



Fairfield Good News

WORSHIPPING THE LORD FOR OVER 300 YEARS!

February 2023

From the desk of Pastor Farrar...

Love is in the air. The month of February is the perfect time to remember the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 13: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." We can do more than simply admire the lofty attributes of love. We have the opportunity to put love into action. May I suggest that we choose just one of the qualities of love, such as kindness or patience and work on implementing it more consistently in our daily lives. Love is the most valuable gift that we can give and it might be the least expensive. Love is the gift that everyone wants and that anyone can give. "For God so love the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) As we look for gifts to give for Valentine's Day, let us consider giving the perfect gift of love.

Pastor Farrar

Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays 7 PM

No Prayer Meeting Feb. 21

Bible Study

Wednesday, Feb. 8th 7 PM

No Bible Study Feb. 22

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Sunday, February 12
Communion Sunday



Monday, February 13
Consistory Meeting



**"We love
because He
first loved
us."**

(1 John 4:19)



February 12 is Super Bowl Sunday



We are participating in Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday again this year and will be taking a **special offering on the 12th** which will be given to the Good Shepherd Mission in Paterson.

Souper Bowl of Caring is a nation-wide effort to fight hunger and poverty in our own communities at the time of the Super Bowl football game.

100% of our  donations will be given to



February 19

Sanctity of Human Life - Baby Bottle Boomerang

Please return your baby bottles filled with your coins, cash or a check (you can make the check payable to the church and we will include the amount in the church check to First Choice OR make it out to First Choice Resource Center and it will be mailed to them with the church check.)

The donations will be counted and sent to First Choice in late February.

February 22

Fellowship Hall
6:00 Catered Dinner
Service following

Ash
Wednesday



If you plan to attend the dinner, sign up in Fellowship Hall so we know how many people to expect when ordering the food.
Bring a dessert to share if you are able.

Lent is 40 days (not counting Sundays), starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter. Ash Wednesday is a solemn day that marks the beginning of a season of repentance in preparation for celebrating Jesus' resurrection. The word "Lent" comes from the Old English word, "lencen," which referred to springtime.

Handwritten letter from Chris & Carolyn West of Cru dated 1/24/23

Dear Friends at Fairfield Reformed,

Happy New Year to you all from sunny Florida! And thank you so much for the very generous year end gift you sent! It's a big help and it means even more to us knowing the love and all the history behind it. Fairfield Reformed has been faithfully supporting our ministry since 1991!

We hope you all had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas season. Also we hope the church is prospering, perhaps even growing! You are an oasis in the desert in some ways. May your light shine all the brighter. Warmth is attractive and grace is a magnet. These are signature features of Fairfield Reformed!

My work in coaching student leaders is overflowing. "Business is brisk!" It's been full but fun. And we regularly receive inquiries from students in NJ looking for Cru. Naturally those come to me.

We are overdue to return for a visit. And hopefully we'll do so in 2023. Thank you again for your incredible kindness. God bless you all!

If you need a receipt for your record of 2022 contributions/donations to the church, see Roberta with your name and envelope number and she will be happy to give it to you on Sunday or mail you the receipt.



Standing for Freedom Since 1994

ADF is the world's largest legal organization committed to protecting religious freedom, free speech, the sanctity of life, marriage and family, and parental rights.

Founders: Alan Sears, James Dobson, Larry Burkett, D. James Kennedy, Bill Bright

"We defend your most cherished liberties in Congress, state legislatures, and courtrooms across the country—all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

We don't just stand for freedom—we win. ADF has won 14 victories at the Supreme Court since 2011, and we're winning nearly 80 percent of all our cases—but we don't do it alone.

When 35 Christian leaders came together to build a ministry that would defend religious liberty and keep the doors open for the Gospel, they knew it would take an alliance.

Like the Body of Christ, the alliance is one body made up of many parts. Attorneys play different roles than church and ministry leaders. Non-profit volunteers play different roles than legislators. And business professionals play a different role than grassroots advocates. Each person must play his or her particular role, under one shared vision, to ensure that religious freedom thrives."

AND, they "never charge their clients a dime".

To read more about Alliance Defending Freedom including cases won, click [here](#).

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In Fellowship Hall there is a sign-up sheet for you to put your favorite hymn(s). So far we have a couple people who put their choices. Pastor Eric will include your favorites in future services.

You Say

I'm too tired

I can't manage

I can't go on

God Says

I will give you rest
(Matthew 11:28-30)

I will supply all your needs
(Philippians 4:19)

My grace is sufficient
(II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

