

March 23, 2019

SABBATH SCHOOL - 9:30 AM

Opening Song	<i>"I Gave My Life for Thee"</i>	#281
Prayer & Welcome		Dan Spaulding
Mission Emphasis	<i>"Promoting 'Our' Prophet"</i>	Dan Spaulding
Lesson Study		Classes

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

Prelude		Ruben Balorda
Hymn Sing		Strack Family
Welcome		Jeff Arthur
Hymn of Preparation	<i>"O Let Me Walk with Thee"</i>	#554
Call to Worship	#876	B Peters

CHURCH AT WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Introit		
Hymn of Praise*	<i>"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"</i>	#229
Prayer [†]		Jeff Arthur
Tithes & Offerings	<i>Michigan Advance Partners</i>	Tunisia Peters
Doxology*		#694
Lamb's Offering & Children's Story		Lauri Arthur
Scripture	<i>James 1:12</i>	Jerry Saraun
Ministry in Music		Jolene Anderson
Sermon	<i>"The Joy of Dealing with Difficulties"</i>	Dan Anderson
Hymn of Response*	<i>"How Firm a Foundation"</i>	#509
Closing Prayer*		Dan Anderson
Closing Response*	<i>"We Have This Hope"</i>	#214
Postlude		Ruben Balorda

*congregation please stand

[†]congregation please kneel

Thank you for being here with us today! We pray that you will be drawn by Jesus' love to come again. As we reverently gather before the throne of grace, we seek the Holy Spirit's power to make us like Jesus and to be a blessing to others.

Following the church service, all who wish may remain in the sanctuary for quiet prayer and meditation. All others are asked to hold their conversations until they have left the sanctuary. Thank you for helping to maintain a reverent atmosphere.

Next week's offering is for Michigan Conference Evangelism.

The elder on call next week is Pat Warner. His phone number is 978-230-1868.

Next week we will celebrate communion. We encourage you prayerfully to prepare for this service.

Women's Ministries, together with Prayer Ministries, invites the women of our congregation, both young and old, to join our women's only prayer line every Monday morning at 6:30 a.m. by calling 712-770-8026, access code: 619775.

The nominating committee will meet on Sunday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the SimpleUpdates building in Berrien Springs.

The church board will meet on Sunday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m.

If you would like to receive church e-mail communication, send a message to Communication@FairplainAdventist.org.

Bulletin information should be sent by Wednesday noon to Valerie Anderson at bulletin@fairplainadventist.org or 471-7303.

Sabbath ends tonight at 8:01 p.m. and begins again next Friday at 8:07 p.m.

Recounting His Blessings

"The cross which every Christian must bear if he follows Christ, gives increased spiritual strength. In lifting the burdens of Christ, heavier burdens are removed. To all who are willing and obedient, to all who are reaching out to feel the guiding hand of God, the moment of the greatest discouragement and difficulty is the time when divine help is nearest. When the path of duty is obstructed by difficulties the most formidable, when it seems that the soul must give up in despair, the glory hidden behind the cloud that has darkened the way shines forth in all its brightness. Those who press on in the path of duty will look back with joy and thankfulness upon the darkest part of the way, where trials and difficulties seemed like a heavy cloud to hide every ray of God's sunshine. The Lord conceals himself from us in the cloudy pillar, as from ancient Israel. His ways are past finding out. Yet all that he makes known of himself, all that he can reveal to the most elevated mind, only convinces us of an infinity beyond, of wisdom, purity, and love" Signs of the Times, October 21, 1880.

Seeking His Aid

Bob & Edith Costie	Pauline Maxwell
Emilie Bermingham	Ruby Walker
Linda Cuchinski and her family	Betty Street
Those involved with Bible studies	Rob Cunningham

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