



# Fairfield church of Christ

JANUARY 31, 2010

## AUTONOMOUS

Autonomy is simply the right to be independent and to make decisions free of outside interference. Restoration Movement churches (churches of Christ) have held fast to the concept that we are free to interpret scripture, select leaders, and choose ministries, missions, and organizations that the local church deems worthy to be supported. Because of our autonomy, churches have chosen to do things and to support things that other congregations choose not to support. The differences of opinions that exist are not only a good thing, but they can be healthy things.

It is not unusual for someone to call and ask about our beliefs. The usual questions are asked. Do you use instruments in worship? Do you have the Lord's Supper every Sunday? Do you have Bible classes? Do you have women leading prayers in worship? Do you use one cup or multiple cups in communion? I have wondered why the most obvious question is never asked, "Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God?"

I have had people ask me how I teach Revelation. I assume they want me to tell them if I am a preterist, a millennialist, a premillennialist, or an amillennialist. I have been asked about the version of the Bible we use; my view on Biblical inspiration; if I support Christian education; if we use wine or grape juice in communion; and if we sing during communion. I wonder what people do if they do not get all the answers they want when they ask me. Do they call other churches until they get the right answers?

The needs of the Fairfield church are unique to this congregation. The decisions that are made here and the methodology by which we choose to worship and govern ourselves is a reflection of our understanding of scripture and the needs of the saints in Fairfield. Does that mean that everyone will always agree with every decision that is made? No! Does that mean that another congregation in another city has the right to criticize our decisions? No!

If God wanted all of us to think the same way on every possible thing, He would have needed a Bible larger than the Library of Congress to address every possible scenario, or He could have created a bunch of robots. Instead He has given us freedom and liberty in Christ to make decisions that conform to the Word He has delivered unto us. He has given us leadership and wisdom to which we must submit ourselves. He has given us His Spirit who produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control in individuals and within us as a body of believers. Let's continue to be diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:13).

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# Solano Christian Academy Crab Feed



## 7th Annual SCA Crab Feed

Friday, February 19th, 2010

Held at Solano Christian Academy

Doors Open at 6:00 P.M.

Dinner Begins at 7:00 P.M.

Includes all-you-can-eat crab, pasta, salad and bread

Tickets are \$35.00 each. (To reserve a table, 8 tickets need to be purchased at one time.)

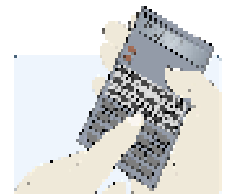
### **Child Care!!!**

Child care will be offered for children 2 1/2 yrs. (potty trained) through 8 years. Child care will be provided by the 6th/7th grade students and parents. Hours of Child care are 6:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M. for a fee of \$15.00 per child. Pasta dinner included.

Crab feed benefits the 7th & 8th grade Boston/New York trip in 2011.

## 2009 Tax Letter

Need a tax letter stating your total contribution for 2009? To ensure I have tax requests back in a timely manner, please have all requests turned into the church office by March 1, 2010. Thank you!



## Quilt Group

The ladies of the church Quilt Group would like to invite you to their meeting on Thursday February 4th at 12:30 P.M. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month from 12:30 PM-3:30 PM at the home of MaryAnn Clontz. If you have any questions please see Terri Wallacker or Carol Johnston.

## Ladies Devotional



Please join us for our monthly 'Ladies Devotional'. We will be finishing up our lesson on "Using Your Talents for the Lord." Everyone had wonderful stories to share. Come join us tomorrow on February 1st. at 7:00 P.M., at the home of Charlotte Creager.

For more information, please call Charlotte Creager

If you have any events that you would like added to the church calendar (i.e. youth activities, Bible studies, and other times of fellowship), please call the church office at 707-425-2373. We ask that you have all information in by Thursday mornings, to ensure it makes it into the bulletin.

# February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Ladies Devotional At Charlotte Creager's	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 Ladies Quilt Group @ MaryAnn Clontz. 12:30P.M.-3:30P.M. Bible Study at the home of Lonnie & Diane Roberts.7P.M.	5	6 Men's Breakfast Jack & Linda's Country Café 7:30AM-9:00AM
7 Youth Sunday Fairfield Nursing & Rehab Center Convalescent Singing 1:30 P.M.	8	9	10 WBS meeting at church building 9A.M.-12P.M. Bible Bowl Practice 7PM-8PM	11 Bible Study at the home of Lonnie & Diane Roberts. 7P.M.	12 Kids Nite Out 6PM-9P.M.	13
14 La Mariposa Convalescent Singing 1:30 P.M. Valentines Day	15 Presidents' Day	16	17 WBS meeting at church building 9A.M.-12P.M. Bible Bowl Practice 7PM-8PM	18 Bible Study at the home of Lonnie & Diane Roberts. 7P.M.	19 S.C.A 7th annual Crab Feed 6:00 P.M. Contact School office for ticket info. 425-7715	20 Community Meal 11 AM- 2 PM
21	22	23	24 WBS meeting at church building 9A.M.-12P.M.	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6



### Fairfield Church of Christ

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#### Service Schedule

Sunday Bible Class	9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening	5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Night	7:00 P.M.

## Bible Class Times and Locations

Birth to 2 years old:	Cradle Roll Room
2 - 4 year old:	Preschool Building
Kindergarten - 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade:	Portable Room 6
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade:	Room 8B
6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade:	Teen Room
Ladies:	School Library
Men:	Conference Room
Adult Class:	Auditorium

#### Children's Church

Announced during 10:00 A.M. service

<b>AGES</b>	<b>Portable Room</b>
3 - 6	4
7-12	6
Teens	5



## Please Remember in Prayer

- Irma Jean Smith-Irma Jean has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Doctors say it is treatable.
- Irene Diester-Irene's sister Isla passed away last week. Please keep Irene and family in your prayers.
- Barley Stow-Had a biopsy done on a tumor in his bladder. Pray for good results
- Chuck Shepherd-Will have a double heart bypass.
- McNary Family-Satine's surgery went well. Please pray for her to have a safe recovery.
- Maxine Lambrecht- has moved back to her apartment. Continue to pray for her health.
- Clyde Gailey-Ron's Father is recuperating at



home with assistance from a cook and visiting nurse.

- Barbara Reed-Chis Gailey's 82 year old mom is suffering from congestive heart failure.

#### Continue to Pray for:

- Paul Patrick
- Ron Patton
- Sabrina Shaner
- Josh McNary
- Pauline Finley Family
- Goldie Clark Family

If you have a prayer request to add to the bulletin, please contact the church office at 707-425-2373