

The Fairfield church of Christ



OCTOBER 2, 2011

GREETINGS!

A heartfelt welcome to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ .

The Fairfield Church of Christ is a body of Bible-believing Christians who strive to follow the Lord in all we do.

Our goal is to equip the saints here in body, soul, mind, and spirit from the cradle to glory.

SERVICE HOURS

Sunday 9:00 AM
Bible Classes for all ages

Worship

10:00 AM

Wednesday Night

7:00 PM

Small Groups meet throughout the week at the building and at members' homes

ONE THING THAT REALLY MATTERS

Remember the movie "City Slickers" starring Billy Crystal and Jack Palance? It was a story about three city slickers who were each having a mid-life crisis and decided to spend time on a dude ranch going on a cattle drive. Jack Palance, the crusty old cowboy, called Curly, took a liking to Mitch Robbins (Crystal's character). In one scene, Curly and Mitch were riding together when Curly decided to give his view on what was really important. Curly, holding up his index finger said, "One thing. Just one thing. You stick to that." Mitch asked, "But what is the one thing?" Curly said to Mitch, "That's what you have to find out." Eventually Mitch figures out that there is one thing that really matters to everyone. When you discover the one thing that really matters, you have it figured out. I am not so sure that this formula is the cure for all that ails the world, but it is at least a starting point.



Before I reveal to you what I believe the one thing that really matters is, let me tell you what some others think the one thing is. I Googled, "What really matters," and some of the following answers came up.

- Don't kill the magic with logic.
- Integrity.
- Seeing the good in everything.

- Becoming more compassionate and wise.

I really liked all those answers. Sometimes we try to figure out everything and take the wonder out of life. Integrity: who you are when no one else is around, is a measure of your character. It is not always easy to find good in everything, but looking for the good will help us to be more positive and encouraging. Compassion and wisdom are characteristics of Jesus. As disciples of Christ we ought to be emulating him more and more.

Now for my one thing, it is the grace of God. I have considered Christianity as a code of conduct and found myself falling short. I have preached the horrors of hell and found that people do not scare easily. I have tried portraying heaven as peace and comfort, but people seem to be too comfortable with their wealth and possessions here on earth. The one thing that works for me is that God's grace appeared in the form of Jesus and through my belief in Him I have been granted what I do not deserve: peace, love, hope, forgiveness, and an assurance of better things to come. What really matters to you?

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PRAYER LIST

Marie Sturgeon passed away Saturday September 24, 2011. Keep the family in your prayers.

Sheila, a friend of the John Reed's was diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Bev Leyba and her family: mother Marge Masters, daughter Andra Maypier; \son Ron Zimmerman and her husband Brian

Michelle Wade, Tony Wade's sister-in-law

Chris Gailey

Tiny Coit's son Brian who has gallstones

Ferne Scott

Sherry Bell

prayer request for bulletin (707) 425-2373 or cofcfairfield@hotmail.com

The online prayer list is on the church website on the Prayer Requests page



The deadline for the bulletin each week is Thursday at 5 PM. Please put submissions in Tony Wade's box in the Conference Room or email them to webminister@ffchurchofchrist.org.

Thank you!



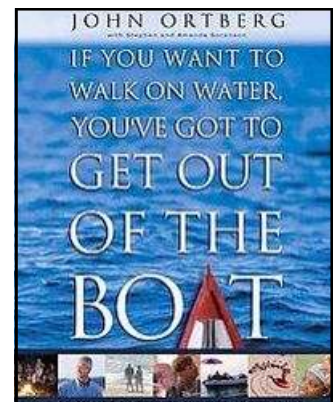
It was Simon Peter who said "Lord, if it's you, tell me to come to you on the water." (Matt 14:28) Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for us all.

This small group study will be based on John Ortberg's best-seller "If You Want To Walk On Water, You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat"

In this study we will explore what it means to walk on water in the 21st Century. Walking on water as parents, husbands, wives, single mom/dad, a single person, and other challenges in life. We will explore facing our fears and choosing not to let fear have the last word; discovering and embracing the unique calling of God in our lives; and experiencing the power of God to accomplish what we would not be capable of doing on our own.

This small group study will begin **tonight** at 6PM at the home of Renee and John Reed. This is an 8 week study and will conclude on Sunday November 20, 2011.

SIGN UP SHEET POSTED IN FOYER



UPCOMING EVENTS

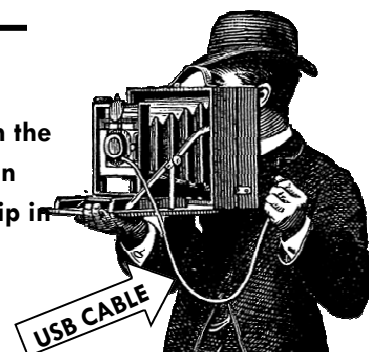


TODAY 1:30 PM

CONVALESCENT HOME SINGING
FAIRFIELD NURSING AND REHAB
SEE JERRY GRANT FOR DETAILS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th—MAKE UP PICTURE DAY

If you missed the opportunity to have your picture taken for the pictorial directory in the foyer and/or the online directory, first, shame on you. Second, since we believe in grace, you have one more chance on Sunday Oct 9th immediately following worship in the conference room



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th

COMMUNITY MEAL AND CLOTHING GIVEAWAY
COME HELP US SERVE THOSE LESS FORTUNATE



SCARY MONSTERS YOUTH RALLY

TEENS! REGISTER NOW! SAVE \$15! \$45 BEFORE OCT 17th

WHAT YOU GET: All activities, including wonderful lessons, entertainment, and ALL events associated with the CARNIVAL on Saturday!

A piece of floor space that you can call "home" - at least for the week-end. Provided by your hosts of the Martinez church of Christ.

Delectable delicacies that are sure to tantalize your taste buds.

"SCARY MONSTERS" YOUth Rally t- shirt!

Registration forms are on the Youth Group bulletin board and can be downloaded from the church website as well



October 28th-30th

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

Birth to 4 years old —Cradle Roll Room

Kindergarten to 5th Grade—
Portable 4

6th- to 12th Grade—Teen
Room

Ladies—School Library

Gettin' Real Men's Group—
Conference Room

Adult Class—Auditorium



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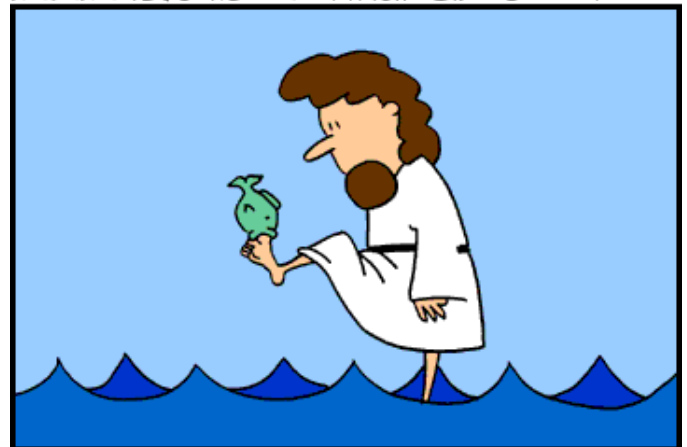
Robert Johnson, Mike Moshier,

Dwight Perry, John Reed

Contact person for October: Mike



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THE DOWNSIDE TO WALKING ON WATER

PANTRY NEEDS



Spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, canned meats (Spam, tuna), pork n' beans, mac & cheese, pinto beans, garbanzo beans , stewed tomatoes



"Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs."—Proverbs 10:12