



Happy New Year!!!
May God bless you and your
family in 2011!

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Guns, Grease, Rods and God

Wednesday Night Series to focus on how we can
be imitators of God while doing the things we
love.

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BRIDGE Goal: \$200,000

TO THE FUTURE

As of December 26th: \$165,347

Still Need: \$34,653

End of Year Info

This is a reminder that any contributions to the
church for 2010 must be made or postmarked by
December 31st to be counted.

Also: The Church office will be CLOSED on Friday,
December 31st for the New Year's Holiday.

FEATURE: December 29, 2010

Winter Wednesday Nights for Adults at Fairmount

By: Mike Langley

This year we are exploring the idea of moving our mid-week teaching ministry up a few weeks so we don't lose families and individuals to spring activities. So we are going to begin our Wednesday night meals and study on January 19th and conclude on March 9th. We have built in an extra week, March 16, in the event there is inclement weather. Classes will begin each week at 6:30 PM and conclude each night at 7:30 PM. Each Wednesday night a meal will be served in the FLC from 5:00 PM until 6:15 PM. The cost is \$3.50 per adult, \$2.50 for a child 3 and older, up to a maximum of \$12 dollars per family.

Our studies for the winter session will be based upon the theme of imitating the character of God. We will use Ephesians 5:1 "...be imitators of God, as beloved children" as a launching pad. As we begin a new year and a new decade it would be wrong for us to be satisfied with our current spiritual maturity. Join one of the Wednesday night studies to learn more about the character of God and discover steps you can take to better imitate one or more characteristics of our Heavenly Father.

In Room 130 Harry Gill will lead an eight week co-ed class in exploring the character of God. Eight of God's character traits will be examined and then Harry will provide you with practical steps to imitate those traits. While this is traditionally our core Bible study,

Harry will challenge every level of Bible student to dig deeper with his knowledge and wit.

In Trailer 3, Room B our Senior Minister Rick Raines will explore how to better connect with Fairmount Christian Church. Topics like; what we believe, church governance, service opportunities and where FCC is headed will be covered. Our 101 Connections class is only 4 weeks long but will enable you to see how FCC is dedicated to imitating the character of God. If you are new to Fairmount or thinking about becoming a member we encourage you to join Rick on Wednesday nights from January 19 through February 9. After the four week session Rick will guide you to one of our other groups.

Guns, Grease, Rods and God

This eight week series will be divided into two four week segments for men. The first four weeks beginning Wednesday, January 19 will look at how hunting and fishing can help us better understand how to assimilate Godly character into our life. Jimmy Sites a nationally recognized hunter and guide will take us on buffalo, whitetail deer, and duck hunting adventures and a fishing trip via video. Some of the local hunters and

fishermen from the Pointman Bible Study group will take those video lesson experiences and help you better imitate the character of God.

The second four weeks beginning Wednesday, February 16, will look at how Auto Racing can help us better understand how to assimilate Godly character into our life. Taking a look at different aspects of racing we will see how they can translate into tools to becoming stronger men of faith. Local mechanics and former auto racers will bring racing and faith to life.

We will have some giveaways from local vendors during each session. If possible we would like to make available Wii, Xbox, and PlayStation games involving hunting and racing. We will use the big screens and monitors in room 132A&B on which to play the games. If you could bring your game and station one week please contact Mike Langley. If we can have a few folks bring their games on different nights they will be available from 6:00 to 6:30 PM. Racing and hunting videos will be playing for your enjoyment before each meeting as well.

Beast Feast

To coincide with our Guns, Grease, Rods and God series we will offer Fairmount's first ever "Beast Feast." This will be held on Saturday, March 19. The "Beast Feast" is an event where we will eat plenty of wild game, talk hunting and fishing, have a few sportsman exhibits on display, give away prizes and listen to a special guest speaker- Ashley Ellison, an avid outdoorsman and pastor. If you're a hunter, save back a turkey or a deer that you bagged this past fall or purchase an extra tag so that you can personally provide a dish at the "Beast



Feast". Please let Kevin Bartlett (2dramp@cavtel.net) or Chris Santasiere (csantasiere@fairmountchristian.org) know if you are planning on doing that. And if you would like to help organize this event or have some ideas please contact Kevin or Chris.

What Not To Wear

TLC's What Not to Wear is a spinoff of What Not To Wear airing on BBC America. The reality show premise is simple: friends and family members nominate a



candidate that they consider poorly dressed and ask the show to make over the "fashion victim." Beginning January 19, on Wednesday nights, our What Not to Wear co-hosts Renee Carter and Susan Johnson will keep you in stitches and enable you to be more fashion astute by imitating the character of God. Renee and Susan will span the Old and New Testaments illuminating how to always be in fashion regardless of the occasion or the time of year. Join them in Trailer 3, Room A, on Wednesday nights for a rollicking and challenging time. This is a ladies only class. Sorry men, perhaps Renee and Susan can re-tool their class just for us in the future. ■



Baby Dedication Sunday - January 23, 2011 - For all children born in 2010

Baby Pictures Needed! Please submit 2 photos of your 2010 baby - 1 of baby alone and 1 of baby with the whole family - by January 17th. Email photos to cbranch@fairmountchristian.org or bring them to the church office to be scanned (and returned). Families will be recognized at the service of their choice on January 23rd and the congregation will be given the opportunity to pray for and encourage them. A letter with more information will be sent out soon to all those families that we are aware of that had new additions in 2010.

Friends of Grief ~ Sunday nights from 6-7pm beginning January 9: Men supporting each other through different grief experiences. The group will meet twice a month, refreshments will be available. For more information or to join the group, contact Mike Peace (779-3034), Warren Carter (266-9597), Jim Ward (730-2838), Charlie Udriet (781-0750) or the church office (559-8070).

Community Focus & Globally Minded: Fairmount's Missions

By: Dwight Carlisle

This truly is the season of giving as we celebrate the birth of Christ. What better gift could you, I, or anyone else receive than to have our name recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life? It is truly sobering to think that we talk about the second coming of Christ when there are people all over the world who have never heard of the first coming of our Messiah, and Emmanuel.

Fairmount certainly takes giving to heart. In difficult and challenging economic times your faithful giving raised over \$200,000 for church expansion, and over \$110,000 for earthquake relief in Haiti. Your faithful giving also sent over \$220,000 dollars to 26 mission fields in the

United States and across the globe. You supported 6 Christian Colleges/Universities, 11 Foreign Fields & 10 fields in Virginia & the United States. On behalf of the Mission Team I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your unwavering support of our Missions programs with your time, talent and treasure. ■



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The mission of Fairmount Christian Church:

To develop followers of Jesus who:

Love God,
Love People and
Introduce the world
to **Christ**



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www.fairmountchristian.org

Our Church: Sunday, December 19, 2010

Welcome to our New Members.

Welcome to **Jeremiah Jones**.
Jeremiah was baptized at our
Christmas Eve Service.

Worship Services were cancelled
on December 26 due to inclement
weather. Offering receipts for
December 26th were: \$16,058.00
for our General Fund.

Attendance & Giving.

8:15 Worship Service: 151
Children's Worship: 19
9:30 Worship Service: 510
Children's Worship: 70
11:00 Worship Service: 268
Children's Worship: 117
Breakaway: 106

Total: 1241
Bible School: 688

Budget Requirements: \$34,405.00
Budget Receipts: \$36,326.95



Sermon Series Concludes this Sunday

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