


# The Forecaster

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## It's Your Serve!

By: Chris Santasiere

**One** of my favorite stories in the Bible is when Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Jesus and his disciples had gathered around the table for their evening meal. In Jesus' time, before sitting down to eat a meal, everyone would have their feet washed. This was done because after walking throughout the day in sandals on dirt roads, a person's

feet became very dirty. The washing of feet before a meal was the proper and hygienic thing to do. Normally, the servant of the house was responsible for washing the feet of those present. From the biblical account it appears that no servant was present as Jesus and the disciples entered the house and prepared to

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# They will be missed.

By: Rick Raines

In the last month our church has lost two of its closest friends: Thelma Mayfield and Eleanor "Cookie" Helsabeck. Both of these women shared some interesting similarities. They both lived in Johnson City, Tennessee. They were both members of the Grandview Christian Church in that fine town. They both had a close connection with Fairmount. They both loved Jesus with all of their lives. They both will be missed.

Thelma, who passed away on March 11, and her husband, Guy, were faithful missionaries to Italy for 40 years. Fairmount had a special connection to their ministry and supported them for over 50 years, even after Guy's death. When she "retired" to Johnson City she continued publishing *The Bible Christian Call*, a magazine that instructed and encouraged Christians in America and in Europe.

Their daughter, Mignon, is now working on publishing an account of the Mayfields' lives and ministry. That book, an unfinished copy of

Cookie and Dennis lived and worked in Johnson City where they created a special relationship with all those in the Milligan and Emmanuel communities. Cookie was a faithful friend to current and former students up to the day she passed away on March 29. For those of us from "far away" Richmond attending Milligan, she was a wonderful link to home. Cookie Helsabeck will be missed.

Both of these ladies exhibited the qualities that distinguish the Christian woman. They served

their Lord first. They served their families. They served the Church. And they served the many number of lost people who they met on a regular basis. They both had an inspired love of the Bible. They both were examples of Christian hospitality. They both leave a legacy of love, faith, and evangelism. They both will be missed. We will see them both again. ■

**"They served their Lord  
They served their families.  
They served the Church."**

which I have in my office, is entitled *A Charge to Keep*. Thelma Mayfield will be missed.

Cookie was active at Fairmount for many years, growing up at Fairmount, the daughter of Horace and Nina Hughes. She and her first husband, George Hobson, began the Martin-Dabney Class in October, 1941. After Mr. Hobson's death, Cookie married Dennis Helsabeck.

## New Sermon Series to Begin April 20th

On April 20, we will begin a new preaching series entitled "Recipe for Right Relationships". In today's culture, people turn to many outlets for advice on their relationships: "Dear Abby", Dr. Phil, Oprah, Barnes & Noble, their friends, and much more. As followers of Christ, we need to turn first to Him. The Bible has all the ingredients for establishing Godly relationships with everyone from your mom and dad to your next-door neighbor. We will look over the next nine weeks at the wide gamut of relationships that each of us enjoys – or at least tolerates!

To make this series a delicious success, we are asking for your help. Each week, Rick will introduce to the congregation the topic for the subsequent week. Everyone is encouraged to submit their personal "recipe" for a healthy relationship in that area. For example, one week we will look at the topic of spousal relationships. What ingredients have gone into your marriage to make it a healthy one? That's what we want to know. And your ideas may help someone else. We will focus on different relationships each week. You will be able to submit



your ideas at a recipe table in our front lobby or submit them on-line at [www.fairmountchristian.org](http://www.fairmountchristian.org). Rick may use some of the ideas from the pulpit or share some of them in the Forecaster. If we get enough of them, we will publish them as a whole at the end of the series. In the end, we will all hopefully be "cooking up" relationships that are pleasing to God and fulfilling for us. ■

# Spring Fair

Saturday, April 26  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Contact: JoAnn Miles  
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## It's Your Serve!

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eat. None of the disciples volunteered to wash feet. In a move that surprised and humbled the disciples, Jesus got up, poured water into a basin, took a towel and washed his disciples' feet. When he was finished, John writes in his gospel these words of Jesus, *"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."* (John 13:14-15).

Jesus has set the example of service to others and now it's your turn to serve. We are preparing for what is one of the most crucial

months in Fairmount's year. We have designated April 27<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup> as Involvement Month. **This year's theme is "It's Your Serve!"** Involvement Month is a great time to get connected with a place to serve in the church. Over this four Sunday period, we will have various ministry team displays set up in our church foyer for you to look at, ask questions and sign up to serve. Our ministry teams use this time as their key recruiting period for new volunteers.

Here is a listing of which ministry teams will be on display for each Sunday of Involvement Month:

April 27<sup>th</sup>: Athletic Ministry, Building/Grounds Ministry, Health Ministry, Men's Ministry,

Missions Ministry, S.A.L.T. Ministry, Usher/Greeter Ministry and Women's Ministry.

May 4<sup>th</sup>: This is Children's Emphasis Sunday. The Children's Ministry will have multiple displays, information and sign-ups.

May 11<sup>th</sup>: Bereavement Ministry, Christian Perspective Ministry, Forever Young, Library Ministry and Social Ministry.

May 18<sup>th</sup>: This is Teen Sunday. The Youth Ministry will have several displays set up to inform you about their ministry.

Fairmount can only function as well as the volunteers that we have serving the ministries of the church. Thankfully, our church is made up of incredible volunteers. We need more! Begin thinking and praying now about where you can jump in and begin to serve. Our Involvement Month gives you the opportunity to follow the example of Jesus in service to others. It's your serve! ■





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## Welcome to the Fairmount family.

**April 13, 2008**

Welcome to **Paul, Tammy, Rebecca, Jesse & Laura Powell** of 2550 Clancie Road, Shackelfords (23156). **Paul, Tammy, Rebecca & Jesse transferred** to Fairmount and **Laura was baptized.**

Welcome to **Donna Rice & Lucas Guarino** of 3562 Horseshoe Drive, Quinton (23141). **Donna & Lucas were baptized.**

Welcome to **Yanling Lei Carter** of 13931 Beech Drive, Lanexa (23089). **Yanling was baptized.**

Fairmount  
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## Missions Trip Opportunity

S.A.L.T. has scheduled a mission trip to Mexico to visit Ninos de Mexico orphanage. The trip is scheduled for August 16 through August 23, 2008. The group is limited to 12 people. **We currently have 2 slots available.** Anyone interested (age 15 and over) please contact Glenn Thacker at home (789-1584) or by cell (240-9362). Or email to: robertthacker1@comcast.net

Our  
Church: Sunday, April 13, 2008

8:30 Worship Service: 150 / Children's Worship: 24

9:30 Worship Service: 391

11:00 Worship Service: 257 / Children's Worship: 157  
Breakaway: 64

**Total: 1043 / Bible School: 683**

**Budget Requirements: \$30,450.00**

**Budget Receipts: \$29,519.22**

**Bridge to the Future:**

Debt as of 12/03/06 - \$1,250,000

Debt as of 4/13/08 - \$534,417

## Your Church Staff:

**Rick Raines** - Senior Minister  
**Chris Santasiere** - Associate Minister  
**Tracy Thomas** - Worship/Music Minister  
**Joe Thompson** - Youth Minister  
**Rose Williams** - Children's Ministry Director

**Larry Haake, IV** - Child Care Program Director  
**Jef Powell** - Facilities & Grounds Manager  
**Barry Will** - Technology Director  
**Veronica Brewster** - Office Manager  
**Bob Massey** - Business Administrator