



Fairmount's Sweethearts

Celebrating fifty-plus years of marriage



ONWARD
A STRONG TRADITION
A PROMISING FUTURE



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A cord of three strands is not quickly broken... Ecclesiastes 4:12

On Sunday, February 12th, Fairmount's Sweethearts, couples who have been married 50 years or more, were honored with a delicious lunch, live music, and a special message. This annual event, sponsored by Fairmount's teens, is a celebration of these couples' commitment to God and one another through holy matrimony. We congratulate all of our Sweethearts and thank them for their godly examples of marriage.

Melvin & Eloise Gaulding

04/13/1942

Frank & Dorothy Robinson

12/01/1945

Roger & Peggy Daniel

07/26/1947

Bill & Gene Farmer

12/27/1947

Leo & Charlotte Briere

09/03/1949

Joe & Mildred Martin

02/17/1950

Charles & Norma Klebert

06/17/1950

Thurman & Dot Crowe

08/05/1950

Jim & Lana Thompson

04/25/1951

Whitey & Shirley Owens

08/29/1953

Joe & Rae Wootton

05/10/1954

Bo & Frances Glasco

06/12/1954

L E & Dot Duplissey

07/06/1954

Eddie & Marcy Guillen

04/08/1955

Billy & Patsy Evans

10/01/1955

Doug & Louise Scott

03/17/1956

Thomas & Diana Ball

03/30/1956

Curtis & Virginia Stevens

07/28/1956

John & Judy Williams

09/10/1956

Jerry & Dollie Barger

11/27/1956

Bob & Deanie Massey

12/01/1956

Sam & Becky Massey

12/15/1956

Royce & Bob Beasley

06/01/1957

Kay & Mary Lois Atkinson

06/08/1957

Ed & Fay Bowen

08/07/1957

Harry & Janet Gill

08/16/1958

David & Shirley Armistead

10/11/1958

Tom & Judi Wright

01/31/1959

Doug & Rainelle Currier

11/20/1959

Carl & Donna Holmes

12/06/1959

Warren & Ruth Vanhook

04/01/1960

Fred & Joyce Compston

06/19/1960

James & Elizabeth Taylor

08/13/1960

Grayson & Linda Nuckols

12/10/1960

Paul & Carol Harris

12/24/1960 ■

If you know of other Sweetheart couples in the Fairmount family that aren't listed here, please let the church office know.



Onward Question of the Week

With the addition of a new worship center, how will we accommodate the growth in children's classes?

As it is currently, this will always be a work in progress. So, we might answer that differently four years from now than we would right now. But we do know this: when the Family Life Center is no longer being used for worship every Sunday, adjustments will be made throughout the facility that will accommodate more growth in children and teen classes. For instance, currently the four classrooms at the rear of the Family Life Center are only usable from 11:00-noon on Sunday mornings. When we open our new Worship Center, those rooms become available all morning. This will allow much more flexibility throughout the facility in planning and assigning classrooms based on class size. ■



Next Week's Question...

Do you anticipate starting a Christian day school as part of the expansion?

If you have a question regarding the Onward Campaign, please email it to Rick Raines or drop him a note (rraines@fairmountchristian.org). Please include your name in case clarification on your question is needed. Thanks!

Prayer, A Family Tradition

by Sam Massey



Family prayer was an institution at our house. When bedtime was near, one of my parents would say, "Let's read and have prayer." Daddy read the Bible, then every family member old enough to talk, prayed. Sure, when we were

little, we said "Now I lay me down to sleep." But when the time was right, Mama or Daddy would say, "You're now old enough to pray your own prayer." By the time I left home, prayer was an integral part of my life.

One of my early emancipation undertakings was a hitch in the US Air Force. I frequently detoured from the path my parents taught me to follow but I never stopped praying. In fact, some of my poor choices took me to territory where prayer became the only viable option.

My last two years in the Air Force were served at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton. There I worked as a flight records clerk in the Operations Center of a Bombardment Squadron. Most of the personnel in the Ops Center were pilots or navigators who, of course, were officers. Now officers and enlisted men didn't fraternize. But when I discovered that two of the pilots (one was Squadron Commander) were avid hunters, letting them know that my parents owned about three-hundred acres of good hunting land only an hour's drive away, seemed the thing to do. My two new best friends (the Major and the Captain) never hunted together but both got two deer before hunting season was over.

Once, on a Friday, the Captain told me he would like to hunt the next day and wanted to get in the woods early. I suggested that he consider spending the night at my parents' home just a mile from where he would be hunting. He couldn't conceive of anyone allowing a stranger to come for an overnight stay. But then, he didn't know my parents - yet.

The Captain came to our house for



Weekly Bible Challenge

As our sermon focus turns to prayer, let's try to find as many scriptures on prayer as we can. Using a concordance is a great resource as is searching the Bible online. A great free Bible site is biblegateway.com.

This Week's Challenge:

Where in the Bible is The Lord's Prayer?

Last Week's Answer:

Psalm 51 is where King David confesses his sin to God. ■



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dinner on Friday evening. When I introduced him to Daddy as Captain O'Neill, and he said, "Just call me Bill", protocol dissolved. He and our family enjoyed a wonderful evening of conversation and getting acquainted. As the bedtime hour approached, my Dad politely said, "Bill, we always read the Bible and pray before we go to bed. You are invited to join us if you like." Bill accepted the invitation and was included in Daddy's prayer.

There was no agonizing over the possibility of offending someone with our prayer. Nor was there any thought of suspending prayer time for that particular evening. My parents were

faithful to their convictions concerning prayer yet kind and considerate of our guest.

Captain O'Neill was gracious as he expressed his appreciation for being remembered in the prayer. Oh, and he got a beautiful six-pointer the next morning. He never told me if he prayed for it.

I am blessed to have been raised in a home where prayer was a priority in our daily lives. Now, long after my parents have gone to be with Jesus, my prayer life is reality because Mama and Daddy established the tradition of reading and praying as a family. ■



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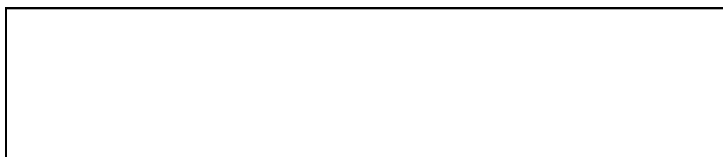
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To develop followers of Jesus who:

Love God,
Love People and
Introduce the world
to Christ



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Our Church: February 19, 2012

Welcome to our New Members

Welcome to **Shaun & Tamarah Pearson**. Shaun was baptized and Tamarah transferred her membership last Sunday.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu February 29th

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes,
vegetable & roll
Serve & Cleanup
Reflections of Him

\$4 - adults / \$3 - children (ages 3-12)
Max. of \$14 per family

Remember to sign up no later than
noon on Monday for dinner. You can
use the green supper cards in the pews or
chair backs or call the church office.

Attendance & Giving.

8:15 Worship Service: 149
Children's Worship: 18
9:30 Worship Service: 459
Children's Worship: 49
11:00 Worship Service: 255
Children's Worship: 101

Total: 1031

Bible School: 619

Budget Requirements: \$36,871.00

Budget Receipts: \$34,798.62

Sermon Series Continues...



Your Church Staff:

Rick Raines - Senior Minister
Chris Santasiere - Associate Minister
Mike Langley - Associate Minister
Tracy Thomas - Worship/Music Minister
Mike Campbell - Youth Minister
Rose Williams - Children's Ministry Director
Bob Massey - Business Administrator
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