have to hide our weaknesses. Instead of pretending to be perfect, we need to embrace our weaknesses so that we can experience the grace and strength God graciously offers. Our wounds, faults, and inabilities are an invitation to experience God's love and show the world his goodness.

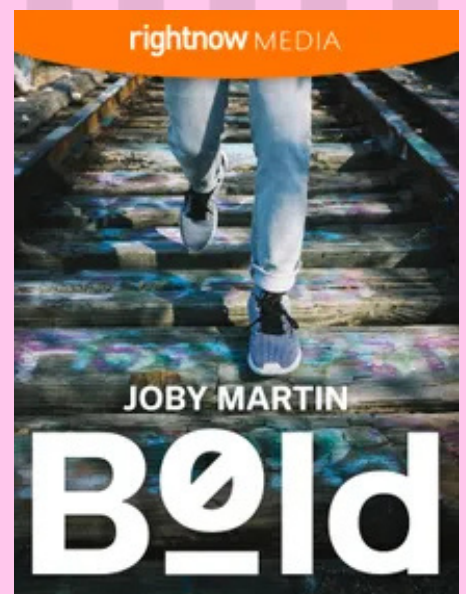
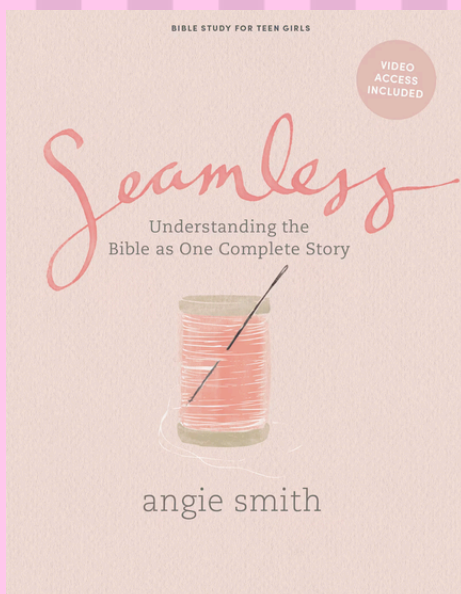
For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” Romans 1:16-17 NIV

Exciting Update!!!! We are starting a new Youth Bible Study Evening. Beginning February 22nd Youth will start meeting every 4th Sunday at 5:30 pm for Youth Night. We will begin at 5:30 with dinner and a game then break off into 2 groups for Bible Study. We will be offering a Girls Bible Study led by Danyel and a Guys Bible Study

led by Pastor Nathan. All the youth have been encouraged to invite their friends.

The Girls will begin with a study by Angie Smith called Seamless where we will discover the seamless thread connecting the people, places, and promises of the Bible in a whole new way.

The Guys will begin with a study on Right Now Media by Joby Martin called Bold where Joby Martin uses Scripture to teach teen guys that their desires to be bold are not without a purpose. They were created to play a part in God's redemptive work in the world and live courageously for the cause of God's Kingdom.



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SURRENDER

Register Now!

February 7, 2026 8:00 am - 1:30 pm

**Register by going to www.fairviewumc.org or
call the church office to reserve your seat now!**

WITH GUEST SPEAKERS:



**SIMON
MBEVI**



**THADDEUS
WILLIAMS**



**STEVE
CARTER**



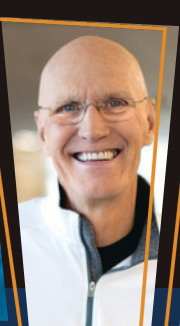
**KENNY
LUCK**



**STEVE
SONDERMAN**



**CHRIS
BROWN**



**BOB
MERRITT**



**JONATHAN
MISIRIAN**



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BERNARD**

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SCOUTING AROUND WITH CUB SCOUT PACK #173

By Bill Hicks

On January 24th Cub Scout Pack # 173 held its annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Race at the Coddle Creek Elementary School. Scouts raced in the event that was exciting for all involved. The top three winners will advance to the Gemstone District (Iredell County) race in April. For the adults, there was also held a race run as well as a race for siblings of the Scouts.

February is the birthday month for the Scouts BSA. The Boys Scouts of America was formed in 1910. The Cub Scout program was not formed however until 1930 so the month of February will be their 96th anniversary at the national level. Cub Scout Pack # 173 that is sponsored by Fair View was formed 56 years ago on January 23, 1970 .

Leaders from the Pack will attend the annual Gemstone District Adult Leader Recognition Banquet on Friday the 13th at the Triplett Church. Scout Sunday will be observed at Fair View on February 8th with Cub Scouts taking part in the service along with the two Mt. Mourne Troops. A countywide Scouting Vesper Service will be attended by the Scout families at Triplett Church on Monday the 2nd.

The Cubs annual Blue & Gold Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 28th at Coddle Creek Elementary School for a great 56th Year Anniversary celebration.

On behalf of all of the Scouts and Scout Leaders, thank you Fair View United Methodist Church for all the support and encouragement you have given to the Scouting program in Mt. Mourne for all these 56 years.



A big
THANK YOU goes
to Fair View from
Pack #173, Troop
#173 and Troop
#4173 for facility
use.

COME JOIN US!



SUNDAYS AT FAIR VIEW

WORSHIP at 10 AM

Fair View Kidz

every Sunday

Fair View Kidz meets each Sunday immediately after children's church during worship for crafts, Bible study and fun activities!



A FULL CALENDAR OF
EVENTS CAN BE FOUND
AT FAIRVIEWUMC.ORG

Youth
11:00AM IN CHAPIN



2nd SUNDAYS
8:00AM IN 204A

monday

FAITH STUDY
MONDAYS
5:30PM IN WESLEY

wednesday

THE VINE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS
6:00PM IN 204A

thursday

STEPHEN MINISTRIES
2ND/4TH THURSDAY
7 PM IN WESLEY

BOOK CLUB
2ND MONDAY
7:00 PM IN WESLEY

UPPER ROOM
WEDNESDAYS
11 AM IN WESLEY

**MOVERS &
SHAKERS**
3RD THURSDAYS

M.O.M. BIBLE STUDY
2ND MONDAY
6PM IN 204A

CHOIR REHEARSAL
 WEDNESDAYS AT
7 PM

Be sure to pass this month's newsletter on to a friend. You never know, that might inspire them for a visit!

The Power of an Invitation

6-8% *Walked in by own initiative*

2-8% *Liked a program offered*

8-10% *Liked the pastor*

8-4% *Had a need met by the church.*

1-2% *Were Evangelized*

8-4% *Attracted by Sunday School*

70-85% *Invited by a relative or friend!*

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