



Fairfield Good News

WORSHIPPING THE LORD FOR 300 YEARS!

May 2020

May Events

May 4

Consistory Meeting
via Zoom

May 6, 13, 20 27

Bible Study
via Zoom

May 7

National Day of
Prayer

May 10

Mothers' Day

May 25

Memorial Day

May 31

Communion Service

From the desk of Pastor Scott:

“Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies. I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts. I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word. I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.” (Psalm 119:97-104)



Scott Nichols

Bibliognost
Homo Unius Libri

On Facebook, you can post a profile picture of yourself so people can put a face or at least an image of you in their mind as they read your posts. You can also share a few words that describe your personality. On the left is my current Facebook profile picture. It changes as my mood changes, sometimes a real pic, sometimes humorous, like Baby Yoda here. However, I don't change the words under the picture. They are an important way that I communicate about

who I am. The first word is 'bibliognost' or "a person who possesses an encyclopedic knowledge of books." While I don't usually claim to be the smartest guy in the room, I think it is important to know a little about a lot of things. And one look at my office or home library verifies the truth of this pursuit. Now the next words are an important qualifier. The phrase "homo unius libri" translates as "man of one book." I found this in a quote from John Wesley in a preface to a book of his sermons. His thoughts have been a guiding principle of my life since I read them.

Here is the quote: ***“I have thought, I am a creature of a day, passing through life as an arrow through the air. I am a spirit come from God, and returning to God: just hovering over the great gulf; till, a few moments hence, I am no more seen; I drop into an unchangeable eternity! I want to know one thing,— the way to heaven; how to land***

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*safe on that happy shore. God himself has condescended to teach me the way. For this very end He came from heaven. He hath written it down in a book. O give me that book! At any price, give me the book of God! I have it: here is knowledge enough for me. **Let me be homo unius libri.** Here then I am, far from the busy ways of men. I sit down alone; only God is here. In His presence I open, I read His book; for this end, to find the way to heaven. Is there a doubt concerning the meaning of what I read? Does anything appear dark or intricate? I lift up my heart to the Father of Lights:—"Lord, is it not Thy word, 'if any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God?' Thou givest liberally, and upbraidest not. Thou hast said, 'if any be willing to do Thy will, he shall know.' I am willing to do, let me know Thy will."*

"Homo Unius Libri" - A man of one book. A person of the Book. An individual captivated by the Word of God. What a worthy aspiration not only for the preacher, but also for every Christian. There is no other book that shows us the way to heaven. That addresses our doubts and fears. No other volume that guides us day by day. Charles Spurgeon, another of my spiritual mentors, said this: "**Visit many good books, but live in the Bible.**"

As God has afforded us much free time in this pandemic, may we use it profitably. May we spend time to be alone with God and His Word. Seeking His way and His will. May we all learn to love God's law more deeply in these difficult days. Let us live in the Bible!



While we are "staying at home" Pastor Scott is leading Bible Study and a time of prayer every Wed. evening at 7:00 using Zoom. You can log in on your computer or call in. Deb communicates log in/call in information each week. Currently we are studying Romans 8, as per Scott, the best chapter in the Bible!! See you there!

*Sunday school teacher: Tell me, Johnny. Do you say prayers before eating?
Johnny: No, I don't have to. My mom's a good cook.*



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Mother: The amazing ability to hear a sneeze through 3 closed doors in the middle of the night, three bedrooms away... while Daddy snores next to you.

As you know, we participated earlier this year in the Baby Bottle Boomerang Program for First Choice Women's Resource Ctr. A total of \$655 was donated (\$320 cash converted into a church check and \$335 in individuals' personal checks). All the checks were mailed and baby bottles returned to First Choice in March.

We have been in touch with Good Shepherd Mission in Paterson during the Covid 19 pandemic. They have 14 men + staff sheltering in place right now. The men are not allowed to leave and then return during this "lock down". The church supplied them with \$265 worth of groceries (items they specifically requested) to add to their cupboard and freezer and they were very appreciative. Please keep all these folks in your prayers particularly at this time.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10