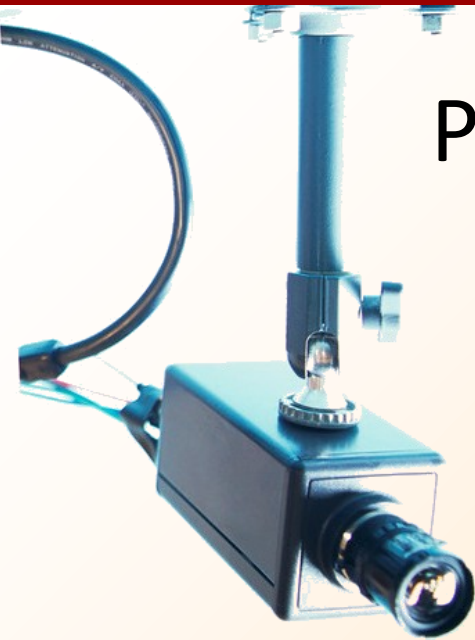




Fall Festival  
This Saturday!  
5pm~7pm

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Video cameras next step in overall security upgrades.

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## MISSION TO VIRGINIA

This year, Fairmount will participate in Mission To Virginia on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteers are needed! Check the Mission to Virginia table in the main foyer or contact Chris Santasiere for more info.



# Prepare for the Worst, Hope for the Best

By: Larry Haake, IV

Recently, Fairmount has begun 24 hour video surveillance of the church building and property. You may have noticed cameras at certain doors, and areas within the building. This is a next step in an overall upgrade of security here at the church.

For years, local law enforcement has encouraged Fairmount's leaders to evaluate and upgrade our security procedures and policies. With our location, size and presence in the community; we, unfortunately can be the target of crime.

The security cameras main function is to help staff during the week monitor the surroundings and redirect access to the building to strategic points so we may better know who is coming and going during business hours, and it will help us determine who's on the property overnight or when the church building is closed.

As mentioned, local law enforcement has encouraged us to take these and other steps to ensure safety here at the church property. Crimes at or towards churches have increased in recent years nationwide. More recently, a local church in our area was robbed in broad daylight. And even here at Fairmount

we were the victims of theft over the summer as someone stole a catalytic converter from one of our church vans.

Churches are not immune from crime and in some cases are the prime target by criminals who view churches and church members and employees as naïve to the real world. As churches nationwide work to become more secure, they often have to fight the common misconception that "it can't happen here". More often than not, crime does happen at church and churches need to be prepared and proactive to keep staff, members and guests safe.

But it's not simply crime that's on our list of security needs. It's an overall effort to be prepared for the worst, but hope for the best. That is why we have an automated external defibrillator (AED) on site in case of emergency. It is why we have Children's Check-In, it's why we hire an off-duty deputy to direct traffic in and out of the property on Sundays and Special Events. Fairmount is embracing an overall safe and secure mindset so that we may be prepared when the unexpected happens, whether that be crime, sickness, natural disaster, or an act of God.

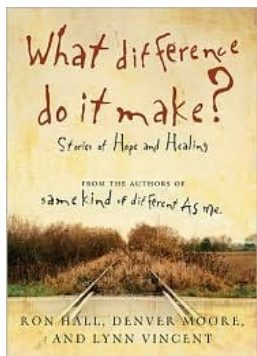
We are responsible to be good stewards not just of our physical facility for which we've been blessed, but for the members of the church - all of us whom God has sent to Fairmount.

Over the course of the next several months, we will be implementing more upgrades to security here at Fairmount, but rest assured, nothing will inhibit your worship experience nor prohibit your normal business here at the church during the week. These upgrades are an effort to prepare the church building and church family for the realities of the world we live in. While we are open for all and welcome everyone, we have to be careful and prepared in case problems do arise. The leaders of the church encourage anyone with specific questions regarding our security measures to contact the church office. In the meantime, we ask for your patience and support as we work to make our church building safer for you and your family to worship, fellowship, and help minister. ■



**Picture:** one of the video monitors showing the locations of cameras in the Family Life Center areas of the church building.

# “What Difference Do it Make?: Stories of Hope & Healing” - Fairmount Book Club’s November Pick.



The Fairmount Book Club is currently reading the book, “What Difference Do it Make?: Stories of Hope and Healing” by Ron Hall, Denver Moore, and Lynn Vincent.

Synopsis: **New thoughts and reflections from the authors of the inspirational New York Times bestseller Same Kind of Different as Me.**

The more than four hundred thousand readers stirred by the story of Ron Hall and Denver Moore will resonate with the all new, stand-alone true stories of

hope and healing offered in this intimate, authentic follow-up to the *New York Times* bestseller *Same Kind of Different as Me*.

With new “Denverisms” and reflections from Denver on his personal dealings with homelessness and disrespect from others, additional insights from Ron on what we can learn from people not like us and from those dealing with a terminal illness, and the stories of readers who have been impacted by the book’s central themes, this inspirational reader will generate a host of new fans. Topics include:

- Faith and friendship
- Racial reconciliation

- Community outreach
- Compassion
- Healing

*What Difference Do it Make?* also includes for the first time samples of Denver’s paintings.

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The Fairmount Book Club will meet on Sunday, November 14 to discuss this book. If you are interested in getting a copy, contact the church office.

This will be the final selection and meeting of the Fairmount Book Club for 2010, but they will be back with their first pick of 2011 in January. ■



Last Veteran’s Day, our church recognized those who served during World War II or before. **This year, on Sunday, 11/14, we would like to recognize a different set of Veterans, those who served anytime between 1945-1959.** If you - or your spouse - served during this period **please forward your name, branch of service, and a military-era picture to the church office and let us know which service you will be attending on 11/14.** Your picture will be returned. We look forward to this special day.

## Christmas is coming!



In just a few short weeks it will be time again to start the Christmas Season. Our annual “Christmas Season at Fairmount” *Forecaster* will be published soon and we are looking for help from you.

Write to us about a Christmas tradition your family does or did each year. Something that if your family didn’t do, it just wouldn’t be Christmas. Your Christmas tradition may inspire another family to do the same. Submissions should be no more than 300 words and may be edited for content and space.

Send your submission to the church office or email to: [Lhaake4@fairmountchristian.org](mailto:Lhaake4@fairmountchristian.org).

Submissions must be in by Friday, November 19th.

## Remembrance Service

Sunday,  
November 21  
beginning at  
6pm in the  
Fairmount  
Sanctuary.





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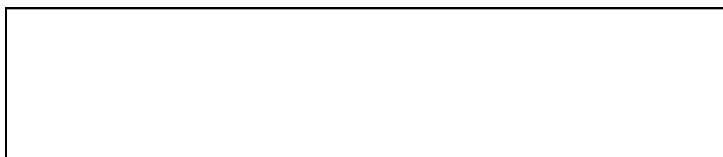
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To develop followers of Jesus who:

**Love God,**  
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**Introduce the world**  
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## Our Church: Sunday, October 24, 2010

### Welcome to our New Members.

Welcome to **Curtis Stevens**. Curtis was **baptized** on October 20th.

Congratulations to **Courtney McClure** on her **baptism** Friday, October 22nd. Courtney lives in Georgia and was visiting her aunt and uncle, Sandy & Mitchell Dean.

### Attendance & Giving.

- 8:15** Worship Service: 115  
Children's Worship: 9
- 9:30** Worship Service: 442  
Children's Worship: 61
- 11:00** Worship Service: 229  
Children's Worship: 134  
Breakaway: 85

**Total: 1075**  
**Bible School: 649**  
**Budget Requirements: \$34,405.00**  
**Budget Receipts: \$29,331.01**

### Menu for Wednesday, Nov. 3:

Macaroni & Cheese w/Ham Steaks and veg.; PB&J w/ chips for kids.  
 The Walk class to serve and clean up.



In our new 10-week series, "Top 10 Texts", we will delve into each of the Commandments and apply them to everyday life – in the family and beyond. **This week: The 8th Commandment**

### Your Church Staff:

- Rick Raines** - Senior Minister
- Chris Santasiere** - Associate Minister
- Mike Langley** - 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