

# THE CALL

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Late night thoughts on baseball and the moral reconstruction of reality . . .

At his 2005 induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame, former Chicago Cub Ryne Sandberg, who died this week, gestured to the Hall of Fame inductees seated around him and said, “These guys sitting up here did not pave the way for the rest of us so that players could swing for the fences every time up and forget how to move a runner over to third. It’s disrespectful to them, to you, and to the game of baseball we all played growing up.” He continued: “I didn’t play the game right because I saw a reward at the end of the tunnel. I played it right because that’s what you’re supposed to do—play it right and with respect.”

I applaud Mr. Sandberg’s eloquent testimony to his moral center. There is a moral foundation for human life that exists beyond us, our choices, and our wants. Right and wrong exist apart from us and apart from “winning” or “losing.” There is a purpose and meaning for human life and the pursuit of that meaning and purpose is what gives human life value and direction. We seek to do what is right not because it offers us some reward, nor because it is simply a matter of personal preference, but rather because we are striving to participate in the source of all meaning. For Christians we summarily call that source God and human life is simply the opportunity to conform ourselves, however provisionally, to God’s pattern, direction, and purpose.

Unfortunately, that foundation of morality in something beyond ourselves started unravelling a few centuries ago. Nowadays, people rarely ask how their choices conform to the character of God or even how those choices correspond to the ultimate purpose or goal of our lives. If you ask somebody how they choose what they choose you are likely to be told that it simply “felt right.” The problem is that disagreements over subjective feelings cannot be resolved by rational means. We no longer engage in moral arguments because there is no longer any moral framework to argue over. Instead, we simply try to impose agreement or compliance on others. This is why our politics have become both more vicious and meaningless. This is also why our society in general and younger generations in particular are stalked by nihilism and despair. Devoid of meaning, purpose, and value, we become less than human.

The church, at its best, is both a repository of and a school for virtue, the habituated practice of striving after ultimate meaning. We believe that in one Jesus of Nazareth, humanity has received a model, a prototype, for what human beings are meant to be and do. To the extent we emulate that model, we are living into our ultimate meaning and purpose. To the extent we do not, we progressively become something less than human. Unfortunately, this life guiding lesson tends to get drowned out by the infantile public demand for choice free of all external constraints. Authenticity and pleasure have replaced truth, goodness, and justice.

Our world is hungry for meaning and starving for the lack of it. But somewhere along the way our society forgot how to morally nourish our lives and world. The church’s vocation is to first show and then share that better way just like Mr. Sandberg. The church needs to preach what it practices. Goodness is the foundation for authentic humanness. The stakes are high, the time is short, and the task is audacious. Thankfully we do not do it alone.

-Brian

## WORSHIP

In-person Casual Service 8:30am

Traditional Service 10:30am

Our Traditional 10:30am worship offering will be live-streamed beginning at 10:15am on YouTube.

Visit [www.fairmontchurch.org/online](http://www.fairmontchurch.org/online) for links to all past and upcoming live streams.

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August 3     8th Sunday of Pentecost/Communion/  
Annual Meeting @ 10:00am  
Lesson: Luke 12:13-21  
Sermon: How To Pray

August 10    9th Sunday after Pentecost  
Lesson: Luke 12:32-40  
Sermon: Effective Stewardship

August 17    10th Sunday after Pentecost  
Lesson: Luke 12:49-56  
Sermon: Peace, But Not Yet

August 24    11th Sunday after Pentecost  
Lesson: Luke 13:10-17  
Sermon: Breaking the Rules

August 31    12th Sunday after Pentecost  
Lesson: Luke 14:7-14  
Sermon: Seating Charts

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### Bible Study

Thursdays, 12:15pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81913644664>

Meeting ID: 819 1364 4664

Passcode: 825784

## ANNUAL MEETING

Join us on Sunday, August 3rd at 10:00am for our Annual Congregational Meeting as we share about Fairmont's ministries over the past year.

## BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 12:15pm in-person and on Zoom

Join us each week as we consider the Bible texts for the following Sunday. Bring your questions!

August 5     Luke 12:32-40

August 12    Luke 12:49-56

August 19    Luke 13:10-17

August 26    Luke 14:7-14

Bible Study: Weekly Scripture

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## **FAIRMONT OFFICERS 2025-2026**

### **SESSION**

Moderator.....Brian Maguire  
Associate Pastor.....Kelley Shin  
Clerk.....Kerri Miles  
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Vice Treasurer.....Sue Stewart

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Ann Diller (1year)  
Dana Hoskins  
Liz Lewis  
Pam Lowry

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Marilyn Dickey  
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Denise Taylor  
Lois Thomas

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Kelly Coan  
Donna Ginader  
Katherine Gonzalez

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Charlie Chamberlain  
Helen Kanis  
David LaRue

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Ginny Glass  
Christy Maynard

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Sue Daley  
Tom Gunlock  
Bill Lowry  
Bill Miller

#### **Class of 2028**

Jeff Grieco  
Don Hibbard  
Wally Taylor

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
8th Sunday after Pentecost/ Communion	3	10:30am: Dayton P.E.O. (cr) 6:30pm: WOF Coord. (ur)	4	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 2:30pm: Lincoln Park Communion (offsite) 7:00pm: Team Meetings	5	4:30pm: Praise Ban 7:30pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:00am: Annual Meeting (sanctuary) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)							
9th Sunday after Pentecost	10		11	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Trustees, B&G & Finance	12	4:30pm: Praise Ban 7:30pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)							
10th Sunday after Pentecost	17		18	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Session	19	11:30am: Fairmont Luncheon (offsite) 4:30pm: Praise Ban 7:30pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 11:45am: Summer Send-Off							
11th Sunday after Pentecost	24		25	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Deacons	26	4:30pm: Praise Ban 4:30pm: Dayton Op (cr) 7:30pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)							
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12th Sunday after Pentecost (see above for services) 12:00pm: Teacher Training (ur)							

Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
				11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 5:00pm: Theology on Tap @ Carillon Brewing Company at 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton	1	2:00pm: William Mann Memorial Service	2
d (fh)	6	7:00pm: NA (012)	7	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	8		9
d (fh)	13	7:00pm: NA (012)	14	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 6:00pm: Valley Vineyard	15		16
Men's	20	7:00pm: NA (012)	21	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	22		23
d (fh)							
d (fh)	27	1:00pm: Rug Hooking (fh) 7:00pm: NA (012)	28	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	29		30
Opera Chorus							

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Sunday School will not meet in June, July, or August due to our customary Summer Break! Children's Worship Bags and Children's Time will be provided in worship for children during the summer. Sunday School will resume in September.

### UPCOMING CHILDREN'S EVENTS



- August 17: Summer Send-Off Spectacular
- September 7: All Church Picnic & Bouncy House
- September 14: Sunday School Begins
- October 5: Children's Sabbath/Children Choir
- October 19: Fairmont Fall Family Hike
- October 25: Trunk-or-Treat
- December 21: Children's Christmas Pageant & Hot Cocoa Bar
- December 24: Family Christmas Eve Service



#### **Summer Send-Off Spectacular**

Hot Dogs, Chips, Popsicles

Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m.

Children, youth, and their families are invited to gather in Fairmont's Fellowship Hall and Courtyard after worship for a time of allergy-safe hot dogs, chips, popsicles, bead art, games, and fellowship!

## FAIRMONT YOUTH MINISTRY

(Grades 6th -12<sup>th</sup>)

### *Second Sunday of the Month*

12:00 p.m.

Fairmont Youth Ministry will meet the Second Sunday of each month following worship (**unless otherwise noted by \***). There will be Food, Faith Conversations, & Fun Events.

### **AUGUST**

August 17: Summer Send-Off Spectacular (Hot Dogs, Games, Bead Art)

**Weekly Youth Dinners Out:** Pastor Kelley is available once-a-week on either Wednesday evening or Thursday evening for a dinner out with at least 2 and up to 4 youth at a restaurant of the youth's choosing. Dinner will be covered by the church. Please contact Pastor Kelley. Pastor Kelley may be reached by email at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org) or by text or phone at (937) 751-0752.



## MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts



### Monthly Project: Collection for Kettering City School Nurse's Station

Over August and September, let's help Kettering City School students get ready to learn! School nurses have stations at each school which can run out of supplies quickly at the start of the school year.

Here's a list of things they need:

- Packs of tissues
- Travel size hand sanitizer
- Saltine crackers
- Fruit snacks
- Other diabetic-friendly snacks
- Juice boxes
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant

### A BIG Thank-You from Daybreak!

Daybreak's Community Outreach Coordinator Travis visited Fairmont in May to talk about their expanded Parenting Room. This space is for young parents under 21 who have housing insecurities.

### Daybreak Open House on August 18<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7pm

Interested in learning more? Daybreak is hosting a Community Open House on Monday, August 18 from 4PM-7PM starting at 701 S Patterson Blvd, Dayton, OH 45402. Stop by for tours, conversation, community, snacks, and to congratulate Daybreak's CEO, Alisha Murray on her 16 years of service!

RSVP to Travis Rindler either at

[rindlert@daybreakdayton.org](mailto:rindlert@daybreakdayton.org) or via phone at

937-395-4600 ext. 805

## VALLEY VINEYARD

Join us for a cookout at Valley Vineyard in Morrow on Friday, August 15th at 6:00pm. Prices are \$44.00 per person. Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship hall. Please contact Carolyn Wimer at (937) 705-6451 for more information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

Fairmont Men's Group will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, August 20th at 11:30 am. Call the church office at (937) 299-3539 or you may email the church at [office@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:office@fairmontchurch.org) by noon on Tuesday, August 19th, to make a reservation. All the men of the church are invited!

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap will meet once-a-month on the first Friday of each month. All are welcome for a time of food, fellowship, and faith conversations.

**AUGUST:** Theology on Tap will meet at Carillon Brewing Company at 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton. Meet at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 1st, 2025.



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### STAFF

**Pastor/Head of Staff:** Brian Maguire

**Associate Pastor:** Kelley Wehmeyer Shin

**Director of Music Ministries:** Coleman Clark

**Organist:** Judy Bede

**Bookkeeper:** Martha Keil

**Administrative Assistant:** Jennifer Mason

**Maintenance:** Don Hibbard

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### August Birthdays

Kathy Akers	08/03	Karen Hofmann	08/15
Mary Haffner	08/03	John Van Deursen	08/15
Larry Ridings	08/06	Wally Taylor	08/16
Diane Weyrauch	08/06	Trina Brander	08/18
Catherine Staton-House	08/07	Cindy Cavey	08/20
Karl Borneman	08/10	Jane Heavin	08/20
Patricia Smith	08/10	Jeffrey Grieco	08/26
Juli Cohen	08/13	Phyllis McDermitt	08/27
Christopher Buchheit	08/14	Christy Maynard	08/28



### DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

**The deadline for The September Call is Friday, August 22, 2025.**

Please submit Call & bulletin articles to Jennifer at: [jmason@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:jmason@fairmontchurch.org).