



THE FORECASTER

FAIRMOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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For decades, *The Forecaster* has provided the Fairmount family with invaluable information such as sermon topics, personal testimonies, ministry and community updates, event details, financials, and other vital communications. As this publication is very important to our church and community, it is just as important that we begin streamlining our process. This change will create an opportunity for us to manage resources more effectively and efficiently while still providing the church family with timely information.

Beginning in February, *The Forecaster* will be published twice each month. The first Wednesday of each month will contain the Kids & Teen page; the third Wednesday will contain the next month's calendar. Fifth Wednesdays will be reserved for the special Impact issues. We will continue to produce special issues whenever the need arises.

We are greatly appreciative and thankful for our church staff and dedicated volunteers who always strive for excellence when getting the *Forecaster* out to our church family and community.

- Brandon Woodard, Church Executive

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SPEAKUP!
MENTAL WELLNESS STARTS WITH UNDERSTANDING

LISTEN, LEARN, & REALIZE
 you are not alone and there is help in our community

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15
 6:00-7:30PM | Hanover High School
 10307 Chamberlayne Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

PANELISTS:
 Grace Gallagher, Executive Director of the Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation and Parent
 Drew Bergman, Mental Health Advocate & Speaker, Minding Your Mind
 Ashley Morgan Soukop, MA, LMFT, Health & Family Psychologists of Virginia
 Scott Ward, Hanover County Community Service Board
 Karla Allen, Coordinator Counseling Services, HCPS

The Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation and Hanover County Public Schools present a community-wide event about mental wellness on February 15, 2018 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Hanover High School. For questions, please call (804) 365-4637.

Attendees will hear a number of voices around this important topic.

- a parent with life experience caring for and shepherding a child with a mental illness
- a young adult who struggled with depression and anxiety in his teenage years and now lives successfully with this disease
- a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist
- Hanover County community services and counseling representatives

Additionally, there be opportunity to learn about mental health resources in schools and the community. A Q&A session will follow. Come listen, learn, and realize you and your family are not alone. There is help in our community. Adults and teens welcome. Panelists include:

Grace Gallagher, Executive Director, Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation
 Drew Bergman, Mental Health Advocate & Speaker, Minding Your Mind
 Ashley Morgan Soukop, MA, LMFT Health & Family Psychologists of VA
 Scott Ward, Hanover County Community Service Board
 Karla Allen, Coordinator Counseling Services for HCPS ▪

Sheriff Hines invites you to attend the Hanover County Sheriff's Office "Civilian Response to an Active Shooter" presentation on **Monday, February 19, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Fairmount Christian Church (6502 Creighton Rd, Mechanicsville, VA 23111)**. Registration begins at 6pm. This presentation is for everyone and is designed to assist you in becoming better aware and prepared should an active shooter event occur wherever you are. Please join Sheriff Hines and his team on February 19, 2018! ▪

Civilian Response to an Active Shooter

DAVID R. HINES SHERIFF HANOVER COUNTY

PREPARE RUN HIDE FIGHT



Hanover County Senior Citizens Police Academy: The Sheriff's Office is hosting its 11th annual Senior Citizens Police Academy from April 12 - June 21, Thursdays from 9am-Noon, at the Montpelier Community Center. There is no cost to participate. Registration is limited to the first 30 applicants. Seniors 55 or older who are residents, business owners, or county employees may apply. Download an application at hanoversheriff.com or contact Deputy Jim McLaughlin (365-6110). The application needs to be notarized and submitted by March 16th. ▪

New Sermon Series ~ GOLD Begins February 11th

The Winter Olympics begin this week! What an exciting time of celebrating the magnificent athletic achievements of talented, dedicated men and women from around the globe. We all swell up with admiration when an athlete walks to the top of the medal stand, bends down, and has a gold medal placed around his or her neck. That athlete's life is changed forever. People stand and applaud. Lucrative endorsement deals are often forged. Record books forever contain the name of the gold medal winner.



What a blessing to know that God values every person on the planet multitudes higher than we value our gold medal winners. "For God so loved the world ..." These are not just mere words – they are a powerful reminder that God loves each and every person on this planet.

As we continue to focus on unity this year, our preaching theme for the next four weeks will be on the power of valuing people as God values them. Nothing portrays unity better to a divided culture than our unrelenting love exhibited to all of God's favorite creation. Sadly, there are many folks in our culture that we either look past, forget, ignore, or downright don't like. Our uncomfortableness or our prejudice towards folks does not portray the love that God has for everyone. Whether it's the unborn, the elderly, the poor, or the person who looks different from you – God loves and values them all. We must as well.

Fairmount's preaching team will tackle a handful of these struggles, offering Biblical teaching on overcoming our tendency to see others as less than gold. Be here each Sunday and bring a friend or two so that we can all be inspired and motivated by the gold-standard of love – God's love. ■



BEAST FEAST 2018 March 10, 2018

Men and boys of all ages are invited to the **Men's Ministry Annual Beast Feast on March 10th at Fairmount**. You'll enjoy a fantastic dinner of roast beasts followed by this year's **guest speaker, Mike Banton!** There will also be door prizes and displays. Start inviting your friends now so that you'll know how many tickets you'll need - they always sell out quickly! **Ticket sales begin Sunday, February 18th in the Worship Center lobby.** ■



Manna Sunday Update

Thanks to everyone for your donations of nonperishable food and toiletries for the MCEF Food Bank. In February, you donated **2,825 lbs.** of food, beating our one-ton goal by over 800 lbs!
Our next Manna Sunday is March 4th. ■



BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, March 11th from 8am-1pm
Give a Pint O' Hope, get a free t-shirt!
Sign up at <https://donateblood.vablood.org> or
call the church office at 559-8070.
Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.
PREPARE FOR YOUR DONATION
EAT WELL • STAY HYDRATED • BRING ID



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OUR CHURCH - February 4, 2018

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members:
Graham & Diana Frye - baptized 2/2
Eleanor Belcher - baptized 2/3



Did you know *The Forecaster* is available online? To receive a notification when new issues are posted, send your email address to info@fairmountchristian.org. Also let us know if we should then remove your address from our list of folks who receive *The Forecaster* via US Mail. ▪

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

8:15 Traditional Worship: 148
Children's Worship: 4
9:30 Cont. Worship: 510
Children's Worship: 40
Online: 125

11:00 Traditional Worship: 149
Children's Worship: 103

11:15 Modern Worship: 337
Online: 39

Total: 1,455

Bible School: 644

Budget Requirements: \$44,862

Budget Receipts: \$48,949

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
Ryan Card - Interim Assoc. Worship Minister
Josh Smith - Interim Youth Minister
Ashley Sears - Children's Director
Amber Grubbs - Early Childhood Director
Brandon Woodard - Church Executive