



Fairfield Good News

KNOWING HIM AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

January 2020

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Jan. 5
Epiphany

Monday, Jan. 6
Consistory Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 7
Prayer Meeting
resumes meeting in
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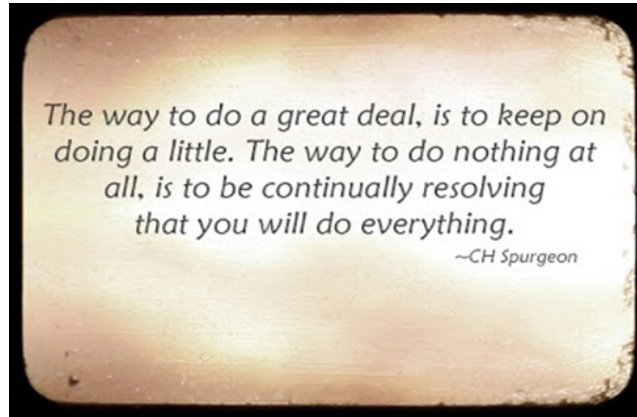
Wednesday, Jan. 8
Eveready Luncheon

Sunday, Jan. 19
Congregational
Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 26
Sanctity of Life
Sunday

From the desk of Pastor Scott:

“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”
(Eph 5:15-16)



The following is a great word from Paul David Tripp. He says it better than I can on how we should view this coming year and how we might make the most of every opportunity.

It's that time of year again, that time of year when we examine what we don't like about our life and make a resolution to change it in the New Year.

Can be I honest with you? I think your New Year's resolution isn't going to be as effective as you hope it will, if it works at all.

Is change important? Absolutely. Is commitment essential? Of course. Is improving your lifestyle a wise decision? Without a doubt. So I don't want to discourage you from writing or keeping a New Year's resolution, but I do want to challenge the way you think about biblical change.

You see, Christianity – which has the gospel of Jesus Christ at the center – simply doesn't rest its hope in big, dramatic moments of change. The fact of the matter is this: the transforming work of grace operates in 10,000 little moments more than it does in a series of two or three life-altering events.

In other words, the character and quality of your life won't be defined by two or three life-changing moments. No, the character and quality of your life will be defined by the 10,000 little decisions, desires, words, and actions you make every day.

How you can you be a better you in [2020]? Confess in 10,000 little moments of conviction. Be courageous in 10,000 little moments of faith. Obey in 10,000 little moments of decisions. Choose the kingdom over God over the kingdom of self in 10,000 little moments of desire.

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You don't need a big resolution to change your life, because your life isn't established in big moments. Your life is established in 10,000 little moments, and Jesus Christ is present and active in all those moments. In these small, seemingly insignificant moments, he's delivering every redemptive promise he has made to you. In these 10,000 little moments, the Lord is working to rescue you from you and transform you into his likeness.

By sovereign grace, God places you in 10,000 little moments that are designed to take you beyond your character, wisdom, and grace so that you'll seek the help and hope that can only be found in him. In a lifelong process of change, he is undoing you and rebuilding you again - exactly what each one of us needs!

Yes, you and I need to be committed to change in [2020], but not in a way that hopes for a big event of transformation. Your hope for change is a humble heart that finds joy in, and is faithful to, a day-by-day, step-by-step process of insight, confession, repentance and faith.

As [2019] gives way to [2020], wake up each day committed to live in the 10,000 little moments of your life with open eyes and humble hearts.

May all of your little moments be filled with God's grace, mercy, peace and love; as we enter 2020 and beyond.



- 2 Emily Perrine
- Carol Sawyer
- 23 Dan Tarantino
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- 4 Gene & June Favatella

Monday, Jan. 6
Consistory Meeting

A small icon showing the silhouettes of several people sitting around a table, representing a meeting or gathering.

Tuesdays
Prayer Meeting
7:00 - 8:00
Fellowship Hall

The logo for "The Power of Prayer" features a stylized yellow hand with fingers spread, holding a white figure of a person with arms raised in prayer. Below the hand, the words "The Power of Prayer" are written in a green, sans-serif font.

*"Prayer doesn't change things - God changes things in answer to prayer."
~ John Calvin*

January 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Noon Coffee Hr 1:00 Worship | 6 Consistory | 7 Prayer Meeting | 8 Eveready Luncheon | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Noon Coffee Hr 1:00 Worship | 13 | 14 Prayer Meeting | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Noon Coffee Hr 1:00 Worship Congregational Meeting | 20 | 21 Prayer Meeting | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Noon Coffee Hr 1:00 Worship Sanctity of Life Sunday | 27 | 28 Prayer Meeting | 29 | 30 | 31 | |



Wednesday, January 8 Eveready Ladies "Christmas" Luncheon

Thatcher McGhees, Passaic Avenue (meet at church at noon)

All ladies of the church are invited!!

Sunday, January 19 2:00 PM

Congregational Meeting

Be sure to pick up your committee reports on Sunday, Jan. 12th to review before the congregational meeting.

This is an important annual meeting to review the year past and plan for the coming year in the life of our church and our 300th anniversary.



January 26 is our "Sanctity of Life" Sunday

A representative from First Choice Women's Resource Center will be visiting our church during worship to share information about their work.

We will again this year take part in the Baby Bottle Boomerang and will receive our "baby bottles" that day.

First Choice "is there to help women make an informed choice about an unplanned pregnancy". They do not perform or refer for abortions nor do they arrange adoptions.

"For the fetus, though enclosed in the womb of its mother, is already a human being, and it is a monstrous crime to rob it of the life which it has not yet begun to enjoy. If it seems more horrible to kill a man in his own house than in a field, because a man's house is his place of most secure refuge, it ought surely to be deemed more atrocious to destroy a fetus in the womb before it has come to light." ~ John Calvin

*Our hope is not
in the new year ...
but in the One who
makes all things new.*

Just a "heads up"...

February 2nd is Super Bowl Sunday AND, therefore, also Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. A special offering will be taken as you leave worship which will be given to Good Shepherd Mission to feed home-less men there..



Where did our shoeboxes go? Some went to Malawi, others went to Honduras, Ukraine and South Africa. *(Malawi is a country in southeastern Africa with a 350-mile-long lake that contains more species of fish than any other lake in the world. Its people are from many different ethnic groups and are known for their friendliness to strangers, giving the country the nickname, "The Warm Heart of Africa." Samaritan's Purse began distributing gift-filled shoeboxes there in 2000 and launched The Greatest Journey, our follow-up discipleship program, in this nation in 2010.)*

July, 2016: Shukuran was drifting toward violence, but the Lord used an OCC shoebox to change this 12-year-old boy's heart. "When he received the gift we were very happy. That was the beginning of knowing God," his mother Agnes Banda said. The toys, books, pens, and soap inside delighted both mom and son. Shukuran's favorite part was "The Greatest Gift" Gospel booklet he received along with his shoebox.

Interested in what he read about Jesus, Shukuran accepted the invitation to come to The Greatest Journey classes offered by the local church in his Malawi village. That's where he gave his heart to Christ. After the second week of the course, he asked his mother and siblings to attend church with him, where they also became Christians.

Sadly, Shukuran's father immediately left his family because of their new faith. Now Agnes washes clothes and bakes to try and earn enough money to feed her children and pay their school fees. She often comes up short. Click [here](#) to read more about Shukuran and see pictures of him and his mother.

Next month, we'll highlight a child from one of the other countries who received a shoebox.

Baby Bear goes downstairs and sits in his small chair at the table, he looks into his small bowl. It is empty. "Who's been eating my porridge?!!!" he squeaks.

Papa Bear arrives at the big table and sits in his big chair. He looks into his big bowl, and it is also empty. "Who's been eating my Porridge?!!!" he roars.

Momma Bear puts her head through the serving hatch from the kitchen and yells, "For Pete's sake, how many times do we have to go through this?"

It was Momma Bear who got up first, it was Momma Bear who woke everyone in the house, it was Momma Bear who made the coffee, it was Momma Bear who unloaded the dishwasher from last night, and put everything away, it was Momma Bear who went out in the cold early morning air to fetch the newspaper, it was Momma Bear who set the table, it was Momma Bear who put the cat out, cleaned the litter box, and filled the cat's water and food dish, and, now that you've decided to drag your sorry bear-butts downstairs, and grace Momma Bear's kitchen with your grumpy presence, listen good, cause I'm only going to say this one more time . . .

"I HAVEN'T MADE THE PORRIDGE YET !!!"

NEW YEARS EVE

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How many words can you create by using the letters in New Years Eve?
BTW—"new", "years" and "eve" don't count!

