



# *Fairfield Good News*

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*January 2023*

*From the desk of Pastor Eric...*

Happy New Year!

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come.”

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

As we begin this new year, let us look to the Lord. He is inviting us to walk with Him. We have access to God each moment of every day. He promises to give us strength for each day. He promises to guide our steps. He promises to forgive and forget our transgressions. Let us take full advantage of His grace, which is sufficient to meet all our needs. However, just as some drivers pass us on the highway, like we are standing still, we sometimes pass God by as we pursue so many distractions, demands and desires that come our way. The Bible encourages us with these words: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” (Hebrews 12:1-3)

*Pastor Eric*

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**Calling all greeters . . .** Consistory has asked for volunteers to greet people entering the church for worship. So far four people have signed up and one expressed a desire to be a substitute.

If eight people sign up, each one would be scheduled once every two months.



A schedule was created so let Carol know if you are able to serve our church in this way and you will be added to the schedule.

Do you remember?

Pastor Eric asked us to let him know if we have a favorite hymn we love to sing. Here's your chance to pick your favorite(s) . . . BUT, don't just tell him when he's talking with others, arriving at coffee hour or leaving the church !!



Let's make a list. You have the option of adding your choice to a list on the lectern in Fellowship Hall.



**ALSO:** Pastor Eric said that if someone wants to bake for a coffee hour, they should let Roberta know.

It would be beneficial if she knew ahead of time so others would know to make a special effort to get to Coffee Hour that week.

Note: **Tuesday evenings at 7 PM**, prayer warriors gather in Fellowship Hall to pray for the needs brought before the church. You are welcome to be a prayer warrior and join them in the Ivory Room **OR** be a home warrior and pray from home. The group uses the prayer request bulletin insert and prays for the needs specified. Try to schedule some time to pray each week for needs listed on the prayer request sheet.



***IMPORTANT:*** the prayer list needs to be updated. IF you have a request on the prayer request bulletin insert, PLEASE contact John or Joyce or Carol to make sure updates are made to the list.

*Prayer Does Change Things*

**IMPORTANT!!**

*The Congregational meeting IS POSTPONED—new date TBD*

*Reports for congregational meeting will be handed out before the meeting for your review in preparation for the meeting.*

*Tuesday, January 10 Consistory Meeting*

Important meeting to review reports and go over proposed budget.

**Bible Study** schedule for January is Wednesday, Jan. 11 and 25  
AND for February is Wednesday, Feb. 1 and 15.

Same time (7 pm), same place (*Fellowship Hall and zoom*).



We will participate in Baby Bottle Boomerang with First Choice Women's Resource Ctr. again this year. There will be plastic baby bottles at church on **January 15th** to take home and fill with your change. Because

we only have about a dozen baby bottles left from last year, you can use a bottle you have at home using the bottle inserts available at church.

PLEASE return your bottle to the church no later than Sunday, Feb. 19th.

You say

*It's impossible*

*I can't do it'*

*I'm always worried and frustrated*

God says

*All things are possible* (Luke 18:27 )

*You can do all things* (Philippians 4:13 )

*Cast all your cares on ME* (I Peter 5:7 )

Did you know? January 9th is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

*Thank a police officer when you see him / her!*

A letter from GSM to the church . . .

On behalf of Good Shepherd Mission I would like to thank you for your contribution of \$700. Your financial support helps us in our mission and assist those in our community.

The generous support of "individuals" like you makes it possible for our organization to exist and to make the community a good place to live.

Thank you again for your support.



Donnie Walton, Pastor/Director



Pastor Walton will be retiring sometime in the middle of 2023.

The mission is currently looking for a new director.



### "The Greatest Journey" Bible Course

Because of your generosity, the church gave Samaritan's Purse **\$658** this year for The Greatest Journey. That means over 109 children who received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox this year will be able to participate in this Bible course AND receive a New Testament Bible of their own.

[Click here](#) to see an update from Franklin Graham that speaks of some of the work they've done this past year. You will see photos of the Ukraine project as well as OCC project (The Greatest Journey) that we financially supported in 2022.



"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." —Brad Paisley

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." — C.S. Lewis

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man." — Benjamin Franklin