



Fairfield Good News

KNOWING HIM AND MAKING HIM

February 2017

Upcoming Events

Feb. 5

Coffee Hr. noon

Worship 1 pm



Feb. 6

Consistory Meeting

Feb. 12

Covered Dish

Luncheon noon

Worship 1 pm

Feb. 19

Coffee Hr. noon

Worship 1 pm

Feb. 26

Coffee Hr. noon

Worship 1 pm

From the desk of Pastor Scott:

We are living in an unprecedented age of political upheaval. Not since the sixties, have we witnessed the kind of protests and chaos, which currently fills our screen. In addition, it seems that even the church is being pulled in opposite directions as many are drawing battle lines in the sand. What should we do then? I believe that the Bible lays out three guidelines for our political engagement.

CHOOSING: We have a responsibility to elect individuals who will best promote Christian ideals. Deuteronomy 16:18-20 provides a guide.

"Appoint judges and officials for each of your tribes...and they shall judge the people fairly. Do not pervert justice or show partiality...Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the Lord your God is giving you." Our votes matter. Let us cast them with great discernment.

OBEYING: Paul commands us in Romans 13- *"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience."* Christians should strive to be model citizens.

The third and I believe the most important political obligation of the Christian is **WORSHIPPING**. Now at first that may seem a little strange. What does worship have to do with politics? However, think about this: What is the confession of church? What is the first prayer of the church? Our confession is this: "Jesus is Lord!" Moreover, our first prayer is: "Thy kingdom come...on earth as it is in heaven." Both of these proclamations

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are blatantly political. We are declaring that ultimately we pledge allegiance to the Lamb. Not to the United States of America.

Week in and week out when we gather in this place, we are telling the world that its time is coming to a close. We are testifying that we believe the song of Revelation 11:15, "The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever!"

For this reason, we must always remember that worship and our prayers transcend political parties. Our concern extends past national boundaries. Our faith goes beyond all of man's vain attempts to order life. While 1 Timothy reminds us that we are to pray for our leaders; the Christian's next prayer should always be Maranatha! "Come, Lord Jesus!" When we worship we call this world and its sin into account and lay before it the promise of the coming Kingdom of God. A kingdom that Jesus reminds us is in our midst.

As Christians, it is possible to be involved in the politics of our day and wield political power without ceasing to be Christians. Indeed politics are a part of the Christian service we offer to the world. But we must beware as Martin Marty has warned: "...we must remember not to confuse politics with bringing in the kingdom. The proclamation of the kingdom influences political action, but political action is not the center of the kingdom." God is the center of the kingdom. And Christ has called us to be Salt and Light. As Salt and Light - we must walk the middle road between activism and apathy. Choosing carefully. Obeying cheerfully. And worshipping wholeheartedly. Ever mindful that we look to that day when "We will see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of the Mighty One and coming in the clouds of heaven."

*"The measure of our prayer
is the measure of our power."
Andrew Murray*



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

February 5th is not only Super Bowl Sunday -
it's also SOUPER BOWL of CARING Sunday!!

We will receive a special
Souper Bowl of Caring offering to be given to
Good Shepherd Mission.

The offering will be received in the narthex after worship.
Donations can be in the form of money (always appreciated)
and/or food/cleaning items needed to run the mission and
feed the homeless.

February 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5	6 Consistory Meeting	7 Prayer Meeting	8	9	10	11
12 Covered Dish Luncheon noon	13	14 Prayer Meeting <hr/> Valentine's Day	15	16 Maranatha using Fellowship Hall	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day	21 Prayer Meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Prayer Meeting				

This one is for you, Gus.

The Christian Barber

There was a barber that thought that he should share his faith with his customers more than he had been doing lately. So the next morning when the barber got out of bed he said, "Today I am going to witness to the first man that walks through my door."

Soon after he opened his shop the first man came in and said, "I want a shave!" The barber said, "Sure, just sit in the seat and I'll be with you in a moment." The barber went in the back and prayed a quick desperate prayer saying, "God, the first customer came in and I'm going to witness to him. So give me the wisdom to know just the right thing to say to him. Amen."

Then quickly the barber came out with his razor knife in one hand and a Bible in the other while saying "Good morning sir. I have a question for you... Are you ready to die?"



February Birthdays

- 3 Russ Safar
- 4 Margaret Wert
- 8 Wray Lewis

Mark your calendar . . .

Sunday, Feb. 12 at noon

Covered dish luncheon
to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Pick one of your favorite recipes and sign up
on the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.



Monday, Feb. 6
Consistory Meeting

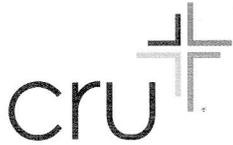


Elders 6:30 pm
Deacons 7:00 pm
Full Consistory 7:30 pm

Consistory welcomes our new board members:
Elder Ben Maring & Deacon Roberta Vega. We believe God's
calling on their lives and appreciate their willingness to serve.

Consistory also is pleased to announce that Charlie Peters has
joined the church's membership. Let us rejoice together and
welcome him as a brother in Christ.

Below is a letter from Chris West of Campus Crusade for Christ. Fairfield Reformed Church has supported Chris for many years.



January 13, 2017

Dear Friends at Fairfield Reformed,

This a long overdue note to THANK YOU for the generous \$600 support gift you sent for us back in November. It's a big help and we appreciate it more than we can adequately express! By God's grace, and with your help, we did reach our 2016 support goal. God provided 100%!

Since I grew up in Fairfield, and my Dad still lives in our original home on Kevin Terrace, it means a lot to me that you have continued to be part of our life and work. The steeple of Fairfield Reformed is more than just THE symbol of our town. It represents a gospel witness that God has preserved in Fairfield for more than two centuries.

Thank you for letting us be an extension of your ministry. And thank you for your faithfulness in God's work. May God preserve your ministry, expand your reach, and empower your efforts!

Thank you again for all your kindness.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris West". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

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Many of you have been very generous in bringing gently used clothes for the homeless. In order to keep them organized, the Missions Committee has placed large bins for them in the Fellowship Hall pantry.

PLEASE mark your bag for Good Shepherd Mission, Eva's Village or Market Street Mission and drop in appropriate bin.

Thank you for remembering those less fortunate especially in these colder months.

The Eveready Ladies will resume their meetings next month... watch for details in the March Newsletter.





We are hosting a “Healthy Lifestyle Fair” at the church as outreach to the community. We need help and there are different ways you can be involved, i.e. when shopping at local stores, ask if they can contribute something *healthy* to the fair, hang posters in local businesses, advertise it locally, helping out day of fair. It’s not too early to start, please see a consistory member with any ideas you have to make the fair a success.



The 2017 Classis Assessment per church member is \$86.00. If you would like to cover the church’s cost of your membership, please make your check payable to the church, mark it “Classis Assessment” and put in offering plate. Thank you.



Just a reminder: You can listen to Pastor Scott’s sermons online if you miss worship service or just want to hear them again. Just go to <http://www.scottssermons.blogspot.com> and click on recent sermons and archived ones.



The Sin of Lying

A minister told his congregation, “Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17.”

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, “Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying.”