



Fairfield Good News

Worshiping The Lord for Over 300 Years!

April 2024

"April showers bring May flowers."



The month of April, traditionally a rainy period, gives way to May, when flowers will bloom because of the water provided to them by the April rains. (by extension) A period of discomfort or hardship can provide the basis for a period of happiness and joy.



Belated happy
April birthday
wishes to
Louise Williams
and
Edith Myron



It's time to update our church directory, sooo..

Please make sure you make any corrections on the directory pages laid out on the table in Fellowship Hall
OR if everything is correct, mark it with a big check ✓

Once this is done, the new directories will be printed and put in your mailbox.

Early May =

Sunday, May 5th - Communion Service

Monday, May 6th - Consistory Meeting

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35th annual Capitol Bible Reading Marathon

The marathon in which volunteers read every word of the Bible from cover to cover, starts at 2 p.m. this Saturday and is expected to last until 10 a.m. Wednesday.

A project of the Indiana-based ministry Seedline International, the reading marathon features volunteers taking turns in 15-minute speaking slots reading the Bible from cover to cover. Those hoping to read in one of the speaking slots sign up in advance.

Volunteer readers are expected to be "a born-again Christian". Those wishing to watch the event but cannot attend in person can view it on Seedline International's YouTube channel by clicking [here](#).

The Christian Post, reporter Ryan Foley

A few words about ...



What is the difference between coaching and discipleship? "Discipleship involves helping others grow spiritually and engage in the mission. And as coaches we do a lot of discipleship. The key difference is that our coaching work is about helping others launch and lead Cru groups." "We invest in leaders who are actively working to establish and grow Cru ministries on their campus. Staff disciplers can help any Christian student grow in their walk with God and share their faith. Staff disciplers can equip students to lead a Bible study, and encourage them to go on a summer mission. But coaches are specifically investing in leaders committed to establishing new or stronger Cru ministries on their campus. Presently, The Coaching Center is providing this support for 165 college campuses."

Many of these things can be done using Zoom, etc. but last February Chris and Carolyn went on the road to visit some of these leaders in-person because ministry is relationship and relationship is influence. Visiting in person gives opportunity to understand the leaders' needs and situations better.

Have you seen on the news lately what is happening on our college and university campuses?? Pray for the leaders of the Cru campus ministries across our country.

This work is very much needed today!

Our church supports Chris and Carolyn West through Cru in our 2024 Missions Budget in the amount of \$750.

A few words about ...



"ADF will walk boldly into the wind with resilience and with courage. We will do—as we have done—the hard things to which God has called us with the expectation that He will accomplish His purposes." CEO, President & General Counsel, Kristen Waggoner

Click [here](#) to see some of the cases ADF is now and has been working on, particularly with the Supreme Court. For instance ...

Religious Freedom Collides with Woke Agenda

A Washington couple is challenging state officials after they were barred from serving as respite caregivers due to their religious beliefs about human sexuality.

In August 2022, Shane and Jennifer DeGross worked with foster-care licensing agency Olive Crest to renew their license to provide a home to vulnerable children. The agency informed them that the Washington Department of Children, Youth, and Families enacted new regulations that require all foster parents to use a foster child's inaccurate pronouns based on their perceived gender identity, not their actual sex. The regulations also require that parents take children to cultural events like pride parades. Because of their Christian faith, the DeGrosses told Olive Crest they would love and support any child placed in their home but could not lie to a child about who they are or encourage a child to reject their sex. DCYF officials then denied their application, even after Olive Crest made more than one attempt to appeal the denial.

*Our church supports Alliance Defending Freedom in our
2024 Missions Budget in the amount of \$450.*

Read more about Alliance Defending Freedom by clicking [here](#).

Coming up ...

It will soon be time to think of children going back to school



As in the past few years we will take a special offering specifically for childrens' shoes to send to Putting Prayers to Action for children of the Apalachian region. The deadline PPA has set for their "Back to School" project is July 15th. Our special offering will be in June.

BUT, you can check out Putting Prayers to Action now by clicking [here](#).

Name: _____ Date: _____



WORD SCRAMBLE
DIRECTIONS:
Unscramble each set of letters to discover a vocabulary word relating to the lovely month of April.

OFLO _____

BTFURTYLE _____

ARSSG _____

TPAEILRLACR _____

ERTDYAHA _____

ADRGNE _____

ANIR _____

LAGUH _____

LUIPT _____

RENGE _____

RECYCEL _____

RTSEAE _____

LLAMUBER _____

LNAPT _____

UBNYN _____

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