



Fairfield Good News

KNOWING HIM AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

March 2018

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 5
Consistory Meeting

Sunday, March 11
Daylight Savings

Monday, March 19
Eveready Meeting

Sunday, March 25
Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 29
Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 30
Good Friday

From the desk of Pastor Scott:

“Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” (Matthew 26:36-42)



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Within the confines of the Garden of Gethsemane there are eight olive trees, which some botanists claim have roots that are over 3,000 years old! If this is true, it means that there is a piece of living history that has survived from Christ's day down to our own. It is possible that the ancestors of these very trees were eyewitnesses to the

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greatest battle ever waged in prayer. Oh that these trees could speak of the agony of that hour! What a tale of grace and glory they could relate.

The night Jesus was betrayed, He took His disciples and retreated to Gethsemane and wrestled with His Father in prayer. Jesus, like any man, did not wish to die. He knew the torments that awaited Him upon the cross. But He submitted Himself to the Father's plan. Our salvation was guaranteed in the seven simple words Jesus spoke: "Not my will, but Yours be done."

How difficult it is for us sometimes to submit to the will of our heavenly Father. We think we know a better and easier way. How we must learn that God's way is the best way! Are you wrestling with God today over some important matter? What things do you find difficult to turn over to God? Think of Jesus beneath those ancient olive trees and pray the prayer He prayed: "Your will be done."



MARCH

- 2 Jody Boling**
- 3 Jim Gwinn**
- 4 Scott Nichols**
- 6 Wilma Oliphant**
- 14 Robert Safar**
- 22 Jodie Nichols**



Monday, March 5

6:30 PM Elders Meeting
Deacons Meeting

7:00 PM Full Consistory

Jesus Christ did not come into this world to make bad people good;
He came into this world to make dead people live.

Lee Strobel 🐦

MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Adult Class & Fellowship Noon 1:00 Worship	Consistory 	Prayer Meeting			Lay Recognition Dinner	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Adult Class & Fellowship Noon 1:00 Worship Daylight Savings Time		Prayer Meeting				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Adult Class & Fellowship Noon 1:00 Worship	Eveready Meeting 	Prayer Meeting 1st day of Spring				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
 Adult Class & Fellowship Noon 1:00 Worship				Maundy Thursday 	Good Friday	Passover

Remember...
 Change your
CLOCKS & Smoke Alarm Batteries



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Daylight Savings Time begins
 Sunday morning, 2:00 AM,
 March 11th. Move your clocks
ahead one hour!!!



Saturday, March 17th St. Patrick's Day

Monday, March 19  *Eveready Ladies Meeting
 7:00 PM Fellowship Hall*

*Tuesday, March 20 First Day of Spring
 Hallelujah !!!*

Sunday, March 25  *Palms passed out after
 worship service*

Maundy Thursday, March 29 Communion Service 

Good Friday, March 30



You may order a lily plant in Memory or Honor of a loved one to decorate our church during the Easter season.

Orders will be taken between Sunday, March 11th and Palm Sunday, March 25th using the bulletin insert order form. Each lily plant costs \$10.00.

Sunday, April 1

Easter



Easter Word Mining Puzzle

Make as many words as you can from "Happy Easter"

east		

- Words that require a capital letter are not allowed (Easter)
- Words that are pluralized simply by adding an "s" are not allowed (cat, cats)
- Words that require punctuation are not allowed (ex: can't, don't).

Following is a letter (condensed) from Phil and Shirley DeCicco

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers! As you may remember, Phil was found to have a small patch of cancer in his kidney during a procedure to remove kidney stones in October. In November he had an operation to "burn" the cancer cells. It was found very early and the prognosis is very good.

We also mentioned that Phil would be looking for a second job for a season, to supplement the support. Phil found a job at a local company as a temporary employee/contractor. He started a few weeks ago, and it is going well at this point, and we feel this is a great answer to prayer and the Lord's provision for this time.

Phil has already had a number of conversations at work about the Lord. We feel that this will allow time to continue ministry involvement. At the same time, there have been continued opportunities as we are involved with Turkish friends with whom we have been building relationships.

Philip has been doing language learning/exchange with a T*, who left Turkey after the coup. Several weeks ago, we had dinner with T* and his wife A* and two teenage sons. It was a great time to share with and get to know them! About a week or so after this dinner during our regular meetings for language, I was able to have a very in-depth conversation explaining the Gospel, in a Creation to Christ story. Please pray that we could have the opportunity to study the Bible with this family.

T* asked, "So you are telling me, that if someone as bad as Hitler, were to turn from their sin, and trust in Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, that they would have eternal life?" "Yes," I responded and he said, "We need to talk more about this." The last time we got together, we started watching the Jesus Film together in Turkish.

Philip also had the opportunity to share the Gospel with a grad student with whom we have been building a friendship. Since then, L* invited our whole family to a Turkish meal he prepared in his apartment, along with another department mate and friend (both Turks). He apparently called his mom for tips on the cooking, and even cooked a test meal in advance before he had us over!

Turkish-focus Team Expanding!

Another great answer to prayer is that there is a couple from Global Gates who are planning to move to NJ to work with Turks. Their plans had been to move to Europe to work with the Turkish diaspora there, but it seems the Lord is redirecting them to consider New Jersey. Please pray for A* & R*, and the opportunity to form more of a Turkish focused team here in New Jersey.

Thanks for your prayers and partnership!
in Christ's great love and care,
Philip & Shirley, Philip, John, Anna & Louis

Words from God

Inspirational speaker Dr. Wayne Dyer still remembers the card his kids gave him for his 64th birthday. The front said, "Inside is a message from God." Pleased they finally appreciated his work, he opened it to read, "See you soon!"