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A CHRISTIAN'S GUIDE TO HIGH-CONFLICT CONVERSATIONS

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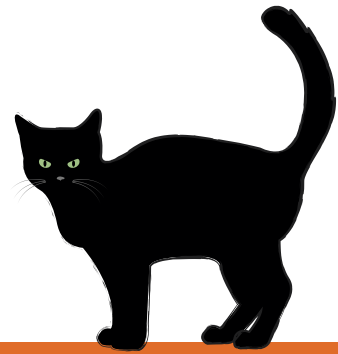
I know many of you have felt the sting of difficult conversations—within families, at work, or even here in church. These conflicts can wound, but Scripture shows us a way to respond that heals hurts, strengthens faith, and makes the interaction a witness to the difference Jesus has in our lives. Here are some core principles for reflections and practical guidance to help you step into high-conflict moments with Christlike courage and compassion.

Core Principles

- Seek Christ's heart — Aim to reflect Jesus' gentleness and truth rather than to win an argument. Jesus was humble and sought to connect not divide.
- Pursue reconciliation — Let peace and restoration guide your motives. Nothing is worth more than the soul of the person you are engaging with.
- Speak truth in love — Be honest and kind so correction becomes an invitation, not an attack. Attacking a person mutes the truth you are trying to communicate.
- Protect the vulnerable — Let justice and care shape your boundaries and words.

Practical Steps for High Conflict Conversations

- **Pray first and during the conversation**
 - Invite the Holy Spirit to give humility, self-control, and clarity before you speak and while you listen.
- **Listen to understand**
 - Be quick to listen and slow to speak; mirror back the other person's concerns so they feel heard, and you can clarify what they are saying. Use the acronym P.I.E. to understand them.
 - Problem — Most arguments are not even on the same problem
 - Impact — What is the impact on them? How does this affect their day-to-day
 - Emotion — Feelings often charge conflict. What is the emotion and what fuels them?
- **Name hurts without blaming**
 - Use clear "I" statements about the impact rather than cataloguing past offenses, generalization or casting blame.



This Issue:

Angel Tree

Operation
Christmas
Child

Fall Festival Fun

Aspire is
coming back!

Walk for Life

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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



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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Text **FVUMCgiving** to 1-888-364-4483 in order to receive a reply with the link to your giving interface. The code is not case sensitive.

If you already have a Subsplash giving account, you will be able to login and give immediately!

Don't have a Subsplash account? You can create one in seconds!

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

Truly Grateful for you.

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FAIR VIEW HAPPENINGS

Faith Study

Faith Study meets every Monday night, 5:30 – 7:00 in Wesley for study, fellowship and a meal.

We are currently working through the Right Now Media study with J. D. Greear and *Why Does Jesus Matter*. Our door is always open to those who would like to join us.

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."

Communion Servers

October 5

Stephen Ministers

November 2

Heather Gray, Andrea Adams,
Mandy Wright, Danyel Williams

December 7

Peggy Jones, Krystal Davis,
Mark & Vicki Gurley

Christmas Eve

Todd & Matthew Danner
Susan & Judy Donaldson

Movie Group

If you like to go to the movies and don't want to go alone, please contact Brenda Harvey 704-245-2662 to be added to our email list.

Our group generally attends a Tuesday matinee when they offer lower prices for tickets and specials at the concessions. We make plans usually a few days prior as we see a movie that piques our interest will be playing.

Movers & Shakers



On September 18, we journeyed to Wytheville, VA, to Wohlfahrt Dinner Theatre. We saw the production of "The Fabulous 50's & 60's." The music was wonderful. The food was yummy! And we enjoyed socializing with each other and with the folks around us. This is always one of our favorite trips. Thank you David Caldwell for driving us there and back safely!

On October 16, we will head to Valdese, NC to visit the Waldensian Trail of Faith. The Trail of Faith tells the story of the Waldensians from the Alpine Valley of Italy to America. We will gather in the workroom at 9:30 and leave at 10. We should be back by about 3. Admission for the self-guided audio tour is \$10, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 for students. There are headphones and earbuds for rent also. Please join us on this trip which will make you appreciate the freedom to worship that we have in America. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Stutts at 704-664-4274 or MommaMary1@Windstream.net. I hope to see you on the 16th.

Book Club

October 13 @ 7pm

We meet the 2nd Monday following
Faith Study in Wesley

Open invitation to all readers!

From USA Today bestselling author Sonali Dev comes the heartfelt story of a woman determined to reunite a lost ring with its owner, who ends up finding herself along the way.

Mira Salvi has the perfect life—a job she loves, a fiancé everyone adores, and the secure future she's always imagined for herself. Really, she hasn't a thing to complain about, not even when she has to go on her engagement trip to New York alone.

While playing tourist in the city, Mira chances upon a lost ring, and her social media post to locate its owner goes viral. With everyone trying to claim the ring, only one person seems to want to find its owner as badly as Mira does: journalist Krish Hale. Brooding and arrogant, he will do anything to get to write this story.

Upcoming - We don't have November book picked. Come Oct. 13 and help us decide. In December Sara McMinn will lead us for our Christmas gathering. We always bring a wrapped book to exchange.



A Christian's Guide to High-Conflict Conversations

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- **Speak truth gently and clearly**
 - State specific concerns and desired changes with a calm tone; firmness without harshness is being faithful to the Gospel.
- **Set and keep healthy boundaries**
 - When safety or repeated harm is present, boundaries protect people and create space for repentance. Know when to stop. Take a step back. Clear your mind and heart. Repentance is a process and most often doesn't happen in one conversation.
- **Restore step by step**
 - Offer paths to reconciliation and celebrate small, genuine steps toward each other. Show the path which we can agree and build on them as bridges to common good.

Scripture Talking Points

- **Matthew 5:9** — Blessed are the peacemakers; reconciliation is kingdom work.
- **Ephesians 4:29–32** — Let no corrupting talk come from your mouth; put on kindness and forgiveness.
- **James 1:19 and James 3** — Be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; control the tongue.
- **Galatians 6:1** — Restore the one caught in sin with gentleness.
- **Colossians 4:6** — Let your speech be gracious, seasoned with salt.
- **Matthew 18:15–17** — Follow a biblical process for correction that seeks restoration before escalation.

How This Heals, Builds Faith, and Furthers Our Witness

- **Healing demonstrates the gospel** — When we forgive and pursue restoration, people see the cross in action and the gospel becomes tangible.
- **Faith is strengthened** — Humble listening, confession, and repentance deepen our dependence on Jesus and strengthen the body of Christ.
- **Our witness is amplified** — A church that handles conflict with grace attracts a watching world and opens doors for gospel conversations.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, give us ears to hear, words that heal, and hearts that pursue peace. Teach us to handle conflict in ways that reflect Your grace and bring restoration. Amen.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Nathan Finsel

UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP

Every Wednesday from 11:00 am until noon, we gather in Wesley for a time of worship and fellowship. The table is always open – come and bring a friend.

We read scriptures, pray and share our concerns and are there to encourage each other in our daily walk with Jesus.

THE VINE BIBLE STUDY

The Vine Study group meets Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:30pm 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.

MISSION OUTREACH



MISSION OVERVIEW

By Kathy Schilling

As of September 15, Fair View is faithfully delivering 19 backpack bags each week to Coddle Creek Elementary, helping ensure that local children have the food and support they need outside of school hours. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this vital ministry—it truly makes a difference in young lives.

Looking ahead, our October mission focus will be Operation Christmas Child. This incredible ministry of Samaritan's Purse shares the love of Christ with children around the world through simple shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. Each box is an opportunity to touch a child's heart with joy and the message of Jesus' love. Be on the lookout for ways you can take part in this exciting outreach next month!

WALK FOR LIFE

By Brenda Harvey

For the past several years, Fair View has supported the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman through their annual Walk for Life fundraiser, which serves as our September mission focus. This year's walk will take place at Langtree on the morning of Saturday, October 4.

It's not too late to join our team, the Fair View Walkers! You can register online and help raise funds, or support this mission by giving directly to one of our walkers. Donations may be made online, in cash, or by check. Please make checks payable to Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman. To register or donate online, visit PregnancyCenterFriends.org/walk.

We would also love to have you join us on the walk! The route is a short 1.5 miles, and participants will enjoy a light breakfast of bagels, fruit, and pastries following the event. For more information about our team or how you can get involved, please contact Brenda Harvey.

Happy Anniversary

Oct. 7 Betsy & Todd Danner Oct. 9 J.C. & Tiffany Stutts
Oct. 11 Jessi & Nathan Finsel Oct. 27 Ann & Mike Goode

FALL FESTIVAL 2025
SATURDAY OCT. 11
3-6PM

FREE EVENT FOR ALL



MARK YOUR
CALENDARS



is coming back to Fair View
Saturday, March 7, 2026

HAPPY birthday

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Susan Lynaugh

Grey Caldwell

Jeff Richardson & Sugenia Wells

Billy Glaze

Brenda Agan

Don Carter

Ollie Turner

Jessica Agan & Mackenzie Finsel

Kenneth Coone



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. 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
6:30PM IN WESLEY

thursday

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

BOOK CLUB
2ND MONDAYS
6:30PM 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

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT FAIR VIEW?

Stephen Minister Sunday

On Sunday, October 5, we invite you to join us at worship as we celebrate Stephen Ministry's 25th anniversary at Fair View.

Since 2000, dozens of our members received training and committed to being present and listening to those going through difficult times as we shared Christ's love with them. This compassion through Christ has improved acted our whole church family and has been a meaningful part of our identity.

Christmas Cantata

Our Christmas Cantata is coming up and you are invited! Join us on Sunday, December 14, for an advent celebration. The Music Ministry of Fair View invites you to our Christmas Cantata.

Rehearsals take place every Wednesday starting at 7pm and ending around 7:45pm. If you are interested in joining the choir here at Fair View, feel free to contact our Director of Music, Isaiah Cornelius, or any member of the choir.

A big THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to all that were able to help in accomplishing so much at our recent work day. More was done than what was even had on the work list. The biggest task was spreading the new mulch in the playground. A very special thanks goes to so many of the scouts, scout leaders and scout parents from Troops #173 and #4173 that Fair View sponsors for spreading the mulch and gathering up limbs and cuttings from trimming shrubbery.

Coming soon and keep a watch for the date when you will be invited to a leaf raking party.





FAIR VIEW KIDZ



Fall Festival will take place on Saturday October 11, from 3 to 6pm. We are in need of volunteers to help run games, including but not limited to Limbo, Gone Fishin', Duck Match, Knock Down (cans), Bowling, Ring Toss, Football Toss, and more as well as a few to help count tickets at the prize table and hand out prizes. Please contact Krystal (fairviewkidz@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or are able to help.



We are in need of donations of candy and small prizes such as stickers, erasers, and small fidgets for Fall Fest. If you are able, please bring your donations in by Sunday October 5. Thank you for helping to make this a successful event for all.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

The totals from our last 5th Sunday Lunch our total came to \$440 which was split between Feed NC and our upcoming Youth Retreat.

Shoebox season is approaching quickly if you can believe it! If you are like me, you are wondering where the time went. We are asking for donations again this year like last to stuff the shoeboxes. We have an amazon wish list set up and have a goal of 50 shoeboxes. Please reach out if you have any questions regarding how to help with the shoeboxes.

In a time when we are seeing so much go on around our world and our youth are facing so much in their everyday lives, I encourage you all to pray for our youth. Below is a prayer I have been praying for them, and I invite you all to join me in keeping them in prayer.

Dear Lord, reveal our youth to the calling over their life. Give them a heavenly perspective of their purpose. Show them your will and let them not be persuaded by the world, but by your voice and guidance alone. Keep their paths straight and hold on to them always with your righteous right hand. In Jesus name, Amen.

Upcoming Dates:

October 4, Walk for Life, Reese is representing the youth group.

October 5, Ms. Kathy will be joining youth to teach us some basic finance lessons that are important for them to learn.

October 24, fall fun in the fellowship hall. Youth will be getting together to watch a movie, bake some fun cookies, and decorate pumpkins.

FAIR VIEW YOUTH



BRINGING HOPE TO CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS



I am excited to share about the Angel Tree program we will be participating in this year at Fair View. I know when you hear Prison Fellowship it may feel off-putting to some, but let us remember that Jesus calls us to be disciples to all, to love all, and to bring the Gospel to all.

The children of incarcerated parents did not ask to face this difficult time during the holidays, and we have the opportunity to be a light for them. I will be sharing more details after my kickoff meeting on October 1. For now, I can tell you that with this program you only purchase one \$20 gift for a child, and we will have a group of volunteers who will personally hand these gifts to the children and witness the impact we are making. This program also allows us to continue building relationships with these families throughout the year. I look forward to sharing more details once the kickoff has taken place.

— Danyel Williams

About Angel Tree® Christmas

Approximately 2.7 million children in America have an incarcerated parent - that's about one in 28. Many of these children experience heartache, loneliness, and shame. Angel Tree provides incarcerated parents with a pathway to strengthen and restore their relationships with their children and families.

Prison Fellowship mobilizes local churches and community organizations to give hundreds of thousands of children a Christmas gift, the Gospel message, and a personal note of love on behalf of their incarcerated parent. In addition, many partner churches continue ministering throughout the year by meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of prisoners' families through programs like camping and mentoring.

Angel Tree Christmas gives incarcerated parents a way to provide a Christmas gift and a personal message, delivered by caring local volunteers, as a tangible expression of their love. Every Angel Tree family also receives access to a free, easy-to-read copy of the Bible. And through the church, which embodies the hope and grace of the Gospel, families can continue to be supported throughout the year.



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

SCOUTING AROUND WITH CUB SCOUT PACK #173

By Bill Hicks

The Fall Round-Up for new Cub Scouts (kindergarten thru 5th graders) that was held at the Coddle Creek Elementary School in early September was good and the Pack is still registering new scouts. Registration is still open to any girl or boy by contacting any of the leaders in the Pack or Bill Hicks at 704-650-1026 or wchicks@hotmail.com.

Last month the Pack had a great outing at our Mt. Mourne Scout Center where the former scouts and new ones had a great time at a campfire and roasted their on s'mores.

The month of October will have lots of activities in addition to the weekly meetings of the scouts in their age groups. At the end of the month the Pack will hold a Bike Rodeo open to all children in the area.



The scouts are now selling popcorn to fund their enrollment with the Pack. Contact any scout to make a purchase.

The rest of the year just to highlight a few extra events to the normal program: placing flags on the graves of veterans at Centre Presbyterian and Fair View, marching in the Mooresville Veteran's Day and Mooresville Christmas parades.

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

2-3% Liked a program offered

8-10% Liked the pastor

3-4% Had a need met by the church.

1-2% Were Evangelized

3-4% Attracted by Sunday School

70-85% Invited by a relative or friend!

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