On January 29, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., a Church Conference was held at Fairview United Methodist Church for the purpose of discerning whether the congregation would remain affiliated with The United Methodist Church, or disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church.

With 493 members of the congregation present and voting of those present and voting - 408 voted *to disaffiliate* from The United Methodist Church, and 85 voted to remain affiliated with The United Methodist Church. The vote passed *to disaffiliate.* The church must complete all the requirements for disaffiliation by May 29, 2023.

Fairview Church is grateful for a one-hundred-ten-plus-year relationship with the Holston Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church and welcomes the opportunity to continue many of its mission partnerships with The United Methodist Church.

Fairview Church will continue to discern whether it remains an “independent” congregation (and if so, for how long), or whether it will join another “Methodist” denomination (and if so, when). At this date, no decision has been made. The Senior Pastor Mickey Rainwater will remain with the congregation through the disaffiliation process. The Associate Pastor Gilbert Harris anticipates remaining with the congregation beyond the disaffiliation process.

Fairview Church will faithfully continue its mission of “Loving God, Growing Together and Serving Others in order to make disciples of Jesus Christ.” Fairview Church remains committed to its values of:

* The Bible is our Foundation; reflected in scriptural preaching, teaching (Sunday School and small groups), and other Bible Study groups.
* Worship/music that is alive, and joyful; there is freedom to worship.

*[These first two values above are grounded in scripture. We gather with other believers, we experience community and Biblical teaching, and friendships develop as a result.]*

*[We understand the remaining five values below to be the fruit of, to flow directly out of our worship/preaching and teaching.]*

* Missions & Serving: local, regional, national, and global.
* Emphasis on Children and Youth ministries (including intergenerational connections). It is also observed that both of these ministries are grounded in scripture: Sunday School, AWANA, weekly gatherings and retreats.
* Connection: the church is family and feels like home.
* Hospitality: there is a "welcoming" atmosphere.
* Compassion. (Loving, Serving & Embracing)