



INCREDIBLE FAMILIES

Pixar has another hit on their hands with their recent release of “The Incredibles 2”. The first “Incredibles” movie netted over \$600 million at the box office, and the latest edition is climbing the ladder. The two “Incredibles” movies tell the story of the Parr family – a normal, middle class family living in normal, middle class America. Only there really isn’t anything normal about this family. Mom, Dad, Daughter, Son, and baby are all superheroes – “The Incredibles” – each with their own set of supernatural abilities. And, in true superhero fashion, the family uses their gifts to fight crimes.

What makes “The Incredibles” so different from the rest of the superhero genre is that all of their crimefighting is done in the midst of being a family. You can fight the evil Syndrome - but there are still bills to pay. Supervillain Screenslaver needs defeating – but homework is due tomorrow. The world is saved from the bad guys – but you still have to take care of the baby. This tension creates some hilarious moments and some zany drama with tried-and-true Pixar excellence.

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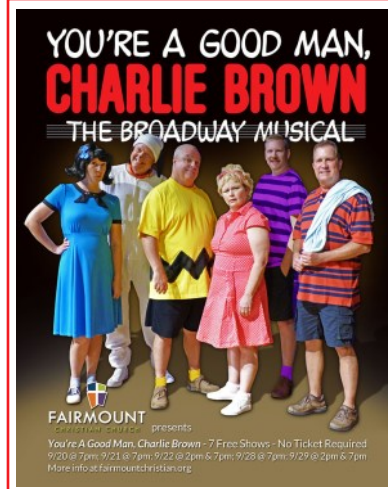


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“The Incredibles” makes us laugh because it hits so close to home. Our families may not be populated with superheroes who can run faster than lightning or lift a building or spontaneously combust – but we all bring unique gifts, personalities, and challenges to our families.

On September 30 we will begin a new sermon series, “Incredible Families”. We’ll dig into the Bible and be reminded of the contributions we each make to having families that are both healthy and pleasing to God. Whether you live alone or in the midst of a multigenerational household, we are all in families. Whether your family is calm or chaotic – functional or dysfunctional – we can benefit from knowing how God wants each of us to be in the midst of our families. We may never reach superhero status – or even incredible status – but we can sure do our best to honor God in our families.

Invite a friend to come with you over the course of this series. They may need the encouragement that comes from God’s Word and that comes from the incredible family of believers here at Fairmount.



Performance Schedule

No Tickets Required

Held in the Worship Center

Thursday, September 20th at 7pm

Friday, September 21st at 7pm

Saturday, September 22nd at 2pm

Saturday, September 22nd at 7pm

Friday, September 28th at 7pm

Saturday, September 29th at 2pm

Saturday, September 29th at 7pm



Fall Family Festival ~ Saturday, Oct. 27, 5-7pm

Invite your friends & neighbors to join you for this **free** family event.

We'll have fun games and candy for the kids, a hayride and pumpkin patch, door prizes, pie contest, free food, a costume contest, keepsake photos, and more!

Donations of individually wrapped candy are needed.

Donation bins are located throughout the building.

Volunteer signups begin 9/30.

Teens - sign up to help and earn service hours toward summer event scholarships.



BLOCK Party Update

We were disappointed to have to send out this email last week about the BLOCK Party:

“When word came out yesterday afternoon that Hanover County Schools were closed on Friday with no activities at the schools over the weekend, we immediately got in touch with the office of the Superintendent. It was confirmed that we would not be able to hold the Block Party at Cold Harbor this weekend.”

After looking at multiple re-schedule dates and talking with our vendors, it is **not** going to be possible to re-schedule the BLOCK Party this year. There were too many conflicts in scheduling for us to overcome to make it happen. We greatly appreciate everyone’s prayers and willingness to help with this event and look forward to trying again in 2020!



By Kevin Bartlett

"Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made ..."
This is the opening verse in one of just about everyone's favorite hymns, "How Great Thou Art". Standing on the balcony of our weekend retreat at the beach a few months ago, it really began to sink in - how much of that "awesome wonder" abounds in this world. Things like a sunrise at the beach or on a mountain top, the beauty of the Grand Canyon, or stargazing on a pitch dark night and being able to feel the awesomeness, and also the closeness, of God makes us think about the power He has to create and re-create worlds and life itself - to know that there is nothing more powerful, fearful, and yet more beautiful than our God. Awe is the respectful fear that we have for our Creator. Awesome - the word itself used to describe the Word Himself - has a majestic and reverent sound to it that should make us shiver in His presence.

Can you imagine the "awe" that Adam felt as he, for the first time, opened his eyes to see the Garden. The beauty that he beheld on that first

morning is beyond my imagination, but I can only think that it must have taken a very long time to take it all in, kind of like one of us seeing a giant redwood for the first time. Or an astronaut seeing the beauty of the earth from space for the very first time. When God looked at His creation and said that it was good, He was seeing it from His perspective, because in my opinion "good" understates it by quite a bit. But then being God it probably takes a bit more to be dazzled than what I as a mere mortal see. The beauty of the creation that we so take for granted is beyond compare to anything in the heavens, except for Heaven itself, and God has promised us that we will see even greater things when we get there.

While at the beach, Bev and I stood in a Walmart parking lot watching as a large storm cloud was gathering. You could see lightning in the darker part of the storm but around the edges of it, you could see bright white clouds that had rainbows within them. There in that parking lot, we were both hit with the awesomeness of a God who can both create the storm and show us the

beauty within that storm. As we turned around we noticed about a dozen other people gazing up at this spectacular display of God's design and it seemed that most had the same smile and awestruck look that we had. Our prayer was that they, too, were seeing it through the lens that God had intended us to see. We attempted to take pictures of what the world would call this "phenomenon" but none showed the rainbows, and one of the others who were doing the same said that her camera would not record them either. I guess that God wants us to experience things for ourselves and in person so that He may touch us in His special ways and at His desired time.

God's beauty is on display all around us, if we care to look for it. And when confronted with the beauty of this world and the surrounding worlds that He has created, how can we not but sing over and over again, "Then sings my soul my Savior God to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!"

May the God who created the world and everything in it, shower blessings on your small part of it today.



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OUR CHURCH

NEW MEMBER

Natalie Kelley was
baptized on Sept. 13th.

BLOOD DRIVE

Sun, 9/23, 8am-1pm

Reserve your time at
fccsignups.info/GiveBlood
Walk-ins always welcome.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO
REACH OUR GOAL!**



**October 7th is
Manna Sunday!**

Goal: 2,000 lbs. of food for the
MCEF Food Pantry. Please
draw a vertical line through
UPC codes. Visit their website
- 4mcef.com - for a list of most
needed items.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

	09/09	09/16
8:15 Traditional Worship:	142	140
Children's Worship:	3	4
9:30 Contemporary Worship:	477	530
Children's Worship:	45	40
Online Views	111	123
11:00 Traditional Worship:	132	142
Children's Worship:	178	99
11:15 Modern Worship:	294	343
Online Views	50	49
Total:	1,432	1,470
Bible School:	636	672
Budget Requirements:	\$46,474	\$46,474
Budget Receipts:	\$35,642	\$40,156



Peer Support Group
Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm
Activity Center
Confidential Email
freshhope@fairmountchristian.org

SERMON SERIES



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