



"Stop Chirping and Fly!"

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. -John 8:36

Story from Churchletters.org:

While pondering what to write about, I couldn't think too well because of what seemed to be a constant chirping from the garage.

Getting up quietly, I opened the door to go into the garage while the main door was still closed... quietness. No chirping was to be heard anywhere, so I came back to the desk and within a matter of minutes, you guessed it... chirp, chirp, CHIRP! CHIRP!

I opened the main garage door, and even though the little bird sat there within a foot of freedom, all it could do was continue to chirp! I picked up a piece of cardboard to see if I could "shoosh" it out, but it just flew into the garage more.

Three things I want to point out as I sit and listen to the chirping:

1. The Bird Doesn't Know the Door is Open

How much like this little bird we can be as we live life. God has made a way for each of us to experience freedom in Christ and joy as they've never known before. And sometimes we just chirp, Chirp, CHIRP away instead of simply going through the door God has provided.

2. Some would Rather Cry than Fly!

There are too many who have found out that if they cry loud enough, then attention will come their way. Please understand, that's not the way it is with the majority of people, but there are "some" who find greater "joy" in knowing others are paying attention to their miseries instead of understanding the real joy of helping others experience freedom in Christ.

I think of a time in the life of Moses who found himself sandwiched between the Red Sea and the pursuing army of Pharaoh and as he prayed and cried out to God, the Lord spoke to him these words:

Exodus 14:15 The LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the Israelites to go forward." In other words...Stop Chirping and Fly!

3. Chirping is Annoying

Again, please know we are not talking about a real need that must be taken care of, but the constant chirping about things that could quickly be taken care of if we would do the right thing which in turn, would lead to freedom in Christ!

Chirping: "The money always seems to run out before the month does."

Open Door: Malachi 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

Chirping: "I just can't forgive them for what they did to me."

Open Door: Matthew 6:15 – But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Chirping: "Life's not fair, it seems like everything and everyone is against me."

Open Door: Rom. 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

On and on we could go, but by this time, perhaps it seems like I'm chirping!

By the way, the bird has stopped chirping and must have found its way to freedom!

Fairfield Community Church Sunday Services: 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship On-Line & In-person

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1505 NC Hwy 62 West High Point, NC 27263 336-431-5743 www.fairfieldgmc.org

What's Happening

- Thursdays, now through November 12 - *Disciple* by Ray Vanderlaan Bible Study & Dinner (donations appreciated), 6pm
- Sundays, now through November 15 - *Disciple* by Ray Vanderlaan Bible Study, 10am
- Saturday, October 3 - Movie Night, *David*, with popcorn & snacks, bring a blanket, comfy chair & a friend! More info to come.
- Sunday, October 4 - *Sonshine and Praise*, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, October 4 - Homecoming Legacy gifts due
- Monday, October 5 - Trustees, 6:30pm
- Saturday, October 10 - Set-Up for Homecoming, 10am
- Sunday, October 11 - Homecoming with lunch after worship service
- Sunday, October 12 - Blood Drive, 2-7pm. To make an appointment, call Pam Lamb at 570-447-1573 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: Fairfield.
- Thursday, October 15 - Golden Adventurers going to Mill Creek Deli and downtown Mt. Airy or Fancy Gap Pottery. The bus will leave the church at 10am. RSVP by October 11 to Annette de Ruyter, 336-688-6443 or Brenda Taylor, 336-580-6648.
- Thursday, October 22 - November Newsletter Deadline
- Saturday, October 24 - Mikayli Rhoney's Baby Shower, 11am - 1pm, Fellowship Hall. RSVP by Oct. 18 to 336-580-5546.
- Sunday, October 25 - Trunk-or-Treat & hot dog supper, 5-7pm (CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED)
- Saturday, October 31 - Men's BBQ, Women's Bake Sale, Youth Fall Fest, 11am - 2pm
- Saturday, October 31 - Set clocks back one hour before bed

Please join us for

Homecoming

Sunday, October 11, 2026
Fairfield Community Church

182st Anniversary 1844 - 2026

Guest Speaker: Rev. Tim Porter

Sunday School - 10:00 AM Worship - 11:00 AM

We will have lunch after the service.

A meat entree and drinks will be provided.

Please bring your favorite sides and desserts to share.

All those interested in singing the Homecoming Anthem are invited to join us for a brief practice on Sunday, October 11, at 10:30am in the Choir Room. We will then sing the anthem together during the 11:00 AM worship service. If you have any questions, please see Pam Lamb.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

We are so thankful for Pastor Rich and all he does for our church and congregation - thank you for your faithful service, care, and leadership!

Homecoming Legacy Gifts

This year for our 182nd birthday, we will be honoring our loved ones with LEGACY GIFTS and a bulletin insert. The names will be listed on the insert, that we received gifts IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF. They can be designated to the general fund or to a particular fund or ministry that person worked with or held near and dear to their hearts.

All gifts must be received by Sunday, October 4.
PLEASE PRINT.

Your Name(s): _____

Please circle one: In Memory of In Honor of

Name of the person you are honoring/remembering:

Please designate if you would like for your donation to go towards the General Fund or particular fund/ministry: _____

Return this form to the office or place in the offering plate.

Fairfield YOUTH

Saturday, October 3 - Movie Night, *David*, with popcorn & snacks, bring a blanket, comfy chair & a friend! 7-9pm

Sunday, October 4 - Dinner & Devotions, 6-7:30PM

Sunday, October 11 - Grub & Games, 6-7:30PM

Sunday, October 18 - Serve & Be Served, 5-7:30PM

Sunday, October 25 - Trunk or Treat Event, 5-7pm

Sunday, October 31 - Help at BBQ & Fall Festival, 11am – 2:30pm

Sunday, November 1 - Dinner & Devotions, 6-7:30PM

Sunday, November 8 - Grub & Games, 6-7:30PM

Fairfield KIDS

All our children are invited to join us at the church for **MOVIE NIGHT on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3** from 7-9pm. We'll watch *David* and have popcorn & snacks, bring a blanket, comfy chair & a friend! Join us for our **Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 25 from 5-7pm** and the **Fall Festival on Saturday, October 31. Bring your friends!**

Golden ADVENTURERS

Thursday, October 15 - We'll be going to **Mill Creek Deli and downtown Mt. Airy or Fancy Gap Pottery**. They have flowers, fabric, pottery, crafts - lots of fun fall items! **The bus will leave the church at 10am. RSVP by October 11.**

- **Thursday, November 19** - We're headed to **Bear Creek** to visit Southern Supreme and have lunch as well (restaurant TBD). We'll take the bus and **leave the church at 9am. RSVP by November 15.**

- **Thursday, December 10** - Our Annual **Christmas Luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall at **11:30am**. We'll have a delicious lunch, play a fun Christmas Gift Exchange game and sing some Christmas Carols. *Please bring a \$15 gift to participate in the game. RSVP by December 3.*

To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Annette de Ruyter, 336-688-6443 or Brenda Taylor, 336-580-6648.

Women's CONNECTION

It's Fall! Time to support the MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BARBECUE AND WOMEN'S CONNECTION BAKE HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS AND FROZEN FOOD SALES! Saturday, October 31, 2026 11am - 2pm. Please contact Terri Thomas (336-442-2721) regarding bake sale items and containers (available Oct. 4 in the kitchen). Contact Penny Bryan (336-847-3074) about Frozen Foods. *We appreciate each of you who supports our efforts to reach out in Missions.*

Fairfield PRESCHOOL

The **Preschool is selling Attraction Coupon Books** for \$30 each to help raise funds for mulch for the playground. If you would like to purchase a book, they are available in the Preschool Office. Please place your payment in the marked envelope. Thank you for supporting our Preschool!

Dear Fairfield, We want to express our deepest gratitude for the love, prayers, kindness and support you have shown us during the passing of my husband. Fairfield was more than a church to Jerry. He had been a part of this church since he was 16 years old. He was truly blessed by the friendships, encouragement and faith that surrounded him here. Your visits, cards, prayers comforting words, and every act of kindness have brought us strength and peace during this difficult time. We are very grateful for the compassion you have shown. Thank you for loving him over the years and for embracing our family. With heartfelt appreciation, Dyanne Boyles and family

Dear Fairfield, I am truly blessed to be part of a church family that surrounds one another with so much love, compassion, and prayer. Every message, prayer, gesture, and act of kindness reminded me that I was never walking through this alone. Thank you for loving me, praying for me, and helping out with my dad. I am so grateful for each and every one of you! - Ginger Williams

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

10/2 Josie Wood	10/22 Steve Patteson
10/4 Katherine Osborne	10/25 Linda Adams
10/5 Brady Brown	10/29 Daniel Patteson
10/6 Haiden Crites	10/29 Dyanne Boyles
10/17 Ginger Williams	10/31 Will Brown

Happy Anniversary

Oct. 7 Steven & Marcy Shipwash
Oct. 12 Pete & Annette de Ruyter
Oct. 14 Rick & Peggy Gammons
Oct. 17 William & Katie Botts
Oct. 17 - Walt & Kathy McLoughlin-Meier
Oct. 29 Joe & Evonne Turbyfill
Oct. 29 Dale & Polly Queen

VOLUNTEERS	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
NURSERY 10am	Judy Millikan	Morgan Robbins	Judy Millikan	Kay Yates
NURSERY 11am	Kay Yates & Caroline	Vickie Rhoney Kristin Patteson	The Eggleston Family	Susan Gilbreth Emily Bryan
CHILDREN'S CH	Erin Thompson & Ginny	Steve & Laura Patteson	Rob & Amber Harrison	Brenda Brown/Kay Curtis
SOUNDBOARD	Seth Wood	Chad Antley	Michael Rhoney	Rob Harrison
GREETERS	Eddie & Sue Coltrane	Scott & Lia Eggleston	Steve & Laura Patteson	Eric Caveness & Craig C.
ACOLYTE	Aubrey Antley	Addie Botts	Hendrix Botts	Levie Harrison
VISITATION TEAM	Mike & Betsy Sink	Steve & Laura Patteson	Trenton & Kristen Patteson	Lee & Kaye Spencer
If you are unable to volunteer on your specified day, please find someone to switch with you.				

it's a girl

JOIN US AS WE HONOR MOM-TO-BE

Mikayli Rhoney Kanae

OCTOBER 24 | 11AM - 1PM

Fairfield Community Church

PLEASE REPLY BY OCTOBER 18

336-580-5546

REGISTERED AT BABYLIST.COM

Spooktacular

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

OCTOBER **25** 5 PM - 7 PM

FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH

BBQ, BAKE SALE & FALL FESTIVAL

11AM - 2PM OCTOBER 31, 2026

DELICIOUS BBQ (SIDES, DESSERTS, & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT) & HOMEMADE GOODIES FOR SALE!

BOUNCY HOUSE, PUMPKIN PAINTING, HAY RIDES, GAMES & MORE!

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BBQ order forms can be found in the bulletin each Sunday, in the narthex, at the Church Office and online at fairfieldgmc.org. You can also place your order by emailing it to fairfieldgmc@gmail.com

BRING THIS SLIP WITH YOU SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 TO FAIRFIELD CHURCH TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER BETWEEN 11am - 2pm.

TEAR HERE

Name _____ Phone _____

Sold by _____

Picked up by _____

	PRICE	CIRCLE	ONE	QTY.	TOTAL
Loin	\$50.00	/	Whole		
Ham	\$48.00	/	Whole		
Shoulder	\$45.00	/	Whole		
BBQ/lb.	\$12.00	/	Chopped		
Slaw	\$3.00	/			
Sauce	\$2.00	/			

Men's Fellowship BBQ ORDER FORM

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Saturday, October 31, 2026

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(dine-in or take out plates available 11am - 2pm)



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please join us for a

Baby Shower

celebrating the beautiful mom-to-be

Mikayli Rhoney Kanae

OCTOBER **24** 11AM-1PM

Fairfield Community Church
1505 HWY 62 W, High Point, NC

RSVP BY OCT 18TH 336-580-5546 REGISTERED AT BABYLIST.COM

Help stock Baby Kanae's 1st library!
Instead of bringing a greeting card, please write your well wishes for the baby in your favorite children's book

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