



Fairfield Good News

KNOWING HIM AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

December 2017

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Dec. 2
Clean Up / Decorate

Sunday, Dec. 3
Advent / Communion

Monday, Dec. 4
Consistory

Saturday, Dec. 9
Eveready Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 10
Pizza Lunch
Worship
Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve

Monday, Dec. 25
Christmas Day

Sunday, Dec. 31
New Years Eve

From the desk of Pastor Scott:

“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:1-11)



To approach the birthplace of Jesus, you must humble yourself. Literally! The entrance to the Church of the Nativity is a small door about four feet high. Originally built to prevent horses from entering this holy site, it serves

now as a wonderful object lesson on how we should approach Christ. Once inside the church you are greeted by wide-open spaces and rich artistry. The altar area gleams with gold and flickering candles.



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The actual spot where Jesus was supposed to be born is marked by a large silver star. It is quite a beautiful shrine, but very different from what it was like when Jesus was born. No gold or silver, only the cold and some straw. A simple cave for sheep. No grand altar, but a simple stone manger.



Paul writes to the Philippians to remind them how much Jesus had to humble Himself to save us. He did not have to merely stoop to enter a room. He had to give up so much more. His place at the Father's right hand. The adoration of angels.

All the gold and silver of this world is nothing compared to the riches of heaven. And yet Jesus left the glories of that place for the sinfulness of this world. For us! He entered into our world so that he might lift us to his. That is the wonder of Christmas. The Wonder of Immanuel. May that thought humble our hearts as we once again this Christmas approach the manger bed.

Father, help us to realize just a bit of what Jesus gave up for us. Help us to have that same mind among ourselves. Make us humble. In Jesus' name. Amen.



December

- 11 Gene Favatella
- 19 Jeremy Boling

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

"May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).



Buying gifts for men is not nearly as complicated as it is for women. Follow these rules and you should have no problems.

Rule #1: When in doubt - buy him a cordless drill. It does not matter if he already has one. I have a friend who owns 17 and he has yet to complain. As a man, you can never have too many cordless drills. No one knows why.

Rule #2: If you cannot afford a cordless drill, buy him anything with the word ratchet or socket in it. Men love saying those two words. "Hey George, can I borrow your ratchet?" "OK. By-the-way, are you through with my 3/8-inch socket yet?" Again, no one knows why.

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Clean Up Day & Decorate
3 Advent Communion Service	4 Consistory Meeting	5 Prayer Meeting	6	7 Maranatha Event	8	9 Eveready Christmas Outing
10 Pizza Lunch Worship Congregational Meeting	11	12 Prayer Meeting	13	14	15 Concert Jacksonville Chapel	16 Concert Jacksonville Chapel
17 Adult Class Worship Concert Jacksonville Chapel	18	19 Prayer Meeting	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 Adult Class Worship New Years Eve						



Here comes Christmas and winter weather! AND, we think of the homeless in our area and the agencies that serve them. This time of year agencies' resources are stretched thin to feed, clothe and shelter.

We are accepting warm gently used or new: men's clothing for Good Shepherd Mission, women's and children's clothing for Eva's Village, blankets for all.



Good Shepherd Mission, Market Street Mission and Eva's Village could use food items such as: coffee, sugar, oatmeal, rice, pasta and sauce, paper products such as paper plates, paper towels, toilet tissue, trash bags. If you see any of these on sale, pick them up and bring them in.

There are large containers in the Fellowship Hall pantry to place these items to be delivered to the agencies.

Anything you bring will help someone in need.



Monday, Dec. 4

Consistory Meeting:

6:30 Elders meeting

Deacons meeting

7:00 Full Consistory meeting

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For
unto
you is
born this
day in the
city of David
a saviour, which
is Christ the Lord.
Luke
2:11

Saturday, December 9

The Eveready Ladies are going to
Calvary Temple in Wayne

12:00 p.m. Senior Banquet &

**1:30 p.m. Christmas Presentation
"Down to Earth."**

(carpooling from church at 10:45 a.m.)

Rule #3: If you are really, really broke, buy him anything for his car, a 99 cent ice scraper, a small bottle of deicer or something to hang from his rear view mirror. Men love gifts for their cars. No one knows why.

Rule #4: Never buy a man anything that says "some assembly required" on the box. It will ruin his Special Day and he will always have parts left over. No one knows why.

Sunday, Dec. 10



Pizza Luncheon at noon



Second Sunday of Advent Worship Service at 1:00 PM



Congregational Meeting following worship

Everyone is encouraged to attend this annual church business meeting.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT JACKSONVILLE CHAPEL
"OUR KING HAS COME"**

Friday, December 15	8:00 PM
Saturday, December 16	7:00 PM
Sunday, December 17	3:00 PM

Come and celebrate Christmas with the Chapel Choir and Orchestra for an hour of Christmas music.

Once upon a time, a perfect man and a perfect woman met. After a perfect courtship, they had a perfect wedding. Their life was, of course "perfect."

One snowy, stormy Christmas Eve, this perfect couple was driving their perfect car (a SUV) along a winding road, when they noticed someone at the side of the road in distress. Being the perfect couple they stopped to help.

There stood Santa Claus with a huge bundle of toys. Not wanting to disappoint any children on the eve of Christmas, the perfect couple loaded Santa and his toys into their vehicle. Soon they were driving along delivering the toys.

Unfortunately, the driving conditions deteriorated and the perfect couple and Santa Claus had an accident. Only one of them survived the accident.

Who was the survivor?

The perfect woman survived. She's the only one who really existed in the first place. Everyone knows there is no Santa Claus and there is no such thing as a perfect man.

So, if there is no perfect man and no Santa Claus, the perfect woman must have been driving. This explains why there was an accident.

Purchase a poinsettia in memory or honor of a family member, loved one or anyone you wish. These flowers will decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. You may place your order by filling out the form on the bulletin insert and giving it to one of the deacons. Orders will be taken until Sunday, Dec. 17th. Each poinsettia costs \$5.00



Sunday, Dec. 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

*Worship Time will be announced
at Congregational Meeting*

Monday, Dec. 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

*For unto us a Child shall be born, to us
a Son shall be given; and the govern-
ment shall be upon His shoulder, and
His name shall be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

Merry Christmas



***Jesus is The
Reason for The Season***

Rule #5: Rope. Men love rope. It takes us back to our cowboy origins, or at least The Boy Scouts. Nothing says love like a hundred feet of 3/8" manila rope. No one knows why.