

Show Me Your Glory

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAIRFIELD

January 2018

We Are Family

As of January 1st, 2018, **Nic & Jenna Allison; Bill & Sharon Arthur; Staci Atteberry, Aubree Atteberry; Russ & Michelle Bafford, Noel Bafford, Grace Bafford, Lance Bafford, Noel Bafford, Isaac Bafford; Barry & Angela Baker; Dylan & Taylor Baker; Mackenzie Baker; Randall & Becky Baker; Corey Barbre; Katelyn Barbre; Ralph & Melissa Barbre; Dorothy Basnett; Brenden Becker; Christian Becker, Rachel Becker; Lindsay Berry; Dave & Annette Bliss, Trent Bliss; James & Diane Bolen; Orry Boles; Glenearl & Linda Borah; Jacob Britt; Lucy Britt; Matt Brown; Adam & Melinda Bunting, Adam Bunting Jr., Georgia Bunting; Norma Bunting; Kagan Burke, Kemper Burke; Jack & Betty Cameron; Sharon Carter; Leon & Carol Chamness; Taylor Cheek; Avri Cherry, Brenden Cherry; Dixie & Jason Cherry; Connor Chow; Kaytie Courtright, Kenton Courtright; Dirk Crickman; Chuck Croker; Joy Crocker; Craig & Sandra Demaret; Jordan Demaret; Jorji Demaret; Ray & Blenda Demaret; Gydeon Dickey, Kevin & Diana Dickey, Kiriya Dickey, Westyn Dickey; Wanda Dickey; Elizabeth Doty; Brooke Duke; Glenn & Elizabeth Dunn; Jaymie Elliott, Jensen Elliott; Mitsy Elliott; Brian Estes, Dennis & Tammy Estes, Derek Estes, Samantha Estes; Carroll & Janet Ewing; Dick & Barbara Feather; Wanda Fenton; Jyl Finley; Everett & Carla Foster; Jasmyn Fry; Kyle Gaines; Robert Gooch; Ruby Gowler; Wayne Greifzu; James Hall; Brett Hallam; Chase Hallam; Ronald & Sheila Hallam; Clint & Cheryl Harl; David Harl; Luke Harl; Herb & Shirley Harris; Kelby Hart; Dwight & Pat Harvey; Rebecca Harwell; Karl & Mary Hearn; Bradlee Heck; DaMario Heck; Didi Heck; Jerry & Lyndal Hefley; John Roy Hodges; Gracie Hohlbauch; Hannah Hohlbauch; Shannon Hohlbauch; Roger Holland; Derek & Kathy Hooper; Jack Hooper, Luke Hooper; Keith & Pam Hooper; Jerry & Janet Houser; Ethan Hungerford; Joey & Lea Ann Hungerford; Robert & Valerie Kamp; Virginia Kerr; Glenda Keyser; Bobby &**

Kellene Kinney; John Kinney, William Kinney; Sheila Kinney; Richard & Betty Koontz; Gary & Janie Lake; Denis Lambrich; Ray & Jane Lowery; Roger & Sharon Maguire; Chet & Teresa Maguire; Joyce Major; Richard & Shirley Mason; Rodney & Donna Masterson; Shirley McKibben; Polly McWilliams; Jackie Meritt; Kenneth & Marilyn Meritt; Glenna Monroe; Richard & Lee Ann Montgomery; Veronika Morgan; Anita Morris; Kelsey Morris; Mary Morris; Eldon & Marilyn Niccum; Mark & Chris Noble; April Overturf; Tapanga Overturf; Caleb Paddock; Kaden Paddock; Raymond & Jean Parker; Cecil & Freda Parrent; Ally Pennington; Anthony & Jennifer Pennington; Chester & Shirley Phillips; Martha Lu Phillips; Shirly Pilcher; Mike & Roma Pottorff; Paulette Pruitt; Anna Rankin; Craig & Samantha Richardson; Piper Richardson, Sawyer Richardson; Vonda Rickard; Peggy Robbins; Andy & Kim Rodgers; Eric Rodgers; Joseph Rodgers; Lloyd Rose; Luke Rowe; Matt & Sarah Rush; Chad & Ashley Rutherford; Liam Rutherford; Lily Rutherford; Lincoln Rutherford; Charity Santiago; Pender & Velda Savage; Hillary Scarbrough; Richard & Pat Scarbrough; Catherine Singleton; Terry & Connie Smith; Addyson Spencer; Ray Stallings; Jay & Kayla Stanley; Vivian Struble; Doris Stull; LaDonne Suddarth; Claire Thompson; Paige Thompson; Wes & Lachelle Thompson; Anna Grace Tomblerlin; Bennie & Sheila Tomberlin; Sarah Beth Tomberlin; Kip & Dorothy Tomlinson; Brad & Beth Turner; David & Dian Vaughan; Wilburn & Ruth Vaughan; Raymond Vaughn, Roderick & Carol Vaughn; Kylar Venters, David & Kera Vinson; Vanessa Vinson; Ed & Sheryl Waid; Bob & Bernadine Watson; Lee Wells; Bob Wheat; Twyla Wilson; Brad & Shari Winter; Gene Wohler; Elizabeth Woodrow; Raymond Woodrow; Mary Kate Wright; Pat Yates; Marshall & Phyllis Yohe; Mark Young; Norene Young have either attended Sunday school or worship services in the last year. (Bold names are church members, others are regular attenders)

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Romans 8:16

So what does it mean to you to read the list of our family? Do you see names missing from your household or family that upset you? Now it is possible that a person was inadvertently missed, it is a risky move trying to identify a list such as this. So why even try, you might wonder. In the world we live in it is of vital importance that we love our family and lean on them to support us and encourage us. If we don't know each other, we are strangers. Paul tell us in Ephesians 2:19-22: ***So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.***

Our prayer for the new year should be to not be strangers with our family. In addition, we should be praying for the names of our family that we don't see listed. Our children or friends that have moved away, we should be praying for their joining a new family where they are. Our neighbors who have ceased to join in fellowship with us, we shouldn't neglect them either; our heavenly Father has not ceased to care for them.

This past Saturday and Sunday , we were witness to two examples of what family looks like. On Saturday morning, Diana and Gydeon Dickey worked together to clear the ice from the sidewalks.



Then on Sunday morning Ray and Craig Demaret waited in the parking lot to escort ladies across the

icy spots to ensure their safe arrival to the church. Both are examples of family working together to serve others in our family.

Some interesting facts that you might not realize about our family:

Members over 90:

- Virginia Kerr—97
- Wanda Fenton—95
- Bob Watson—93
- Bernadine Watson-93
- Wanda Dickey—92
- Vonda Rickard -91
- Gene Wohler-90

The last five on this list still attend regularly.

22% of our family are age 75 or older.
18% of our family are age 17 and below

We have three young married couples (so far) that are expecting new arrivals this year; Dylan and Taylor Baker; Jay & Kayla Stanley; Noah & Mary Kate Wright.

I would pray that next year we can print a list of our family and it take up the whole three pages. If you miss someone that isn't listed, seek them out and invite them to join us again.

If there is someone listed on the front page you don't know, seek them out. Ask someone who they are and get to know them. We will remain strangers until we step out in faith to get to know one another, share our burdens, spend time together and love another.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:23-25

***We exist to glorify God by:
Serving and loving Him above all, sharing His love,
leading others to faith in Jesus Christ and
equipping all to be a lighthouse for Him.***

New City Catechism

Each Sunday morning to open our worship service, we will be reading and reciting the answer to a question. The questions are from the New City Catechism.

The New City Catechism comprises only 52 questions and answers (as opposed to Heidelberg's 129 or Westminster Shorter's 107). There is therefore only one question and answer for each week of the year, making it simple to fit into church calendars and achievable for people with demanding schedules.

The New City Catechism is based on and adapted from Calvin's Geneva Catechism, the Westminster Shorter and Larger catechisms, and especially the Heidelberg Catechism. This gives good exposure to some of the riches and insights across the spectrum of the great Reformation-era catechisms, the hope being that it will encourage people to delve into the historic catechisms and continue the catechetical process throughout their lives.

It is divided into three parts to make it easier to learn in sections and to include some helpful divisions:

Part 1: God, creation and fall, law (twenty questions)

Part 2: Christ, redemption, grace (fifteen questions)

Part 3: Spirit, restoration, growing in grace (seventeen questions)

As with most traditional catechisms, a Bible verse accompanies each question and answer. In addition, each question and answer is followed by a short commentary taken from the writings or sayings of a past preacher as well as a commentary from a contemporary preacher to help students meditate on and think about the topic being explored. Each question ends with a short, original prayer.

To be prepared each week for the opening, there are a couple of options that will provide access to all the weekly questions.

Books

The New City Catechism is available in two print editions published by Crossway. The original book features short and long versions of all 52 questions and answers and is perfect for use in both the home and the church. The devotional edition pairs each question and answer with a Scripture reading, a short prayer, and a devotional commentary, making it ideal for personal reading and meditation. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, let the office know and we will get you one.

Mobile App

Available for iPhone, iPad, and Android devices, The New City Catechism mobile app makes it easy to take all 52 questions and answers with you wherever you go.

The free app pairs each question and answer with a Scripture reading from the ESV, a short prayer, and a devotional commentary written by contemporary pastors, including John Piper, Timothy Keller, and Kevin DeYoung, and historical figures, such as Augustine, John Calvin, Martin Luther, and many others.

The app also includes kid-friendly songs designed to help children memorize the entire catechism.

Web App

Available on any computer at newcitycatechism.com, just click on the Web App link at the top. It works just the same as the mobile app.

"In his letter to the Galatians Paul writes, "Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches" (Gal. 6:6). If we re-engage in this biblical practice in our churches, we will find again God's Word "dwelling in us richly" (see Col. 3:16), because the practice of catechesis takes truth deep into our hearts, so we think in biblical categories as soon as we can reason." Tim Keller

We pray that everyone finds the most convenient way to access this study



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Sermon Broadcast on WFIW 1390 at 10:45 each Sunday

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

CHORUS

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His Words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

You will reign forever!
Let Your glory fill the earth!