



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE.

MATTHEW 5:16

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## The Christmas Card Post Office is open!

A drop off box is located in the front foyer. Please alphabetize your cards (include first and last name), rubber band them, and write the number of cards on a slip of paper and place on top of your cards. The final day to submit cards is **DECEMBER 18th**. **Only bring cards for folks who attend Fairmount and are able to pick them up. Be sure to check for any cards sent to your family!**

## Let Your Light Shine Brightly!

By: Judy Allard

Our ministers, Bible school teachers, youth leaders, workers, and volunteers come week after week prepared to help us delve deeper into God's Word. They help us find better ways to serve, spread the good news, and create a lifelong relationship with Christ.

From December 4, 2016 to January 8, 2017, our Fairmount Christian Church family invites you and your family to personally make a commitment to reach more people for Jesus Christ. Our goal is to raise \$200,000. How can just one person do this? This is done with prayer first and action next.

Bob Russell, in his message on Sunday, December 4th, engaged us in thinking about why we love the church. He spoke of its founder, Jesus; its people, you and me; and its positive influence. I loved seeing him show the history of his Pennsylvania church with a 1941 group photo. When Fairmount Christian Church started out over 113 years ago, they started their group with its founder, Jesus Christ, as the foundation. Then they added one person who said let's get together, one person who said let us make a joyful noise, and another person who said how can we help others.

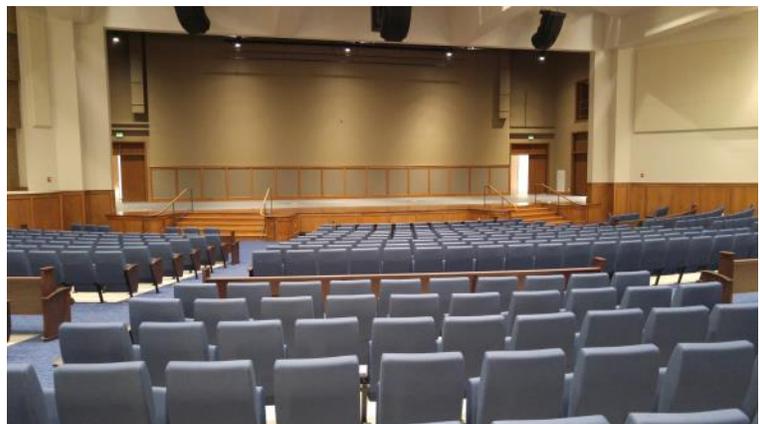
Today we continue with those same commitments.

Say YES now to a commitment and contribution to our 2016 campaign. YES, to its founder, Jesus. YES, to its people, you and me. YES, to its positive influence here and reaching far into the world.

This past Sunday, Fairmount Christian had an opportunity to hear three of our Elders, Dwight Carlisle, Eddie Knapp, and Frank Saunders, present challenges to donate funds to Onward for loan repayment, 10% of which will be given to Waypoint Church Partners for planting new churches. This financial challenge is to meet and exceed our \$200,000 goal.

What you do today will far exceed that goal. The smallest stone makes a ripple in the water. The widow's mite went on to reach far. Luke 21:3 tells us this. <sup>3</sup>So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all;" Thank you in advance for praying first and then taking action. Thank you for loving Christ and loving our church. What way will you be a positive influence? What way will you commit to Fairmount's goal to reach more people for Christ? Let your light shine brightly and Merry CHRISTmas! ■

Our Onward Campaign is based on reaching more people for Jesus Christ. Our Onward Campaign is based on people making commitments - commitments of time, talent, and tithes. Our Onward Campaign needs you. When God's blessings continue to show up in ways and opportunities to serve, praise, and grow, we are fully responsible to be good stewards. Please join us in praising God for His blessings that abide in each of us. Help us to continue to be like the shepherds under the bright new star, unafraid to go and worship the King and then go and tell others. We hope that you and your family will have a wonderful CHRISTmas season. Because He lives, we may live also. ■



## Youth Ministry Search

Since August, Fairmount has been in full search mode for a new Youth Minister. While this search goes on, though, our ministry to youth never rests. We are incredibly grateful for the committed volunteers who are supporting and leading our ministry. We are also grateful for Krista Barnes, the administrative assistant for Youth Ministry, as she is wonderfully overseeing the day-to-day operations of the ministry. Chris Santasiere is heading our search team and continues to receive inquiries and resumes. His team is vetting every single one.

While the search continues – and with the likelihood of the search moving into the new year – we have invited **Josh Smith** to join our staff as **interim Youth Minister**. You are already familiar with Josh as he is an Impact Partner with our church. Josh heads College Ministries of Virginia, a campus ministry at colleges across the state. Josh, his wife, Jamie, and their two children make Fairmount their home church. Before going into campus ministry, Josh was a youth minister in Indiana. Though his position at Fairmount will be only part-time, his pastoral and visionary leadership will help bridge the gap between full time youth ministers. Before you ask ... Josh is not interested in this position full-time. He is interested in seeing our youth ministry flourish rather than just maintain over these weeks. We know you will give him your 100% support.

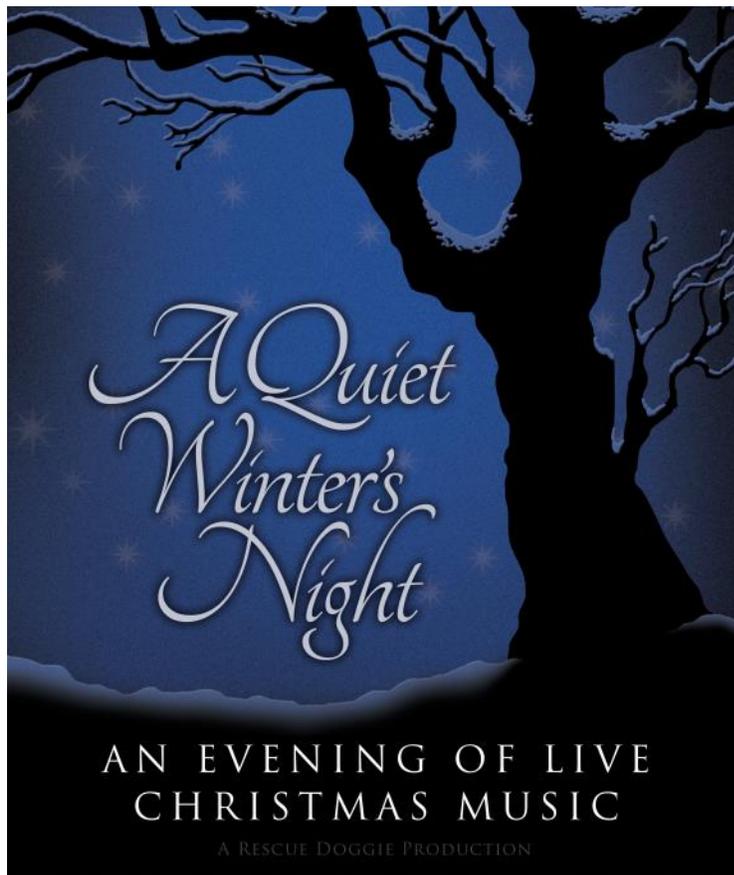


## Adult Ministries Assistant



**Mrs. Sherri Fadool** has accepted the position of **Adult Ministries Assistant** at Fairmount. This is a direct administrative support position for our pastoral staff: Mike Langley, Rick Raines, and Chris Santasiere. Sherri and her husband, Jimmy, have been part of the Fairmount family for 18 years. She has 4 children (Wesley, Allie, Cathleen, and

Brian) and 1 grandchild (Myra). Sherri brings to our staff a strong work ethic, a love of people, and a desire to see God's Kingdom grow. We are very excited to have her on our team. Please be sure to give Sherri a hearty welcome. ■



## **A Quiet Invitation**

By: Bob Weirup

You and your friends are invited to join us for “A Quiet Winter’s Night” this Sunday, December 11th, at 6pm. It’s a time to come in from the cold and decompress for a while during the hectic Holiday Season and enjoy all-live Christmas music performed by some of your favorite musicians here at Fairmount. There will be many songs that you know and love, and some new ones that we think you’ll enjoy too. Our roster of performers includes David Rice, Scott Mullins, Meg Switzer, Ray Butler, Chuck Stiff, Crystal Griffin, Kip Payne, and Chris Cockrell, with special guest appearances by Jenny Brawley (Scott’s sister), Lisa and Mark Abernathy, Walter Blake Stephens, and David Johnston. Our sound will be mixed by the incomparable Nick Polivka.

We’re excited to present our second edition of this event, and we’re happy to be back this year to make music for you. So, we ask you to come, relax, listen, fellowship with friends and family, and simply enjoy “A Quiet Winter’s Night.” ■



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The mission of Fairmount Christian Church:

To develop followers of Jesus who:

Love God,  
Love People and  
Introduce the world  
to Christ



The Forecaster is  
best viewed online @  
[fairmountchristian.org](http://fairmountchristian.org)

## Our Church: December 4, 2016

**Welcome**  
to our Newest Member...  
Chip Eastman was baptized  
on December 1st.

**Virginia Blood Services  
Bloodmobile Blood Drive**  
Sunday, December 18th  
8am - 1pm



Reserve your time  
at [vadonor.org](http://vadonor.org).  
Appointments are  
preferred but  
walk-ins are always  
welcome!

## Attendance & Giving

8:15 Worship Service: 186  
Children's Worship: 5  
9:30 Worship Service: 503  
Children's Worship: 43  
11:00 Combined Worship: 465  
Children's Worship: 103

**Total: 1,305**

**Bible School: 641**

**Budget Requirements: \$41,653**

**Budget Receipts: \$43,199**



## Your Church Staff:

Rick Raines - Senior Minister  
Chris Santasiere - Associate Minister  
Mike Langley - Associate Minister  
Tracy Thomas - Worship/Music Minister  
Kevin Tucker - Associate Worship Minister  
Josh Smith - Interim Youth Minister  
Ashley Sears - Children's Director  
Rose Williams - Early Childhood Director  
Bob Massey - Business Administrator  
Veronica Brewster - Office Manager  
Jef Powell - Facilities & Grounds Manager  
Barry Will - Technology Director  
Chris Branch - Administrative Assistant  
Sherri Fadool - Adult Ministries Assistant  
Carolyn Holmes - Administrative Assistant  
Lauren McCormick - Administrative Assistant  
Morgan McMullin - Administrative Assistant  
Krista Barnes - Youth Min. Administrative Assistant  
Crystal Griffin - Children's Administrative Assistant  
Amber Grubbs - Children's Administrative Assistant  
Kasey Ogden - Children's Administrative Assistant