



# *Fairfield Good News*

WORSHIPPING THE LORD FOR OVER 300 YEARS!

*October 2023*

## *Anyway*

The Paradoxical Commandments

By Kent M. Keith

**People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.**

**Love them anyway.**

**If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.**

**Do good anyway.**

**If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.**

**Succeed anyway.**

**The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.**

**Do good anyway.**

**Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.**

**Be honest and frank anyway.**

**The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by  
the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.**

**Think big anyway.**

**People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.**

**Fight for a few underdogs anyway.**

**What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.**

**Build anyway.**

**People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.**

**Help people anyway.**

**Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.**

**Give the world the best you have anyway.**



Oct 10 Betty Gwinn  
 Oct. 13 Phil Epifanio  
 Oct. 27 June Favatella  
 Oct. 30 Joyce Griffin



happy anniversary

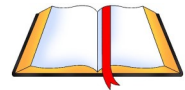
Oct. 7  
 Russ & Laura Safar



Sunday, October 1st was World Communion Sunday, a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Christ. Christians in congregations around the world participated in the Lord's Supper that Sunday.



**IMPORTANT:** Please note the schedule change for  
 Coffee Hour and Bible Study



Going forward Bible Study will meet once/month, the first Sunday of the month (same time, same place) to allow for fellowship time during coffee hour the other weeks. ALSO there will be "homework". Sooo, come at noon, get a cup and snack, spend time with your church friends and even discuss what you've read that week as part of your homework. Next Bible Study will be Sunday, Nov. 5.



*Prayer Meeting*

**has resumed meeting Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Ivory Room** to pray for our country, our church and the needs brought before the church.

For those who cannot meet at the church, please use our Prayer Request bulletin insert to pray at home for the needs listed.

*Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.*

## MISSIONS BULLETIN BOARD

### *COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL*

Our sponsored child with Compassion is Utukufu Yona. Utukufu lives in Tanzania, he's in Primary 4th grade and will turn 14 yrs., old next Valentine's day (2-14-24). He likes to sing, dance, ball games, group games and, of course, toys. His favorite subject is math and his primary caregiver is his mother.

Thru Compassion, he writes us letters and we write him in return. The letters are on a form from Compassion and so not lengthy, about every other month. Would you like to be the church's designated person to write to Utukufu? If you are led by Christ to write to this boy, see Carol, she has samples of his letters.



The holidays are coming quickly and the Missions Committee/Consistory have three ideas of ways FRC can help others to have a blessed holiday this year...

1. You already know about our Putting Prayers to Action project. Putting Prayers will be delivering Christmas presents to the children of disadvantaged families in the Appalachian Mountains in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. We will be collecting donations to send to Putting Prayers for them to buy the presents and pay for the gas to make those deliveries. There are envelopes marked for this in the church narthex. You can put your check made out to the church in the envelope (write your personal offering envelope # on the outside) and put it in the offering plate **no later than Oct. 22**. We will write a church check made out to Putting Prayers for the total given and send to them. IF you prefer writing your check to Putting Prayers to Action, it will be included in our mailing to them.
2. With Thanksgiving in mind and Good Shepherd Mission preparing a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless men in their facility in Paterson, we would like to help them purchase the food needed. So we will take a special offering during worship on **Sunday, Nov. 12** to send to GSM in time for them to purchase what is needed for this special meal.
3. And finally, we will be contacting the Fairfield police dept. asking if they know of a needy local family that needs help this Christmas with presents for their children or food, etc. We would purchase what is needed, give to the police who would deliver it. This way we can be sure the need is legitimate and assure the family of their privacy. When we have more information on this, we will forward it to you.

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Take this opportunity to thank Pastor Eric for ways he has blessed you.

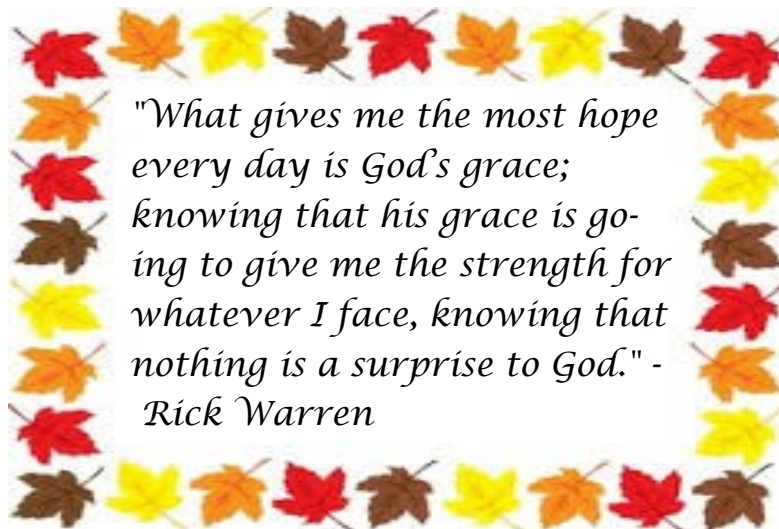


We celebrate Reformation Sunday this year on October 29.

Reformation Sunday honors Martin Luther's bold action on Oct. 31st, 1517 when Luther posted his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. They spelled out various church practices that he saw as contradicting the Bible. He hoped to reform the Roman Catholic Church but was excommunicated.

Two satellite dishes meet on a roof, fall in love, and get married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was brilliant.

Behind every angry woman is a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong.



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