

The Fairfield church of Christ



SEPTEMBER 18, 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

HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

In sports, playing at home is supposed to give the home team an advantage. In football, the home crowd is sometimes referred to as the 12th man, a reference to an extra person on the playing field. Harkening back to playing basketball in my high school days I remember the adrenaline rush of playing before the hometown fans. I can also remember the times my team was booed by rival schools. I don't think it is by accident that most teams have a better won/loss record at home than on the road.

Our words and the words of those around us have a significant impact on those who are listening. Words can either build up or tear down. Solomon wrote, "The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence" (Proverbs 10:11). A single negative word can have great impact on the person it is directed toward and to those who may have overhear the negativity. I do not discount the need to reprove and rebuke, but it must be done with a spirit of love and with a view toward pointing toward proper behavior. Booing someone, or pointing out their mistakes, can only cause lines of resentment and separation to be drawn.

Using the metaphor of home field advantage, let us consider how the visitor

feels when he or she comes to worship with us. We have the opportunity to make someone's visit with us memorable or miserable. But the opinion someone has of us is generally measured by the collective attitudes of the congregation toward those who are visitors. Consider, for example, a team coming into their opponent's stadium or arena and being greeted with applause, but one person spends the entire game booing the visitors. It is for sure that the visitors will go away remembering the one negative spectator.

Let me offer a couple of ways in which you can improve your encouragement factor. First, pray and ask God to give you words of encouragement. Secondly, make it a point to locate those who are visiting and speak with them, saying something that will encourage them. Third, consider someone who is a member here whom you do not speak with much. Send them a card, or make a special effort to give them some encouraging words next time you see them. Remember Paul's words, "So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another" (Romans 14:19).

It is the responsibility of the home team to make the visitors welcome.
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PRAYER LIST

Bev Leyba who is still in Alabama caring for her mother Marge Masters, asks for prayers for her daughter Andra Maypier who had surgery Friday, her son Ron Zimmerman in the hospital in South Dakota and her husband Brian here in Fairfield

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

Chris Gailey

Tiny Coit's son Brian who has gallstones

Ferne Scott

Sherry Bell

Those affected by the wildfires in Texas

All suffering financially and/or in need of employment

The youth of our congregation & our seniors

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

Thank you

I want to thank each and every one of you for your prayers, well wishes and words of encouragement during my mother's illness.

She is back to her normal self thanks to your prayers and God's love. Keep us in your prayers as I will do for you all.

Sister Regina Harrison



PHOTO DAY IS TODAY !

If you would like to update your photo for the pictorial directory in the lobby or the digital one on the website, please come to the Conference room immediately after worship today. Thank you



RUMMAGE SALE

The ladies of the congregation will be having a rummage sale on Saturday, October 1st at the church building from 8:00 am til 3:00 pm. If you have donations or want more details, contact Diana Perry at 428-6474

NEW SMALL GROUPS STARTING!

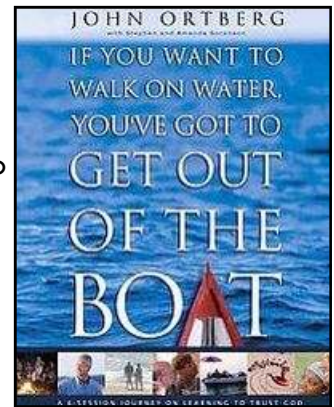


“If You Want To Walk On Water, You’ve Got To Get Out Of The Boat”

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 Sunday evening, September 25, 2011, 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**



Ray Vander Laan

The Moshier Life group will be watching some videos by teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan featuring in-depth “Focus on the Family” video tours of the buried, distant, or otherwise forgotten places where the stories of the Bible actually happened. If you are interested please contact Mike Moshier because space is limited due to the size of his TV room. It is at 6:00 PM on Sunday nights.



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 weekend. 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

There shall be a tabernacle for a shadow
in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of
refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.
Isaiah. 4:6



Bay Area Youth Workers present



3rd Annual
Don't Bully Me
Workshop

Saturday, Oct. 15

@ Southside Church of Christ
1501 Florida Ave., Richmond - 510-620-0175

Activities * food * Bible classes speakers * Q&A
panel discussion w/ experts

For more information, contact:

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9:30 am
Registration



Leadership Team Members:

Robert Johnson, Mike Moshier,

Dwight Perry, John Reed

Contact person for September: Bob

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LET MY PEOPLE GO TO RECESS OR A GREAT
PLAGUE SHALL FALL UPON THIS SCHOOL

OUR GOD IS AN
AWESOME GOD

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."—Psalm 73:26