



# *Fairfield Good News*

*Worshipping The Lord for Over 300 Years!*

May 2024

*As we think of Mothers Day this month, consider the following...*

April 19th we received a letter from Aimee Huber (Exec Dir) of First Choice which is copied in part here: "This year's Baby Bottle Boomerang is wrapping up and I am thrilled to share that your church raised \$765.50 to help accomplish our mission of protecting the unborn by empowering women! We are so grateful for your support and count your partnership as a gift from God. ...The overall total is \$126,772.13 raised so far, saving 90 babies! ...So far, we know of 686 babies whose moms chose life as a result of coming to us in 2023. We are so grateful to have had a front seat to watching God work in their lives!"

In contrast: The Charlotte Lozier Institute, a pro-life research organization, analyzed Planned Parenthood's new "Above & Beyond" annual report and publicized the following: "Planned Parenthood performed 392,715 abortions in 2021-22...abortions made up 97.1% of Planned Parenthood's pregnancy resolution services."

The difference: read the latest First Choice newsletter on the Missions Bulletin board. There is the story of Lani (not her real name) and Katy (not her real name) and how their lives were turned around as result of God working through the First Choice centers. Now, they both celebrate Mothers Day!



*"To be in your children's memories tomorrow,  
you have to be in their lives today." —*

*Barbara Johnson*

**MAY 12**

*"No man is poor who has a Godly mother."*

*Abraham Lincoln*

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Happy  
Birthday

May 14 Madeline Velez

May 24 Gayle Lurie

Gayle celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
this year!

*“If you want something said,  
ask a man;  
if you want something done,  
ask a woman.”*

*Margaret Thatcher*

### **The National Day of Prayer was on Sunday, May 2nd**



It's the annual day of observance designated by the United States Congress and held on the first Thursday of May, when people are asked to turn to God in prayer and meditation. The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

*The scripture inspiring National Day of Prayer in 2024 is 2 Samuel 22:29-31.*

### **May 9 Ascension Day**

As per the New Testament, after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, he stayed with his apostles for 40 days to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. Then He and his disciples went to the Mount of Olives, near Jerusalem. Asking them to stay, Christ ascended to heaven to take his seat at the right hand of God. To Christians, the ascension signifies that Christ completed his work on Earth and allowed him to prepare a place for his followers in heaven.

### **An Elevator**

A man lives on the 22nd floor of a very fancy apartment building. Every day, he takes the elevator down to the ground floor and goes about his business. When he returns and steps back into the elevator, he gets off at the 16th floor. He then takes the stairs up to the 22nd floor. This is his daily routine unless another person is in the elevator or it is raining. Why?



### REMINDER...

Please make sure you make any corrections on the directory pages laid out on the table in Fellowship Hall

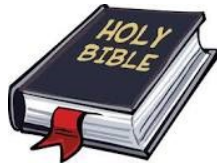
OR if everything is correct, mark it with a big check ✓

The new directories will be printed and put in your mailboxes mid May.

### **May 19 Pentecost Sunday**

According to church tradition, Pentecost is always about 50 days after Easter, including Easter Day. On that day the apostles were praying together and the Holy Spirit descended on them. They received the "gift of tongues" and immediately began to preach about Jesus to Jewish people from all over the world who flocked to Jerusalem for the Feast of Shavuot.

Christian Pentecost became not only a commemoration of the Holy Spirit's visit but also marks the birth of the Christian Church.



In-person Bible Study will continue to meet until May 19. Then it will take a break for the summer.



In-person Prayer Meeting will continue to meet until May 21. Then it will take a break for the summer.

**Some people say their wedding was the best day of their lives.**

– I'm guessing they've never had two candy bars fall out of the vending machine simultaneously.



Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day, starting with the American Civil War. It's believed that the tradition of honoring the dead was inspired by the way Southern states decorated the graves of both Confederate and Union soldiers. In 1971, Memorial Day became a national holiday by an act of Congress.

In the war-torn battlefields of Europe, the common red field poppy was one of the first plants to reappear. Its seeds scattered in the wind and sat dormant in the ground, only germinating when the ground was disturbed—as it was by the very brutal fighting of World War 1. Today, poppies are not only a symbol of the loss of life but also of recovery and new life, especially in support of the service-men who survived the war but suffered from physical and psychological injuries long after it ended.



Some veterans find it dismaying when they are thanked on this day because it's a time to remember those who lost their lives and could not come home.

We thank the men and women who paid the ultimate price and will always remember the sacrifices of our military.

Can you fill in the blanks?

\_\_\_\_\_ love \_\_\_\_\_ one than \_\_\_\_\_, than \_\_\_ lay \_\_\_\_\_

one's \_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_ . John \_\_\_ :13



A \_\_\_\_\_ loves at \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_ is born

for \_\_\_\_\_ . Proverbs \_\_\_ : 17

*“When you look into your mother’s eyes, you know that is the purest love you can find on this earth.” — Mitch Albom*

**An Elevator**

Answer: The man is short and cannot reach a button higher than 16. When another person is in the elevator, they can hit the higher button for him. When it is raining, he can use an umbrella to hit the higher numbers.