

FAIRVIEW AVE. CHURCH

Open Doors, Open Arms, Open Hearts

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The Bible for Life

Each Sunday morning at 9 a.m., from September until the end of June we meet for Bible for Life Classes. We call them this because we believe the Bible teaches us about God's way to live. The Bible can shape how we think, how we live, how we relate to God, and how we relate to one another. But why should I get out of bed and go to church before the Worship Service to study God's word?

The Bible Helps us to Know God

The Bible is God's self-revelation. Through reading it, we discover who God is, what He is like, what He values, and how He acts. The stories and teachings help us understand His character and His ways. Psalm 19:7-11 tells us,

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

¹¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

If we want to know who this God is that we worship, reading God's word is the place to begin. So many decisions in life are affected by our understanding of who God is. So, it's important to read, and learn to understand, your Bible.

The Bible helps us to Understand Ourselves

Scripture diagnoses our human condition with honesty and hope. While it reveals our fallen state, it doesn't leave us lost and in despair. Hebrews 4:12 reminds us that it reveals our true motives and desires. Like an x-ray, it shows what needs repaired and restored. We are sinful but redeemable.

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The Bible helps to Guide our Decisions

Psalm 119:105 says that God's word is a lamp for our feet so we can see our way in the darkness and not stumble. It's a light for our path, to see the way forward. Life is full of forks in the road. The Bible doesn't give every detail but its principles make our decisions clearer. Like GPS, it doesn't tell you where every tree or pothole is but it gives us the route.

The Bible Shapes Our Character

The Bible helps to form us into Christlikeness. Paul's letter to young pastor Timothy reminds him that the word is useful for "teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Galatians 5 promises that if we continue to live by the Spirit and keep in step with Him (5:25), He will produce in us Spiritual fruit that reflects the character of Jesus (5:22-23). Spiritual maturity isn't accidental. Scripture can serve as a training manual for becoming more like Jesus.

So Much More...

The Bible can help strengthen our relationship with God. We can use it to anchor us in hard times and suffering, learning endurance. Pain distorts reality but scripture reorients us to truth when our emotions overwhelm us. It also points us to true north when our compass is spinning.

Ultimately, the Bible gives us our mission. If, like the early church, we devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and if we center ourselves on the life of Jesus, we'll have something to share with this fallen world. A firefighter doesn't run into a burning building without gear. Scripture is our gear.

We invite you to join us in study as Bible for Life resumes on **Sunday, September 13th at 9 a.m.** We have classes for all ages. Let's sharpen our skills together.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



September 12	Olivia Eberly
September 15	Shirley Piper
September 26	James Smith

Happy Anniversary!

Jack & Karen Harbaugh	September 1, 1974
Guy & Linda Davis	September 12, 1968



October 1	Val Dick
October 1	Barb Miller
October 2	Adelaide Cox
October 2	Julianna Smith
October 3	Jack Harbaugh
October 7	Rod Teach
October 10	Mercy Long
October 11	Tim Cox
October 16	Mary Ann Taylor
October 17	Donna Dockweiler
October 20	Greg Smith
October 21	Lynn Teach
October 29	Gloria Corey
October 29	Christopher Smith

Happy Anniversary!

Josh & Jaime Wease	October 17, 1998
Shane & Kathy Harkins	October 22, 1983



If you have a birthday in the fall months and it was not featured here, please email the office.

Autumn Events at FABIC

WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC



West End Neighborhood Picnic
Saturday, Sep. 19 | 4:30 pm | Church Pavilion

We will provide hot dogs, lemonade and water. Please bring a dish to share.
Invite your family and friend!



Missions Sunday
Sunday, Sep. 27 | Potluck Following Service

Our guest speaker will be Jason Oberholser. Jason and Rebekah are currently serving in Fruitland, New Mexico, with their six children. Rebekah will be sharing in a different location that day. Following the morning service, we will be hosting Jason for a carry in lunch. A special offering will be collected on that day for the Oberholser's ministry. We will be inviting Jason to continue to share with us and have a time for Q & A. So get your curiosity aroused and think about what you may want to ask our guest. **Please bring a dish to share!**



Ladies Tea & Togetherness
Tuesday, Sep. 29 | 6 - 8 pm | Youth Center

Last Tuesday of the month starting in September. This will be a special time for ladies to come together for prayer, connection, support, laughter, and community. First meeting will be September 29th from **6-8 p.m.** at the **Youth Center**. There will be tea and dessert.
Bring your favorite tea to share.

Check out our weekly email or visit our Facebook page for more info on upcoming events for the fall season.



Global Workers

Jason and Rebekah Oberholser



Jason Oberholser grew up in south-central Pennsylvania, where he was introduced by relatives to a love of farming. He was also introduced to a love for the world by BIC missionaries who would visit his church. By his teen years, it was evident that he had two major passions — agriculture and serving God.

Rebekah Oberholser grew up on a small Pennsylvania farm and received an education in food service and nutritional counseling. For several years, she operated a small baking and cake decorating business. While on a family vacation trip in the Southwest, she was exposed to the Navajo culture, not knowing that she would later live among them.

The Oberholser's serve as the lead pastoral couple of a BIC Church planting network called *Freedom of Nations Church*. This network consists of several small house groups that meet throughout the week. Large gatherings are held several times a year to encourage group members to gather for corporate times of worship and fellowship with the greater body of believers.

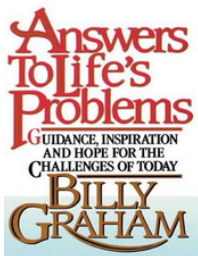
It's their prayer that this fledgling group will grow into a thriving church capable of reaching the Navajo People in culturally relevant ways for generations to come. Jason and Rebekah began their work among the Navajo through a short-term missions trip to the Four Corners Region in 2006. They moved from Pennsylvania to New Mexico in 2008. They homeschool their six children.

Autumn Library News | Book Highlights

With summer soon behind us, we look forward to some cooler temps and all the beauty that comes with it. A great time to Fall into one of our books! Listed below are a few suggestions.

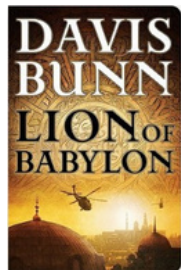
Also, congrats to Linda Davis on having her name drawn this quarter!

Autumn Blessing, *Sue and Colleen*



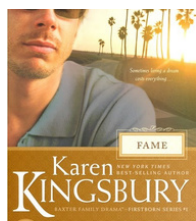
Answers to Life's Problems by Billy Graham

In response to concerned people just like you, Billy Graham offers guidance to most frequently asked questions about ourselves, our relationships and our lives. He answers with candor and insight pointing all the way to the Source for advice you can use to resolve your problems-today! His answers are based on what the Bible says. Though cultures differ and times change, the Word of our God stands forever as an unchanging source of answers to all of life's problems.



Lion of Babylon by T. Davis Bunn (#1 of 3)

Marc Royce worked for the State Dept, that is, until personal issues led to his dismissal. When Alex Baird goes missing in war-torn Baghdad, State comes calling again. Alex, an intelligence agent and close friend of Royce, along with three others have dropped out of sight. Royce eventually unearths a trail of secret encounters between sworn enemies. What he discovers could transform the course of rivalry and reconciliation through the Middle East.



Fame by Karen Kingsbury (#1 of 5 in the Baxter "Firstborn Series")

A story of hope, healing and God's divine leading even in the face of impossible circumstances.




**Candy
donations
needed,
and volunteers**



Donations of individually wrapped candies needed, as well as, volunteers to help us hand out candy during Light the Night night.

Join us as we celebrate
**The Wedding of
Toni Flasher and Chris Harne**

Sunday, October 4th at 4:30 p.m.
**A Pot-luck reception will follow
in Fellowship Hall.**



2026 Autumn Calendar

Free Yard Sale (Rios Church) Pavilion	Sat., Sep. 12, 8 - 12 p.m.
Abogar 1:27 5k Run	Sat., September 12, 8 a.m.
West End Neighborhood Picnic	Sat., September 19, 4:30 p.m.
Missions Sunday	Sun., September 27
Ladies Tea & Togetherness	Tue., September 29, 6-8 p.m.
Chris & Toni's Wedding	October 4, 4:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
Light the Night	Sat., October 31, 6-8 p.m.

Check out our weekly email or visit our Facebook page for upcoming events.



Celebrate Recovery®

Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

A Christ-Centered Recovery Program

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12-step recovery community. It helps you celebrate freedom from all types of hurts, habits, and hang-ups including addiction. For more info call the church or email Pastor John at pastorjohn@fabicchurch.org

Missed A Sermon?

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www.fabicchurch.org/sermons

Watch on YouTube at

www.youtube.com/fabicchurch/live



Upcoming Events / Ministry Partners



Saturday, September 12

Race: 8 a.m.

Cost: \$45

Scan code to register
(race day registration is accepted)



LIGHT THE NIGHT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
6-8 PM

Sharing the light of Christ with our neighbors on Trick or Treat night. Light the Night is a family friendly and safe Halloween alternative open to the whole community. We will distribute bags of candy, hot chocolate and cookies.

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Live Streaming of our Worship service every Sunday starting at 10:25 a.m., at www.youtube.com/fabicchurch/live



Fairview Avenue Church Weekly Schedule

Our building is handicap accessible



Sunday mornings

Bible for Life Classes for ages 4– Adult 9-10 a.m.

Fellowship Time 10-10:25 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Rios de Agua Viva Church 1:30 p.m. (service in spanish)

Tuesdays

Ladies Tea & Togetherness 6-8 p.m. Youth Center
(Last Tuesday of the month, starting Sep. 29th)

Wednesdays

Celebrate Recovery 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Thursdays

Morning Prayer 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the lobby

The Source Youth Group for grades 6—12 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Youth Center

Final Friday Fun Night— last Friday/month 6-9 p.m.

Small Groups

Agape meets on 2nd & 4th Sunday, Lobby. A time of friendship, prayer & food.

Sunday Evening Small Group, meets every Sunday at 6:30 p.m., at the church. All invited!

Quincy Small Group, meets every other Sunday at members' homes. See Daria or Greg Smith for next meeting info.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Classes for
Kids, Teens & Adults
starting on
September 13th
at 9 a.m.

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