

Truth Something To Be Discovered

Some people say they are still following Jesus, but are walking away from God's truth. They're no longer believing that people need to trust Jesus to be saved and rescued from Hell (some don't believe in Hell at all), and are no longer affirming that the Bible is entirely true or that Jesus is the only way to Heaven (John 14:6). They're following the latest drifts of culture and trying to be popular on social and moral issues, rather than holding on to God's revealed truth in Scripture.

Jesus said some strong words: "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32-33). Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes..." (Romans 1:16-17).

In The Fellowship of the Ring, Bilbo Baggins says to his young cousin, "It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to."

To "keep our feet" in this world requires putting our weight upon what is true.

Nothing in the world can take the place of truth. Yet we are constantly bombarded with lies that attempt to do just that. Truth is not something we invent, only something we can discover. God reveals it to us in His Word. Truth is rooted in the eternal, all-powerful, and unchangeable God. Therefore, His promises cannot fail: "Every word of God proves true" (Proverbs 30:5 ESV).

The Holy Spirit leads people into truth (John 16:13). We're commanded to know the truth (1 Timothy 4:3), handle the truth accurately (2 Timothy 2:15), and avoid doctrinal untruths (2 Timothy 2:18). Christ's disciples do the truth (John 3:21) and abide in the truth (John 8:31-32). The "belt of truth" holds together our spiritual armor (Ephesians 6:14). God "does not lie" (Titus 1:2). He is "the God of truth" (Isaiah 65:16 ESV).

When we wonder what's right, we're to turn to God's Word: "For the word of the Lord is right and true" (Psalm 33:4).

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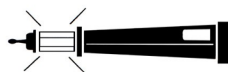
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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Sunday

Bible Classes for all ages

9:00 AM

Morning Assembly

10:00 AM

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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



"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

07-07-24 A.M.

New series begins:
"He Promises"

**"DOES GOD STILL
LOVE ME?"**
(John 3:16)

07-07-24 P.M.

NO EVENING SERVICE

07-14-24 A.M.

Series continues:
"He Promises"

**"HEARING GOD'S
VOICE"**
(John 19:2-4)

07-14-24 P.M.

NO EVENING SERVICE

*Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good. His love
endures forever.*
~Psalm 136:1



Prayer List

OUR
SHUT-INS

Donald Henderson

~Prayers are requested for **Daniel Huston**, who was taken to Ascension Hosp. in Anderson on June 15th. CT scan showed he has 2 kidney stones in both kidneys. They originally thought the stones may have passed, but Daniel had to go back to the hospital on June 17th, due to pain and vomiting. He has since had multiple tests and does still have some kidney stones giving him problems. **Update:** Daniel had to have a surgical procedure on June 25th to deal with his kidney stones. Please pray for his quick and full recovery from this..

~Continued prayers are requested for **Jimmy Evans (Kim Evan's husband)**, who had a serious accident on May 19th, & suffered severe internal injuries. He had surgery on May 21st, to address multiple internal injuries. He's in the ICU and has a long recovery road ahead of him. **Update:** Jimmy went home from the hospital a week ago to continue his healing and participate in physical therapy. He still has quite a way to go, but God is answering your prayers for Jimmy. So keep on lifting him up in prayer!

~Please keep **Diane Stricklin's mom, Pat Reis**, in your prayers. She had shunt surgery on May 29th. Please pray for her good surgery results. **Update:** Her surgery to place a shunt was successful. Pray that her recovery will go well and that her regular daily function will be restored.

~**Nancy Friedrich** requests prayers for **Michael Beer** (a former college member). His biopsies are back and he does have prostate cancer. His numbers are low though, so his doctors will follow up with him in a year to check his condition. Please keep him in your prayers.

~**Nancy Friedrich's friend, Sue**, passed away. She had been battling

cancer for several years. Please pray for her family.

~**Nancy Friedrich** also found out that her cousin, **Leslie**, passed away recently. Please keep Nancy and family in your prayers.

~**Mike & Judy Monroe** requests prayers for a friend of theirs, **Diana Hines**, who is in the hospital with a blood clot in her leg. **Update:** She's home recovering now and she appreciates all your prayers. She believes prayers help! Thank you for your prayers.

~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.

~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, **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 prayers 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 92-year-old sister, **Imogene Bailey**, fell and broke her hip. She was to have surgery on April 18th in Oregon. **Charlotte's stepdad** fell off his mower and broke his wrist. Her brother, **Jay** continues to have issues. (As you'll recall, back in January, he fell out of his bed and broke his hip and had to have surgery.) Pray for

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Ralph & Charlotte, as they are trying to help their family deal with all of this.

~Prayers are requested for **Ralph Bright's sister, Sarah Bowling**, (age 86) and niece, **Tonya**, who are both battling stage 4 liver cancer. They live together but can't be treated with chemo or radiation. **(Update:** Ralph's sister, **Sarah**, is back in the hospital with severe problems with her feet.)

~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 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 Mar-**

Prayer List Cont'd.

tin, 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.

Youth & Family Olympic Games Night

Sunday, July 21st

From 5:00pm—7:30pm

(Here at Fairlawn.)

There will be chili dogs, s'mores, and lots of games and crafts. Please plan to volunteer, invite, and participate. It will be a night of fun!

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Fairlawn Work Day

Saturday, July 13th

10am—4pm

Lunch provided.

Fairlawn Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week in July



Date	Birthday	Anniversary
July 9	Tony Calvert Sherry Huffman	
July 11	Bryce Fields	



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.fairlawncoc.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.)

PANTRY



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 volunteer on call:
Linda Beckman



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