



Fairfield Good News

KNOWING HIM AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

April 2018

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 1

EASTER



CHRIST THE LORD
IS RISEN TODAY!

Monday, April 2

Consistory Meeting

Monday, March 16

Eveready Meeting

Saturday, April 28

Clean Up Day

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From the desk of Pastor Scott:

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil

against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is

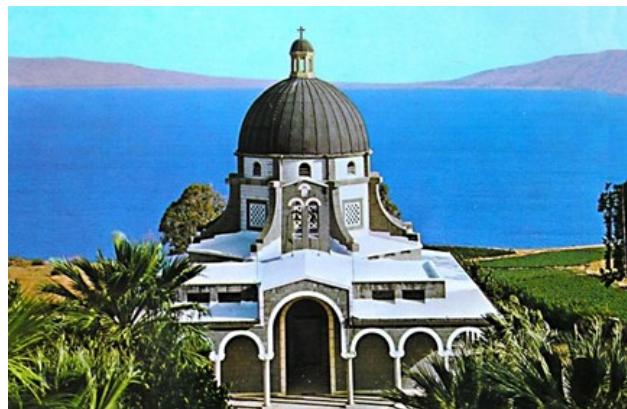
great in heaven, for so

they persecuted the

prophets who were before

you.

The Church of the Beatitudes sits upon a beautiful hill, forming a natural amphitheater, overlooking the Sea of Galilee. In your mind's eye you can picture the crowds seated upon the outcroppings of stone, basking in the cool breezes, listening to Jesus teach. All around the mountain is some of the most fertile land in the world. Estimates are that they can get 18 cuttings of alfalfa a year! What better place to speak of the bountiful blessings that are available to the disciples of our Lord!



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The church itself is a marvelous structure designed with eight wings, one for each beatitude. Around the ceiling are those same beatitudes done in glorious stained glass. We were there early in the morning and as the sun streamed through, it cast brilliant multi-colored light upon the whole interior.



As I reflect on that sight, I am reminded of the story of a little boy who grew up in a church with many stained glass windows that he saw every Sunday. One day he was asked by his Sunday school teacher, "What is a saint?" And he replied, "It is someone who light shines through them!" That little boy had it right. Didn't Jesus Himself say, "Let your light so shine before men"? Don't keep the blessings to yourself. Share them with others as you reflect the light of God. Ask yourself, how can I let Christ shine through me? Lord, make me a blessing to someone today.



April

1 Louise Williams
13 Edith Myron

Easter Sunday

6:30 AM Sunrise Service
(Outside - weather permitting)

1:00 PM Worship Service

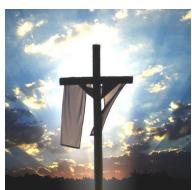


Atheists' Holiday

An atheist complained to a Christian friend, "You Christians have your special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter. Jews celebrate their national holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur. But we atheists have no recognized national holidays. It's unfair discrimination."

His friend replied, "Why don't you celebrate April first?"

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER 	2  Consistory Meeting	3 Prayer Meeting 7:00–8:00	4	5	6	7
8 Noon Adult Study 1:00 PM Worship	9	10 Prayer Meeting 7:00–8:00	11	12	13	14
15 Noon Adult Study 1:00 PM Worship	16 Eveready Meeting 	17 Prayer Meeting 7:00–8:00	18	19	20	21
22 Noon Adult Study 1:00 PM Worship	23	24 Prayer Meeting 7:00–8:00	25	26	27	28 Clean Up Day 
29 Noon Adult Study 1:00 PM Worship	30					



Clean Up Day



Saturday, April 28

(tentative date)

There is something for everyone to do. Spend an hour or the day working with your brothers & sisters making our church sparkle this spring!!

Two Christian movies are in theaters now.

1. **PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST** is the story of two men. Luke, as a friend and physician, risks his life when he ventures into the city of Rome to visit Paul, who is held captive in Nero's darkest, bleakest prison cell. But Nero is determined to rid Rome of Christians.

Before Paul's death sentence can be enacted, Luke resolves to write another book, one that details the beginnings of "The Way" and the birth of what will come to be known as the church.

Click [here](#) to find dates and theaters showing "Paul, Apostle of Christ"

2. **I CAN ONLY IMAGINE** will encourage people in a whole new way. The inspiring and unknown true story behind MercyMe's beloved, chart topping song that brings ultimate hope to so many is a gripping reminder of the power of true forgiveness.

Click [here](#) to find dates and theaters showing "I Can Only Imagine"

Are you interested???



Pastor Scott and consistory are considering a bus trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster to see the show, "Jesus". We can get group discount ticket pricing for the show and with Faith Reformed get a very nice tour bus (and have a meal). Prices per person would be determined by how many go. The more that go—the less expensive it would be per person. See Pastor Scott or a consistory member with questions. Click [here](#) to see about the show (patience, it takes a minute to load).

Lost and Found

A "Mission Minute" from Good Shepherd Mission

Following is an excerpt from the January "Mission Minute" article by Rev. Mike Vieria.

We were on our way to church and one of the men pointed out where he had slept outside during the winter months. My personal responsibility intensifies when the weather gets critical because I have always made most of the decisions on every individual that comes and goes at GSM. This was difficult enough with the population increasing during the winter months, and now the present drug epidemic has added to the dilemma. Men are not allowed in the mission under the influence of drugs. This is why we continue to communicate the word of God, because the thing of most importance is to make man secure in his eternal destiny.

There was a young man that came into our program, gave every indication that he desired to seek God, had a good loving father that supported, loved and encouraged him. We gave him every opportunity but he was reluctant to submit to those willing to teach and guide him through the process and he decided to leave. He used drugs one last time and was found in an abandoned building a block away; the combination of drugs and the cold ended his life.

Regardless of the tragedies that surround us daily in this ministry, which can make one feel powerless, we continue to witness to lives that have been eternally saved and changed because they have experienced the hope given in Christ Jesus our Savior. Another man (Mark) graduated the program with a full time job and had secured his own apartment. God always makes sure we remain encouraged by those who call or come by to remind us that the work we do is not in vain.

GSM has hired a counselor to help with the work there and at the same time donations dropped off somewhat. This is why the Missions Committee decided this year to support this work with the donations from Souper Bowl Sunday and the Lent quarter donation card in addition to the church's regular budgeted mission amount.

Good Shepherd mails us the Mission Minute every month which are tacked on the Mission Bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for you to know the latest news.

A young Christian, packing his bag for a journey said to a friend, "I have nearly finished packing. All I have to put in are a guidebook, a lamp, a mirror, a microscope, a telescope, a volume of fine poetry, a few biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sword, a hammer and a set of tools." "But you cannot put all that into your bag," objected the friend. "Oh, yes," said the Christian. "Here it is." And he placed the Bible into the corner of the suitcase and closed the lid.

We have been singing this beautiful Easter hymn, one verse a week this Easter season.

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane, You who feel the tempter's _____;

Your redeemers conflict see; Watch with Him one bitter _____;

Turn not from His griefs away; Learn of Jesus Christ to _____.

Follow to the judgement hall, View the Lord of life arraigned,

O the wormwood and the gall! O the _____ His soul sustained!

Shun not suffering, shame or _____; Learn of Him to bear the _____.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There adoring at His _____,

Mark the miracle of time, God's own _____ complete;

"It is finished!" Hear the cry; Learn of Jesus Christ to _____.

Early hasten to the tomb Where they lay His breathless clay;

All is solitude and _____; Who hath taken Him away?

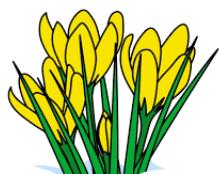
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes: Savior, _____ us so to _____.

Can you put the following words in their proper places in the hymn?

cross die feet gloom

hour loss pangs power

pray rise sacrifice teach



Spring weather really is coming!!!