



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAIRDALE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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2026 FAIRDALE
COMMUNITY

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY MARCH 28 @ 11:30

The days are getting longer and the temperatures are warming up just a bit. Despite the dreary weather this week, spring is just around the corner and we are gearing up for all our Easter events at church.

Our Community Easter Egg Hunt is a big hit, among both our church people and the entire Fairdale community. We display banners at the high school and the round-about, get local businesses involved, and pass out flyers at the elementary schools. Our church gets a chance to love and serve our community, kids have fun, parents and families get to spend time together, and memories are made.

Besides all this, we get a chance to share the truth of the gospel mes-

age with our neighbors. Every year, one of our pastors shares a short gospel message with the crowd. We give out a few kid's bibles as prizes. Volunteers are able to take time to build relationships with people in the community. It is our prayer that this event is done with excellence, but more importantly, that it is done with an aim towards sharing the love of God with our neighbors. Even if you can't be physically present to volunteer, we hope that you will get involved with our Community Easter Egg Hunt in some way.

Pray! Please pray for the volunteers to be strengthened, joyful, and full of God's love as they work. Pray that this event helps us develop good relationships in the

community. Above all, pray that God would be glorified!

Give! We are collecting donations for small candy items; those can be dropped off in the downstairs hallway. You can also give a designated offering just for this event. Mark it "Easter Egg Hunt" on your envelope or online giving submission. We will use this money to purchase food, candy, eggs, or whatever supplies are needed.

Work! We need people for food prep, set up, decorating, crowd monitoring, clean up and much more. Sign up on the office bulletin board or talk to Samantha Beattie, Matt McBroom, or Mary Catherine Anderson for more information.

The Power of God Displayed

Josh Greene | Pastor

God is strong - really strong. God is the almighty God. There is no one or no thing as strong as Him. He is omnipotent, and by that we mean all-powerful. God has the power to do anything. We rightly sing the old hymn "Praise to the Lord, the almighty..." God deserves the praise we give Him for His strength, might, and power. There are many ways to talk about the power of God and ways we witness it throughout Scripture.

We see God's power in creation. Genesis 1 tells us that God created the world. It took a lot of power to create this world. We see God's power in miracles. Exodus tells us that God held back the winds and waves and divided the Red Sea so that people could cross through. It's not easy to part a sea. It takes a lot of power to do that. John 11 tells us that Jesus's powerful words raised Lazarus from the dead. It is not easy to raise the dead. It takes a lot of power. God's power is seen in the miracles He does.

We see God's power in Jesus's sovereign Lordship. Hebrews 1 tells us that "he upholds the universe by the word of his power." That's a lot of power. Our lives, and this world, and this universe are being held together by the sovereign reign of the Lord Jesus. God's power is seen in this! There are lots of ways for us to reflect on the power of God.

There is another way of considering the power of God. And this angle deserves much priority and attention. Our Sunday morning study through the book of Romans introduces us to another display of the power of God. Romans 1:16 states "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for **it is the power of God** for salvation." Here the Word of God points us to another way that we see the power of God.

The power of God is seen in salvation. In other words, when someone gets saved the power of God is at work. Salvation is of the Lord. And so, no one can be saved apart from God's power.

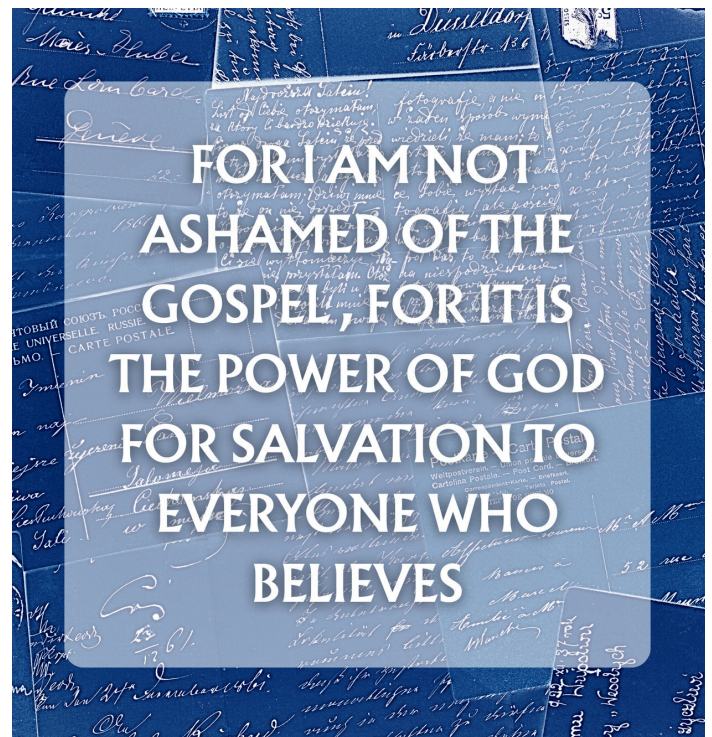
When someone turns to Jesus from the heart and confesses Him to be the risen Lord Jesus, the power of God makes that happen.

When someone repents of their sin by turning to Jesus in brokenness and honest confession of their wrong doing, the power of God makes that happen.

When someone changes from the inside-out and their life begins to bear fruit that God is now dwelling in them, the power of God makes that happen.

When someone believes God and trusts fully in the truth of God over and against the lies of this world, the power of God makes that happen.

The power of God is an awesome subject for us to focus on, and let's make sure one of the ways we most fully understand the power of God is by what He is doing in our own personal salvation!



Encouragement from Everyday Faithfulness

Chris Harrod | Director of Missions

As we all know, time flies by so fast. We see that often in our own lives with different milestones we hit, or through the lives of others. Usually we can most clearly see through kids that are growing up at a rapid pace seemingly monthly, weekly, or daily. My two year old went from learning the phrase "please" in the last couple months to walking up to me this week and saying "What's up?" without being taught. Whether we like it or not, things move at such a fast pace at times!

It's crazy to think that the Hoovers have now been in SE Asia for a year and the Hughes in Japan for 8 months! In some ways it seems like yesterday that we were seeing them every Sunday and Wednesday. In other ways, though, it does feel like it has been a while since we sent them out. They've started the process of settling into a new country, new routines, new culture, new language. The distance and time differences make it hard to connect. All of these things can give a feeling that our lives, ministry, and prayers are disconnected from them and their lives and ministry.

But let me encourage you to continue in the work of support, of holding the rope for them. Our care

often doesn't require grand gestures, resources, or international experience. Often it looks like faithfully praying for requests in newsletters, the encouraging text message or call as you think about them, or faithfully stewarding your finances to help support them financially. As more time passes, these are the things that will help sustain them on the field. Our care for them involves faithfully seeking God on their behalf, that God would sustain them and bring people of their countries to saving faith. It involves encouraging them to run the race of their faith with endurance. And praise God, he uses these means to accomplish his purposes and to spread His glory to the ends of the earth.

The missionary and apostle Paul gave the Ephesian church this charge at the end of his letter to them: "Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. For this I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I might be bold enough to speak about it as I should" (Ephesians 6:19-20). Let us take up this charge and continue in prayer for those we have sent and, Lord willing, will continue to send.

