



Fairfield Good News

KNOWING HIM AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

November 2019

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Nov. 3
Daylight Savings time ends

Free Concert

Monday, Nov. 4
Consistory

Tuesday, Nov. 5
Election Day

Monday, Nov. 11
Veterans Day

Monday, Nov. 18
Eveready Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 28
Thanksgiving

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From the desk of Pastor Scott:

In the classic western movie *Shenandoah*, Jimmy Stewart stars as Charlie Anderson, a Virginian farmer trying to keep his family out of the Civil War. In the beginning of the film, there is a scene that is very telling; with one empty place set for his dead wife and his children gathered around the supper table. Charlie begins a litany they obviously have heard before: "Now your mother wanted all of you raised as good Christians, and I might not be able to do that thorny job as well as she could, but I can do a little something about your manners."

He gestures that they all should bow their heads and continues: "Lord, we cleared this land; we plowed it, sowed it, and harvested it. We cooked the harvest. We wouldn't be here, we wouldn't be eatin', if we hadn't done it all ourselves. We worked dog-boned hard for every crumb and morsel, but we thank you just the same anyway, Lord, for the food we're about to eat. Amen."



How many of us are guilty of thinking like Charlie Anderson? We might never come out and say it, much less pray it; but somewhere deep in our hearts we give ourselves a little too much credit for

our successes. The whole sense of the secularized history of America is that from the Pilgrims on, our story is one of a people overcoming all odds and forging our own way in this new land. We sometimes forget the words of Moses. ***"Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.'"***

(Deuteronomy 8:17, ESV)

In the movie , Charlie Anderson finds out what that thankless

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attitude represents when the war begins to hit home. Through the course of the movie, we see one tragedy after another strike the Anderson clan: the youngest son is mistaken for a soldier and captured, marauders murder another son and his wife, and an over-zealous sentry shoots a third son. When we next see Mr. Anderson at the supper table, there are four more empty places as he begins his ritual prayer. However, this time we hear his voice quiver and break as the awful realization comes upon him that he is not in control, that he is not the master of his own destiny. His voice trails off as he finishes the words "if we hadn't done it all ourselves..."

Let us not have to learn the lesson of true Thanksgiving the hard way, like Charlie Anderson. Those of us who saved by the grace of God should know better, even if we do not always demonstrate that knowledge in our attitudes and actions. ***"What do you have that you did not receive?"*** asks the Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 4:7). As Moses reminded the Israelites, it is God ***"who gives you power to get wealth"*** (Deuteronomy 8:18).

This Thanksgiving may our prayer and song be this: ***"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."***



November

- 2 Justin Boling
- 3 Debbie Petersen
- 16 Ruth Peters
- 21 Jon Nichols
- 22 Linda Walker



Nov. 3rd



Turn your clocks BACK Sunday morning 2:00 AM!

(OR Saturday night before you go to bed!!)

Reminder: test the batteries in your smoke alarms when you turn your clocks back.

A Concert of Praise by Voices of Praise

Sunday, Nov. 3 7:00 PM

**Jacksonville Chapel
264 Jacksonville Rd.
Lincoln Park, NJ 07035**

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Sun

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3 Turn the clocks back Free Concert	4 Consistory Meeting 	5 Election Day Prayer Meeting	6	7	8	9
10 Coffee Hr Worship Service	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> 	12 Prayer Meeting	13	14	15	16
17 Coffee Hr Worship Service	18 Eveready Meeting 	19 Prayer Meeting	20	21	22	23
24 Coffee Hr Worship Service	25	26 Prayer Meeting	27	28 Thanksgiving 	29	30



November 26
Jody & Laurie Ann Boling

Thanksgiving day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man, it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow.

— Edward Sandford Martin

Monday, November 4

Consistory Meeting

Elders/Deacons Meetings 6:30 pm

Full Consistory Meeting 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 5th

Election Day

Let your vote be your voice in this election.



Monday, November 11
Veterans Day

Thank all veterans, especially our FRC veterans: Jim Gwinn, Allen Lentz, Art Nelson, Russ Safar and Dan Tarantino.



Monday, Nov 18

7:00 PM

Eveready Meeting

Project: Thanksgiving baskets for shut ins.

As the colder weather approaches, don't forget the homeless men/women/children in our area. You may put used but good warm clothing in either the Good Shepherd bin for men or the Eva's Village bin for men, women & children located in Fellowship Hall.

Operation Christmas Child

Collection week is Nov. 18—25

We need to assemble our shoeboxes the beginning of November so they are ready to be delivered to our collection depot by the 18th. Also, don't forget the church needs to pay \$9 per box shipping cost.

