

Fairmount Welcomes Our First Church Executive



BRANDON WOODARD
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Brandon has been a church administrator and a Branch Bank Manager collectively for over 20 years. He is a certified church administrator and currently serves on the National Board of Directors for "The Church Network" formally known as NACBA. Brandon is also a certified contract operator for armed church security and a certified leadership trainer, speaker, and coach with the John Maxwell Team. Brandon completed his Master's Degree in Business Administration at Liberty University and received his Bachelors of Science degree in Organizational Management and Development from Bluefield College. Through extensive experience in management and leadership in Corporate America and the non-profit sector, Brandon helps build and reenergize leaders, organize and inspire teams, and maximize an organization's potential through trusted knowledge, experience and a winning program. ■

A Note from Rick ...

It is with tremendous excitement that I share with you the exciting news that Fairmount has hired its first Church Executive. Mr. Brandon Woodard, a native of Brooklyn, NY, will not have to drive far to work. He and his wife, Caryn, and their three kids live right down the road in Varina. Having served in a number of business capacities in the secular world, Brandon comes to us having served as a Business Administrator in a local church for the last eight years. He is a graduate of Bluefield College and has an MBA from Liberty University. In addition, Brandon is a certified John Maxwell Team coach and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Church Business Administrators. We are blessed to have him and his family make Fairmount their new church home.

As you will remember, Fairmount held a nationwide search in order to fill this position earlier this year. We received resumes from around the country and from right here in our area. This new administrative position will focus on a number of areas, but primarily will be focused on keeping our congregation and staff working toward achieving the great mission and vision that God has instilled in our church. Brandon will be charged with increasing the effectiveness of our church in accomplishing its strategic mission by coordinating and overseeing our many valuable resources. He will be a great asset as we continue to move forward loving God, loving people, and introducing the world to Christ.

Brandon will be joining our staff team on October 1. I know you will warmly welcome him, Caryn, Cheyanne, Carrington, and Donovan. ■



Fairmount Welcomes the Woodard Family

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Greetings FCC Family!

I'm so excited for this opportunity to serve you as the newly appointed FCC Church Executive. I am looking forward to building relationships and getting to know you all.

As a church family, you should feel well assured the church leadership took every step possible ensuring the Church Executive search was a healthy and thorough process and all the work the FCC leadership has successfully done should be commended. Once again, I look forward to getting to know and serve the FCC family and most of all serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

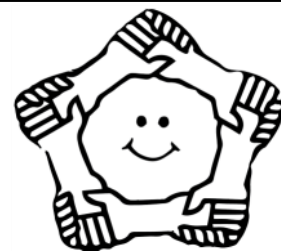
May the Lord bless you richly. See you all soon.

How Fun!

Brandon Woodard



Who Is The Morning Friendship Circle?



By: Royce Beasley

The Morning Friendship Circle was formed in September 2008 by combining two existing Women's Ministry groups - the Friendship Circle (formed in 1952) and the Tuesday Morning Circle, a lunch-bag service group started in 1957. Today, the Morning Friendship Circle (MFC) consists of both women and men, although it is still a Women's Ministry offering.

The Morning Friendship Circle participates in four special events each year. During the Fall Festival, members serve the many delicious pies donated to the Pie Room. The traditional Advent Candle Wreath in the sanctuary is organized and



Fran Walton serving up pies at the Fall Festival.

maintained by MFC. It is lit during the traditional services in the sanctuary starting four Sundays prior to Christmas Day and is an impressive and cherished Fairmount tradition.

Also during the Christmas season, MFC prepares the Seniors' Christmas Luncheon. This delightful event is

enjoyed by FCC members that have reached the young age of 80 if married, or 70 if single. Be sure that the church office has your birthdate, including the year, on file so that we can be sure to include you!



Santa and his elf visit Rick at the Seniors' Christmas Luncheon.

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The Morning Friendship Circle plans and organizes the Advent Candle lighting each Christmas season.

By far, the Circle's largest event is held annually on the third Monday of April - The Ladies' Salad Banquet. Invitations are extended to other nearby churches, including all of our sister Christian Churches and Churches of Christ. The evening consists of a delicious array of salads brought by the participants. Did you know that chocolate cake can be considered a salad? It can if it's on the table at the Salad Banquet! After eating, the ladies enjoy an inspirational message from a guest speaker, worship through music, and take up a collection for a charity of the speaker's choosing. It's a wonderful evening that ladies from all over the area look forward to each year.

MFC's focus is on honoring God through service, fellowship, and prayer. Ongoing duties include laundering the baptismal robes and towels, and the sheets and blankets



used in the Nursery each Sunday. We've also collected soup labels for many years, but have discontinued this practice since the company ended their program. Soup labels have helped provide much-needed equipment for Mountain Mission School in Grundy, VA such as the recent arrival of a new van. At this time, we are still collecting Box Tops for Education to benefit Mt. Mission School.



The Morning Friendship Circle meets on the first Tuesday of each month from September through May at 10am. Each meeting begins in Rm. 130 with an uplifting devotion followed by a business meeting. We are a working circle and, by 11am, members break up into different groups providing services such as preparing cards for our sick, shut-in, and military members; helping in the church office with any needs; caring for the communion service trays; knitting dish cloths; filling pew racks in the Sanctuary & Worship Center; caring for the plants throughout the building; cleaning the white boards in the classrooms; and other odds & ends as needed. We also have a prayer warriors group, sewing group, and a team of folks who help with the next portion of our meetings - the covered dish luncheon.



We also collect and deliver items to the Hanover Adult Center, Hanover Christian Village, Hilliard House, MCEF, McGuire VA Medical Center-Polytrauma Unit, and VCU Campus Ministry.

At 12:00 members report to Room 132 for a delightful covered dish luncheon. Hostesses prepare and decorate the tables each month. There is always a great spread of homemade dishes and desserts.



We are under new leadership and new horizons will be realized. New members are always welcome and we look forward to any new challenges that require assistance. Suggestions for new projects are always considered. Please contact Membership Chairman, Bonnie Norwood, at 730-1473 if you would like information about becoming a member or just come to a meeting, bring a dish and a friend.





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OUR CHURCH - September 3, 2017

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members:

August 23rd

Kelly Jones - Transferred

September 3rd

Ronnie & Jane Kern - Transferred

Scott McCulley - Baptized

Harmony McCulley - Transferred

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

8:15 Traditional Worship: 141

Children's Worship: 3

9:30 Contemporary Worship: 400

Children's Worship: 31

11:00 Traditional Worship: 138

Children's Worship: 76

11:15 Modern Worship: 250

Total: 1,039

Bible School: 571

Budget Requirements: \$44,862

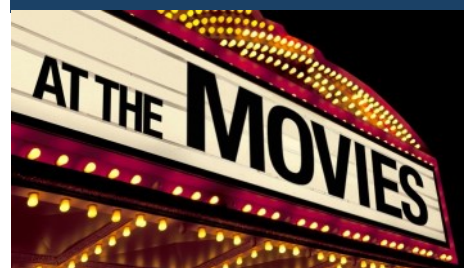
Budget Receipts: \$53,143



BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday, Sept. 24th
8am-1pm - Bloodmobile

Reserve your time today at <https://donateblood.vablood.org> or call the church office at 559-8070. While appointments are preferred, walk-ins are always welcome. ■

New Sermon Series
Begins This Sunday!



FAIRMOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

Amber Grubbs - Early Childhood Director