



The Fairfield Monthly Messenger

May 2026

Growing Up as a Grown-up



Paul writes:

14 We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. 15 But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

-Ephesians 4:14-15

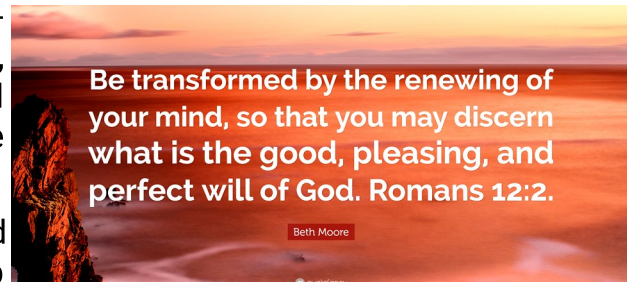
It's right there in the Bible: "We must no longer be children"... "we must grow up." I recently had lunch with a friend and told him that every time I think I have finally arrived, when I think I have life "figured out," I make a mistake that reminds me of how wrong I am. That maybe I'm not as "grown-up" in my faith or maturity as I would like to think I am.

As Christians, we are expected to continually "grow up" in our faith. And the expectation is high, because it's not just in the ways we want to grow up, but "in every way." Fortunately, we are given the greatest resources in the universe, Christ Himself.

I am amazed at how patient God is with me (and with all of humanity for that matter) when it comes to "growing up." I still have trouble sometimes figuring out "doctrine" and seeing through "deceitful scheming" and "speaking the truth in love." All ways we are called in this text to "no longer be children."

I will say I don't think we ever "arrive" to the place of being all grown up. I'm thankful that it's really not about arriving, it's about being "in Christ" and our willingness to change and "be transformed by the renewing of our minds" like we are learning in our current sermon series.

I will leave you with a question: what are some ways God is calling you to "grow up" in Christ as part of your discipleship journey?



-Pastor Rich

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What's Happening

- **Sunday, May 3 - Children's Sunday!**
- **Sunday, May 3 - Sonshine & Praise**, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday, May 3 - Kid's Strawberry picking and picnic lunch** (bring your own), 12pm, Ingram's Farm
- **Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day**
- **Thursday, May 14 - Golden Adventurers** will meet at the church at 11am and take the bus to Mitchell's Grove for a hot dog lunch.
- **Saturday, May 16 - Youth Car Wash Fundraiser**, 8am - 12pm
- **Thursday, May 21 - June Newsletter Deadline**
- **Monday, May 25 - Office Closed** for Memorial Day
- **Wednesday, May 27 - Open Door: Missions**
- **Sunday, May 31 - Graduation Sunday.** Breakfast for the grads and their families at 9:30am. Recognition during the 11am service.
- **Sunday, June 7 - Sonshine & Praise**, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall
- **Monday, June 8 - Blood Drive, 2-7pm.** Call Pam Lamb at 570-447-1573 for an appointment or online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: Fairfield.
- **Tuesday, June 9 - Evangelism Committee**, 6pm
- **Sunday, June 14 - Prayer Time**, 9:15am, Parlor
- **Tuesday, June 16 - Finance Committee Meeting**, 5:30pm
- **Tuesday, June 16 - Church Council Meeting**, 6pm
- **Thursday, June 18 - Golden Adventurers**, lunch and bingo, 11:30am
- **Sunday, June 21 - Father's Day**
- **Sunday June 21 - Youth leave for Mission Trip** to Waynesville, NC, return Sat. 6/27

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection is grateful to all who participated in our two mission projects - 'LOVE' dollar collection and 'REACHING OUT' to TRINITY MIDDLE SCHOOL with toiletry items. Through your 'Heart for Missions' YOU made the difference. Thank you!

Our sympathy extends to the families of:

Vivian Dyer	Phil Whaley, relative of Kay Curtis
Jerry Rhoney, Michael Rhoney's father	Hugh Turbyfill, Joe & Evonne's nephew
Tony Rich, Polly Queen's son	Michael Manley, Kay Curtis's cousin

A donation was made to the General Fund in honor of Melba York by Penny Bryan.

Donations were made to the General Fund in memory of Vivian Dyer by Craig & Terri Thomas, and Neil & Susan Hunt.

Donations were made to Fairfield's A/V Fund in memory of Vivian Dyer by Kay Curtis, Adult II Sunday School Class, Michael & Vickie Rhoney, and Brannan & Susan Leonard.

A donation has been made to the Audio-Visual Fund in memory of Jerry Rhoney by Susan and Brannan Leonard.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in memory of Tony Rich, Polly Queen's son, by Eddie and Sue Coltrane.

Thank you to all who donated blood and assisted with the Blood Drive on Monday, April 13th. The next **Blood Drive is Monday, June 8th from 2-7pm.** Call Pam Lamb at 570-447-1573 for an appointment or go online to www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: Fairfield.



SATURDAY, MAY 16

8am - Noon

FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

DONATIONS WELCOME!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT FAIRFIELD'S YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP

GRADUATION SUNDAY is **May 31st**. If you have a high school senior or college graduate, please send the following information to fairfieldgmc@gmail.com:

ALL GRADS: full name; name of school; recent photo.

High School grads please include: plans after high school (job, college, major); clubs, awards.

College grads please include: your major, plans after graduation, clubs, awards.



*Please have this information emailed to the church office by **Tuesday, May 26.** Thank you!*

GRADUATION SUNDAY

**FAIRFIELD
YOUTH**

- **Sunday, May 3** - Dinner & Devotions, 6-7:30pm
- **Sunday, May 10** - **No Youth** Gathering! Happy Mother's Day!

- **Saturday, May 16** - Car Wash Fundraiser, 8am - 12pm
- **Sunday, May 17** - Youth, 6-7:30pm
- **Sunday, May 24** - **No Youth** Gathering! Enjoy Memorial Day weekend!
- **Sunday, May 31** - Graduation Sunday. Grub & Games, 6-7:30pm
- **Sunday, June 7** - Parent/Youth Mission Trip Mtg, 5:30pm. Dinner & Devotions, 6-7:30pm

**FAIRFIELD
KIDS**

Sunday, May 3rd is **Children's Sunday**. Our children will be assisting with the worship service.

After the service **everyone is invited** to **Ingram's Farm** for a **picnic lunch** (bring your own) and **strawberry picking!**

Kids of ALL ages are invited every 1st Sunday to "Sonshine & Praise" with Katelyn and Morgan. Join us at **9:30am in the Fellowship Hall** for fun, fellowship, fuel for the soul, and singing from the heart! **Next Date is May 3.**

Coming up - June Rockers Game TBA

SAVE THE DATE! VBS - July 12-16

**Golden
ADVENTURERS**

Thursday, May 14 - We'll head to Mitchell's Grove on the bus at 11am to enjoy a hotdog lunch. RSVP to Annette or Brenda by May 11.

Thursday, June 18 - Lunch and BINGO in the Fellowship Hall. More info to come on this. We will plan for September - December at this meeting.

No meetings in July and August.

Annette de Ruyter, 336-688-6443

Brenda Taylor, 336-580-6648

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the peace lily, cards, text and prayers during Michael's dad's illness and death. We especially want to thank all who made the journey to Hickory to support us. So many people wanted to know about Fairfield since so many of you came. What a testimony to the love and faithfulness of our church family. We love you, Michael and Vickie Rhoney

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/1	Yank Collins	5/15	Pam Lamb
5/1	Mason Sink	5/17	Trenton Patteson
5/2	Lydia Holland	5/18	Dennis Pulaski
5/3	Jay Thompson	5/19	Hunter Antley
5/7	Susan Hunt	5/19	Debbie Hollingsworth
5/9	Wesley Modlin	5/21	Meredith Rhoney
5/9	Haley Modlin	5/29	Ron Griffin, III
5/13	Steve Gilbreth	5/28	Mikayli Rhoney Kanae
5/13	Penny Bryan	5/31	Mike Daniels

Happy Anniversary

May 1 - Neil & Susan Hunt

May 3 - Seth & Laura Wood

May 16 - James & Rhonda Turbyfill

May 16 - Aaron & Kelly Sink

May 22 - Michael & Vickie Rhoney



On May 25th, we will remember the brave men and women who served our country and those who gave their lives to preserve our freedom. We thank you for your bravery and dedication! The following is a list of Fairfield's late Veterans in remembrance of their dedication and faithfulness:

Charlie Boyles	James Gilbreath	George McGehee	Roscoe Anthony	Benjamin Kinley	James Clodfelter
Acey Thomas	Roy Gladden	John Myers	Ralph Bennett	Robert Lee	Carson Davis
Frank Auman	Denny Haney	Gilmer Palmer	Willard Holder	Boyd McDowell	Carl Kinley
Forest Bobo	Francis Pegram	Markus Philemon	Wyatt Coltrane	Burnice Stout	Lester Kinley
Gary Brown	Bill Horlick	Finely Robbins	Walter Mitchell	Sherman Tuttle	Jacob Shipton
Ronald Brown	Early Humphrey	James Shackelford	Bill Palmer	Hiram Shipton	Abe Simpson
Bobby Caveness	Eddie Dyer	Tom Foster Sr.	Carl Angel	Ron Griffin, Jr.	J.A. Pegram
Tom Adams	Richard Frazier	Vernard Weant	Junior Laws		2026

VOLUNTEERS	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
NURSERY 10am	Karen Harris	Karen Harris	Judy Millikan	Judy Millikan	Morgan Robbins
NURSERY 11am	Susan Gilbreth Emily Bryan	Laura Patteson Sue Brown	Rachel Brown Rebeka Patteson	Amber Harrison & Levie	Erin Thompson & Ginny
CHILDREN'S CH	None (Children's Sunday)	Michael & Vickie Rhoney	Chad & Meredith Antley	Betsy Sink Laura Wood	Penny Bryan & Emily
SOUNDBOARD	Michael Rhoney	Rob Harrison	Seth Wood	Chad Antley	Michael Rhoney
GREETERS	Marty & Georgia Presnell	Walt & Kathy Meier	Curtis & Melba York	Robbins Family	Antley Family
ACOLYTE	Levie Harrison	Christopher Harrison	Zane Wood	Josie Wood	Elana Shipwash
VISITATION	Mike & Betsy Sink	Steve & Laura Patteson	Trenton & Kristen Patteson	Lee & Kaye Spencer	Rob & Amber Harrison

If you are unable to volunteer on your specified day, please find someone to switch with you.

