

Life Infusing Victory

Spring is unfolding outside. Winter's power is fading, and new life is turning the world green. Just as the earth bursts forth with new growth and vibrancy, Christ's resurrection ushered in hope for all who put their faith in Him.

As Christians, we should actively try to cultivate a victorious worldview – a perspective that recognizes the reality of Christ's triumph over sin, death, and the powers of darkness. In John 16:33, Jesus declares, "In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." Do we believe Him, that He has indeed overcome the world? Does this have any real, tangible bearing on our lives, living in this now-overcome world?

Sobering questions because far too often, our actions and attitudes reflect a mindset of defeat rather than victory. We allow the troubles and hardships of this life to weigh us down, forgetting our Savior has already experienced the sorrows and pain of human life, took them with Him to the tomb, and left them behind when He defeated death. Because we have put our faith in Him, we have been baptized into His life, death, and resurrection.

To live with a victorious worldview, we must first acknowledge the reality of Christ's victory. This wasn't a symbolic or metaphorical conquest – it was a decisive, once-and-for-all triumph over the powers of darkness. When Jesus rose from the grave, He proved His authority over the very things that once held us captive. His victory was a complete rout of the enemy.

As we embrace the hope that comes from Christ's triumph, we should no longer be slaves to fear, doubt, or despair. This victorious perspective should embolden us to face challenges with courage, extend grace and forgiveness, and live with an eternal mindset.

Christ's victory should have a profound impact on our family relationships, offer hope in our personal struggles, and transform our perspective on death.

The transformative power of Christ's victory is a reality that should shape every aspect of our lives as believers. When we embrace the truth that Jesus has overcome the world, it infuses our lives with hope, courage, and an unshakable confidence in the ultimate triumph of God's purposes.

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"...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." ~Matthew 5:16

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Sunday	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00 AM
	Morning Assembly	10:00 AM

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"You are the light of the world; a city on a hill cannot be hidden"
~Matthew 5:14

Fairlawn Family Focus

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Welcome Visitors!

We're glad you came our way; please let us get to know you better. Please take the time to fill out a Visitor's Card. There is a carry-in fellowship dinner some Sunday mornings after services—Please stay as our honored guests, and let us get to know you better.

Here, we strive to follow Jesus as he is seen in the New Testament. We pray, study, sing, and take communion together in order to grow closer to God and to each other.

We would love to have you grow with us toward Christ. If we can help you, in any way, please talk to us. The telephone numbers of our elders, deacons, and minister can be found within this bulletin. We hope to see you again soon and often!

FROM THE PULPIT

04-07-24 A.M.
Series continues:
"Passion"

"DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE LIGHT"
(John 3:14-26)

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NO EVENING SERVICE

04-14-24 A.M.
Series continues:
"Passion"
"JESUS THE DISRUPTOR"
(John 2:13-22)

04-14-24 P.M.
NO EVENING SERVICE

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?
~Psalm 27:1



Prayer List



OUR SHUT-INS

Donald Henderson

~Please pray for **Michael Thomas' youngest sister, Cindy**. She had emergency surgery on April 1st, for a brain aneurysm at John Hopkins Hospital in D.C.

~Please keep **Mike Barnes** in your prayers, as he spent some time in the hospital recently, for what they originally thought was food poisoning, but it ended up being kidney stones. Please pray for his full recovery.

~**Diane Stricklin** requests prayers for her mom, **Pat Reis**, who went to the ER on March 19th. They're still waiting for results on one more test, but it seems her problem has something to do with her blood pressure getting too high. (So NOT a stroke.) Please continue praying for her peace and healing from her recent partial hip replacement surgery.

~**Diane Stricklin** also requests prayers for **their son, Marty Stricklin**, who had leg surgery at the Cleveland Clinic on March 21st. He will also need to have another surgery in several months. Please pray for his good results and recovery.

~**Renee Huffman** requests prayers for her dad, **Estes Gregory**. He had a PET scan on April 3rd, after that, he will have some appts. in the upcoming weeks with an oncologist and radiologist to determine a radiation plan. (They're not sure how effective the radiation will be, but it'll help with the pain.) Renee's doctor is helping with pain management for him. **Update:** *Estes is doing better, but the family asks that we continue to pray for him.*

~Prayers are requested for **Joy Salmon**, who had another surgery on her foot on Feb. 16th. Please pray that her recovery will go well, and she will have complete healing.

~**Paul & Cheryl Teague** requests

prayers for their 7-year-old grandson, **Elijah Butterfield**. He had surgery on Feb. 12th, at Riley Children's Hospital, to remove part of his skull where the skull and spinal cord meet. Recovery will be 3 weeks long. Please pray for his full recovery.

~Continued prayers are requested for **Jerry Monroe**, who is in the hospital with pneumonia and RSV. **Update:** *Jerry is improving but still has a long way to go. He's still in BMH as he is still contagious with RSV. He's been able to walk a little. He will be sent to a rehab facility when he is stronger and no longer contagious.*

~Please keep **Linda Beckman's nephew, Mason, his wife Jessica and family** in your prayers. **Baby Jameson** was born Feb. 6th and is in the NICU on a CPAP. He is only 4 pounds 5 ounces. Lift those prayers up to the Almighty Healer!

~We were informed that **Joy Salmon's sister and brother-in-law's (Janice and Ron Culy)** home, as well as their barn, on the east side of Winchester was at minimum severely damaged, if not destroyed. (A few weeks ago from the tornado/ storms.) We also received info. from a neighboring resident, that the **Winchester Church of Christ** building is severely damaged. Many people in the area from Royerton to Winchester and beyond were affected by that storm. Please continue to keep them all in your prayers, as it will take some time to assess all the damage.

~Prayers are requested for **Lois Calvert's daughter, Kathy Chanel**, who has a new tumor. Please pray for her healing and strength, as she has been battling cancer for the past four years.

~**Nancy Friedrich** requests prayers for her long-time childhood friend,

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Cheryl Hubert, who has leukemia. **Update:** *She has been told she has less than 1 year to live, and she needs a bone marrow transplant. Please pray for her, & also pray that she will be open to know about God.*

~Please continue in prayer for **George and Cindy Huffman's brother, Gilbert**, who has stage 4 prostate cancer.

~Please keep the **Bright family** in your prayers. **Ralph's nephew** has bone cancer, **his sister**, who is 86, had surgery for liver and colon cancer, and **Charlotte's brother, Jay**, fell out of bed and broke his hip and was to have surgery January 26th.

~Prayers are requested for **Ralph Bright's sister and niece (Sarah & Tonya)**, who are both battling stage 4 liver cancer. They live together but can't be treated with chemo or radiation.

~**Marilyn Kitchen** requests prayers for a U.S. Soldier, **Justin McMurray**. He is evidently serving in close proximity to the Israeli border. Pray for his safety as he serves there.

~Continued prayers are requested for **Tim & Jenny Leach**, as they continue to deal with **Tim's** recent diagnosis of having Pulmonary Fibrosis (a terminal lung issue). Please continue to pray fervently for Tim's healing of this and that it won't be as aggressive.

~Please continue to keep **Tony Parks** in your prayers, as he has been having seizures along with his Parkinson's.

Long-Term Prayer List

CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

~**Anderson Christian School**—Financial support needed.

~**Fran Bailey**, Lois Calvert's sister-in-law—Serious illness.

~**Beau Bell**, Michelle Cook's brother—Parkinson's disease—aggressive.

~**Collette Bright**, Charlotte Bright's daughter-in-law—Many medical issues—liver, heart, etc.

~**Dawn Cook**, Charlotte Bright's

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niece— 3 brain tumors.

~**Courtney (Mathews) Sullivan's mother-in-law**—Cancer.

~**Cristy Abels**—Cancer has returned.

~**Kathy Chanel**, Lois Calvert's daughter—Cancer/Chemo.

~**Cristie Dickey's mom, Dorothy Anderson**—Ongoing problems from GI perforation & surgeries.

~**Nancy Friedrich, her, bro-in-law Rick Mirecki**—cancer, **her sister Peggy**, & **her brother Joe**—health struggles, **her sister-in-law, Susan**—bladder cancer, **her great niece, Kylee**—difficult family situation, & **her great niece, Evelyn**—brain issue, and her great great nephew, **Michael Martin**, who is having epilepsy episodes.

~**Dan Huston**, Debbie Huston's husband—Multifocal Motor Neuropathy.

~**Stephnie Huston**—Serious form of autoimmune disease.

~**Judy Monroe**—M.S.

~**Tony Parks**—Parkinson's disease.

~**Angie Reed**—M.S.

~**Sam Schlagel**, Lois Calvert's son—Autoimmune issue.

~**Sally & Gary Sloan**, Jenny Leach's sister & bro.-in-law—Leukemia (both).

~**Clara Smallwood**, Angie Walls' sister—Rare form of cancer/chemo.

~**Bob & Jan Todd**—Both have Parkinson's disease.

~**Jordan Webb**—Ongoing struggles, rehab./recovery.

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Fairlawn Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week in April



Date	Birthday	Anniversary
April 11	Hollis Whittenburg	

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.
~ 1 John 1:7*



For the time being, for those unable to attend worship service at the church building, we are still publishing sermon *audio* to the following link:

<https://FairlawnChurchOfChrist.sermon.net/main>

& also *video* on Facebook: **Fairlawn Church of Christ**

and now....on Fairlawn's website: <http://www.fairlawncc.org> (click on *Media* tab, then click on *Sermons* in list, then click on the highlighted Facebook where it says our Sunday sermons can be viewed on Facebook.)

Vision Statement:

Jesus is alive in us. We live by faith. Our purpose is to make disciples by showing love, giving service and speaking truth. Jesus expects our destiny to be heaven. Dying to ourselves...we always hope, always trust and always, always live for Him.

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The pantry is in need of the following item(s):

Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix

Please note: Fairlawn is continually feeding families, and we need to keep replenishing the pantry as each week goes by. *As always, if you would like to donate money, for the purchase of perishable items, please see an elder.*

This week's pantry volunteers on call:
Don & Roberta Craycraft



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