

# THE PROVIDER

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### Worship & Bible Study:

#### SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM  
Bible Study 10:20 AM  
Worship 6:00 PM

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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## Mike's Minute

**A New Normal.** We are trying our best to adjust to our “new normal.” Just a few short weeks ago, we never dreamed we would be practicing “social distancing” and “safe at home.” We never dreamed that we would be worshipping from our homes instead of assembling together. We are on a detour for sure, but God is still blessing us. It is always our job to do what we can, with what we have, where we are, for the Lord. Let’s continue to be about this business even if our world currently feels upside down.

**When We All Get... To Church.** During Sunday morning worship, Darin led us in “When We All Get To Heaven.” As the song says, what a day of rejoicing that will be. I’ll tell you another day of rejoicing... when we all get to church! Won’t it be great when we can all assemble again? I hope and pray that when the day comes, we will return with a new appreciation for what an honor it is to worship God with our Christian family. If your attendance has become sporadic in recent months, I hope you will use this period of quarantine to make a new commitment to being in the assembly every Lord’s Day!

**Remember Healthcare Workers.** Many members of the Fairfield family work in the healthcare industry. These people are on the front lines of the fight against Covid19. They are putting their health at risk by exposing themselves to those who may be (and, in some cases, are) infected with the virus. Please say a prayer of thanks for their dedication. Also, pray that they can stay healthy and safe while they care for the sick.

**The World In Time-out.** I was talking with a Christian friend recently about this strange time of quarantine. I like the way he described what is happening. He said, “The Lord has put the whole world in time-out.” I think he is right. When a child is put in time out, it is because they have been misbehaving and need to think seriously about making better choices. I hope this sinful world will make good use of this time-out. I hope that many will decide that their godless attitudes and actions are leading them down a path toward destruction... and they will repent and turn toward God. Let’s be in prayer that this virus can bring spiritual revival to the world.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**



## HAVE YOU HEARD THE GOOD NEWS?

News-Ticker: "Today the Pharmaceutical Company Roche has announced, that its research lab has developed a vaccine for the Corona Virus."

Just imagine how a newsbreak like that would be received today: Great relief! Jumping for joy! Hallelujah! After the continually increasing infection rates and mortality statistics, as well as the steady decrease in stock market valuations and economic indicators of the past days, news like this would be extraordinarily good indeed!

This good news, however, could only be accepted in faith for the moment.

It would take some time, before the vaccine could be administered. It would first have to be clinically tested. Then it would have to go into production and finally be distributed. It would indeed take quite a while, before we could go to the doctor for a shot in the arm. And during this waiting period, the virus would of course still be wreaking havoc with our lives, causing sickness and death. But suddenly we'd have hope! Light at the end of the tunnel! Our fear of a helpless situation would be allayed. Anticipatory thankfulness would celebrate a comeback!

Such news in our current situation would be comparable in some ways to the mother of all good news: The good news of Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God. Patient Zero was Adam from Eden. A virus jumped from a snake to a human. It was a very dangerous Cardio-Virus, which was named sin. It attacks the human heart and causes a fattening, hardening and general insensitivity. The symptoms are arrogance, stubbornness, jealousy and selfishness.

Both rates of infection and mortality are exactly 100%: ... just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned (Rom. 5:12).

The situation was bleak. Everyone had to reckon with death – and then came the breakthrough. God himself made a house call. He sent his only son with the cure: his own blood. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ disabled the deadly sting of the virus. This is good news par excellent: sin, death and Satan have lost their bite! All of God's good creation can be healed!

This good news, however, for the moment, can only be accepted in faith.

Even though Jesus has already developed the remedy, we still must wait for him to return and administer it. We are

currently still fighting against the sin-virus, occasionally still fall for the devil's lies, and still suffer death. But because we believe the good news, that Jesus has risen from the dead, and because we trust that he is coming back to raise us from the dead, we have hope and confidence – even now, while the virus is still rampant among us.

When the LORD returns, he will transform our bodies into powerful, glorious, immortal virus free versions of our present selves (1 Cor. 15:42-44) and we will be at home in a new Creation, where the sin-virus no longer exists. (Rom. 8:20-23). The virus, its evil author and all those, who chose not to be healed and cleansed of its deadly effects will be put under quarantine in the lake of fire (Rev. 21:8).

Have you heard the good news?

Jesus said: I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (John 16:33). The tumultuous rush of events these days may very well be troubling to us, but we of all people can take heart. Despite the dangers and threats, we can know inner peace..., ...when we believe and trust in the good news about Jesus' victory over the curse of the sin-virus and live out our lives in the hope of the resurrection

Last but not least, a practical tip for personal hygiene, while we still remain in this virus infected world: Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded! (Jam. 4:8).

I was given the following tip: If you sing Happy Birthday while washing your hands, you can be sure of having scrubbed long enough. My tip for us all: Pray through "Our Father" while washing your hands. It takes only a bit longer, but the cleansing effect can go much deeper. Unto the heart, where it really matters.

*David Tarjan  
Gemeinde Christi  
Zurich, Switzerland*

### FOR THE RECORD

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## Center Fielders News

“Christ the Lord Has Risen”



What a wonderful revelation when the truth comes to our hearts that Christ’s tomb is empty! If it were not for this truth, we would all be people of misery. The grave couldn’t hold Him and the devil himself couldn’t stop Him! Christ arose triumphant!!

There is no other religion on earth with such a message. This is why we meet on Sunday week after week, because the tomb is empty. This is why we can have victory. This is why we can be free.

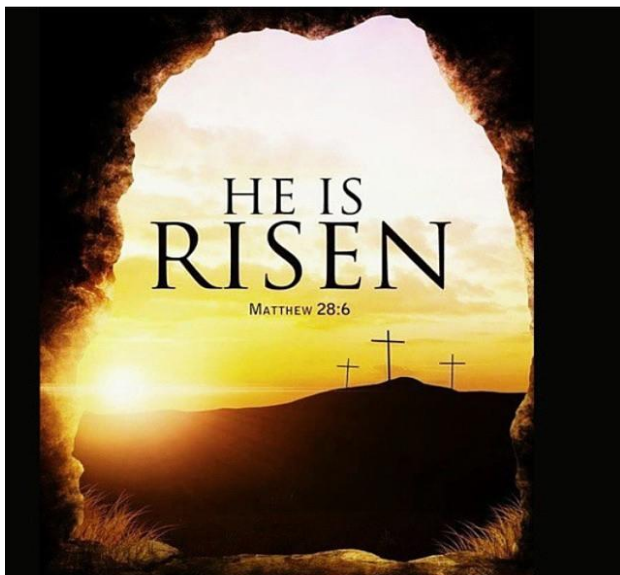
Romans 8:11 tells us that the same Spirit who raised up Jesus can dwell in us. Once this is a living reality in our hearts, we will be done with lesser things and be among the most blessed people on earth. There will be a burning fire in our hearts that inspires us to obey the commandments of the Father. We won’t walk around half the day with long faces or have a victim mentality. We should be truly joyful, because the truth of Jesus’ resurrection is the zeal of our hearts. The power of God transforms our lives because Jesus is risen.

There is no other victory like this. Christ burst the gates of hell; He opened Paradise! But as always, thanks be to the Father for giving us this victory through His Son, Jesus, our Lord and our Savior.

He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come see the place where the Lord lay. Matthew 28:6. Amen!!!!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**



**Members:** Hezekiah Springer (5 stints put in Monday), Paul Victory, Rickey Weems, Angie Stacks, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Terry James, Noble Victory, Sandy Bagwell (hospice), Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Naomi Bailey, Raymond Stoltz, Hester Moss, James Hassell, Diane Breece, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Harley Parker (granddaughter of Raymond & Brenda Stoltz), B.J. Springer, McKinley Moore, Ruby Church, Wayne Winters, Emersyn Lannom, Carolyn Nash, Margaret Anglin, Sandy McFarlin, Glenna Hill, Linda Jones, Randy Hall, Rick Lee, Nancy Coursey, Kim Jenkins, Rachael Bellis, June Bell, Connie Garrett, Len Womack, Jerry Milam, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fagan, Jimmy Cline, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Ron Gossett, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, Adam Lawson, Mark Wright, Donna Popp, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jackson Bates, & William Dale Nash.

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**NHC Dickson:** Dollie Wheeler



Thanks so much for the cards, phone calls, and prayers, and the beautiful wind chimes. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated during this difficult time.

**Roberta & Phillip Anderson & the family of Margie Olson**

To all the technical crew,  
Thank you so very much for all the hard work to make sure we can still be together, even though we are apart for worship. It is truly a blessing and we appreciate your making this possible. God is good and takes care of us even in difficult times. I pray His richest blessings on all of you.

**Love you,  
Gary, Cindy & O.D.**



## **FROM THE ELDERS**

This Sunday is Easter. As Christians living in the year 2020, we know how the story ends. What about the Christians that lived through the last week of Jesus' life? He rode into Jerusalem like a hero. In less than a week, Jesus had been put on trial and crucified! The multitudes that had followed him scattered. "I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." (Matthew 26:31) They were anxious, scared, confused, and uncertain about what was happening, and what was coming next.

Today, many of us have the same feelings, but unlike the early Christians we know what took place three days later! Death had been defeated and hope restored.

Fairfield has not been immune to the challenge of navigating our way through this unique situation where our congregation has been unable to meet together for the last couple of weeks. Sadly, it appears that it will be several more weeks before we will be able to meet again and worship as a family. We are anxious to assemble as soon as possible to worship our Savior together and to encourage one another in our Christian walk.

We want each and every member of Fairfield to know that the elders, deacons, and ministry staff are committed to ministering to our church family during this crisis. If you have a need, please let us know. If you want us to pray with you, we would be honored. Our church is a family and we will continue to show care and concern that any family would for its members.

May God bless each and every one of you. Continue to pray that this virus will be eradicated quickly. Until then, we leave you with the words the apostle Paul had for the church at Ephesus: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." (Ephesians 16:10)

The Elders

Lafayette, Wayne & Gary

**Mike Kelley will be speaking at 9:00 am via live streaming on Facebook.**

**COMMUNION PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 – 2 PM AND 4 – 5:30 PM. AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL & CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AS WELL. YOU MAY ALSO PICK UP A PAPER COPY OF THE BULLETIN IF YOU LIKE.**