

Fairfield Family News

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Why Do We Call it Good Friday?

As I write this, we are in what has been traditionally called "Passion Week." It is called that because it is the week of the year on the Christian calendar that we acknowledge and celebrate the events in the life of our Lord Jesus the week prior to His resurrection. It is called passion week because it commemorates the suffering and death the Lord Jesus experienced. The term "passion" comes from the Latin word "passio" which means suffering.

The week begins on the day we call Palm Sunday with the "Triumphal Entry" of Jesus into Jerusalem in fulfillment of Scripture riding on a donkey, Zech. 9:9. As He rode in, the people hailed Him as King and Son of David and waved palm branches and spread them on the road. The tragedy and irony of the week is when the people who were shouting "hosanna to the Son of David, hosanna to the king" on Palm Sunday would change their cries of praise to cries of rejection by shouting out to Pilate, "crucify Him, cru-

cify Him." This took place on Friday.

How then can we call this "good?" That is a great question. In fact, what they did to Jesus was truly evil. If it is the day Jesus suffered and was crucified, "how is that good?" someone might ask. One answer is found in the etymology of the word. The word "good" in Middle English originally had the idea of "holy" or "sacred."

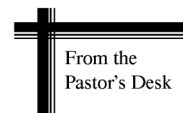
However, there is also another answer. The "good" of Good Friday is in what the suffering and death of Jesus accomplished. There is no question Jesus suffered perhaps the most brutal death that one could endure, but the greatest suffering Jesus endured was not the physical, as horrific as it was; it was when He endured the eternal wrath of God that our sins deserved as He hung on that cross. That was when He cried out those famous words after 3 hours of darkness, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt. 27:45-46)

It is good, therefore, because of what Jesus accomplished for all who believe in Him and in what He did on the cross. The apostle Paul describes the "goodness" of what happened on that Friday like this: "whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:25-26

Even though Christians are not instructed in Scripture to observe Good Friday, we should always remember and commemorate the grace of our God by sending His Son into the world that we might have life and have it abundantly.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!



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"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Zechariah 9:9

Missionary Moments



Franklin & Beth
**SHORT
REPORT**

Dear Fairfield,

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5) Paul's words to the Philippians resonate deeply with us. Like him, we are filled with humble gratitude for everyone who partners with us in the gospel. We feel that relationship most keenly in demanding seasons—like our recent back-to-back video production trips to Scotland and the Middle East—where the work pressed us hard to depend even more on the Lord. The fruit we see and enjoy from such efforts is ultimately the result of that dependence—which is faithfully strengthened by your prayers and encouragement. Thank you for standing with us in this shared calling!

With grateful hearts for you all,
Franklin and Beth



Trinity Church Aberdeen Our recent visit to Trinity Church in Aberdeen, Scotland, proved far more meaningful than expected. We traveled there to capture a truly historic moment, the joyful celebration of their beautifully renovated church building in the heart of the city. And while we accomplished our mission, returning home with an abundance of media, we carried with us something even greater: a deep sense of awe, having witnessed firsthand the magnificence of God's provision for a faithful congregation eager to see the name of Christ exalted in Scotland

again. This restored Reformed Presbyterian presence in central Aberdeen stands not only as a vibrant gospel witness to the community, but also as a strategic hub for church planting and minister replication across Scotland and the wider UK. For nearly nine years, we have had the privilege of documenting Trinity's journey toward a permanent home. Their story has been one of faith, perseverance, and deep trust in God. In 2011, Trinity made the difficult decision to leave a mainline Scottish Presbyterian denomination, a step that required them to relinquish their church property. What followed was a long season of uncertainty—years



marked by meeting in rented spaces and waiting on the Lord. Like the Israelites in the wilderness, the Trinity congregation has walked a path of longing and dependence—praying, hoping, and trusting God to provide a place they could truly call home. Throughout that time, they remained steadfast, laboring toward a space where they could worship freely, without limitation, and establish a lasting Christian witness in their city. And now, by God's grace, that

prayer has been gloriously answered. Their new church building stands not only as a physical structure, but as a testimony to God's faithfulness. It is a sacred place where the gospel will be proclaimed, lives will be shaped, and the light of Christ will shine in a country that the Scottish theologian Sinclair Ferguson describes as "a ruined castle." We are excited to share this moment with you, and what it means for MTW as it seeks to serve alongside our UK brothers and sisters in their labors to plant more churches in this strategic harvest field. In the coming days, we will post a short video of Trinity's celebration so that you, too, can rejoice with us and give thanks to God for His abundant goodness and provision in a land that some global missions experts are no longer calling post-modern or post-Christian, but pre-revival.



Scenes from our location in the Middle East Immediately after our trip to Scotland, we traveled to a country in the Middle East situated close to the ongoing conflict in the region—yet, for now, still mostly unaffected by missile and drone attacks. It is a setting that underscores both the urgency and the importance of the work MTW is doing in the region. We traveled to film interviews with several of MTW's key field leaders as they gathered for planning and strategy meetings. These leaders represent diverse regions of the world, each bringing unique insight and firsthand perspective on the current state of global missions. It was a rare and meaningful opportunity to capture their collective wisdom in one place. Our goal is to shape these conversations into a compelling 15-minute report titled "The State of the World." This piece will become part of the *Beyond Me* church mobilization education curriculum. If you've been following our progress with the *Beyond Me* project, you know that the training is designed to awaken and equip more PCA churches to engage in global missions. The need is great. As Jesus reminds us, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Our prayer is that *Beyond Me* will serve as a catalyst—mobilizing churches in greater numbers than ever before to step into the vital and rewarding work of global missions.



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Ministry Moments



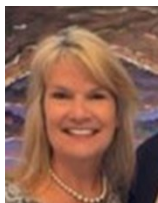
Fairfield's Nursery Ministry generally caters to the youngest members of our church, typically infants and toddlers. The nursery provides a safe and welcoming space while spiritually nourishing them. Robin Camp, nursery director, shares that "she enjoys having the honor of sharing Jesus with our youngest image bearers, and helping them to create a fun, welcoming environment for children."

Robin understands the purpose and importance of the Nursery Ministry. While this ministry should meet the needs of the youngest members, it should also meet the needs of the parents. What first drew Robin to volunteer was "her love and support for families, and she wanted to help create a safe, loving place where parents can worship with peace of mind." Robin enjoys caring for the youngest members and serving the families God has brought to our church. She also realizes this ministry is not just for children, but for the whole church.

Nursery has recently gained an additional three volunteers. This is largely due to what Robin describes as, "ongoing communication and prayer." In addition, Robin adds that "the volunteers have grown in confidence and teamwork, and the families grow in trust and connection to the church." She confesses that volunteering is easy but stepping into leadership was a big stretch for her. She admits that she is not really an outgoing person which makes communicating effectively challenging, but prayer, flexibility, and teamwork go a long way in helping her overcome her shortcomings. God has been faithful to equip her along the way.

Robin's vision and biggest dream for this ministry and our church is that "our nursery would grow and continue to be a place where families feel deeply supported and welcomed from their very first visit". If you are considering volunteering in the nursery, please reach out to Robin Camp. She encourages us with this simple statement: "Our little ones are the future of the church. Your time truly matters. This is a simple meaningful way to serve the church and love our families well!" Additionally, Robin is grateful to those who continue to serve faithfully and who generously love on the children.

Our volunteers from left to right as picture below are Amy Benson, Janice Blum, Leona Fish, Ashlynn Hanford, Kimberly Peebles, and Abigail Weaver.



Announcements



Congratulations to Steven Domoslay, Paul Milne, and Corey Weaver! They were ordained as Fairfield's newest deacons on January 18, 2026.

“Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.”

1 Timothy 3:8-13



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April

Melissa Fell 3-April
Keith Mitchell 7-April
Daniel Levesque 11-April
Noma Milne 14-April
John LaGuardia 16-April
Linda Bauer 17-April
Amanda Bacchieri 20-April
Henry Black 20-April
Jan Redouthy 20-April
Georgette Rott 28-April

May

Carl Blum 1-May
Cedrych Milne 1-May
Danzin Nash 2-May
Logan Nash 2-May

Happy Birthday!



Errol Fogarty 7-May
Judy Welch 8-May
Brandon White 9-May
Ralph Reedy 11-May
Rita Cox 15-May
Jean Jones 17-May
Chuck Donahue 20-May
Kenan Prentice 21-May

Avery Weaver 27-May
Shirley Green 30-May
Dottie White 31-May

June

Ralph Camp 5-June
Eric Coplin 9-June
Ashlynn Hanford 9-June
B.J. White 11-June
Judy Adkins 16-June
Leona Fish 16-June
Quinn Fogarty 21-June
Kimberlee Peebles 22-June
Gabriella Manderson 25-June
Karen Wilson 26-June
Gary Cox 28-June