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Darin Cochran ext.11
Worship
Ken Copley ext.17
Education
Steve Craft ext.20
Youth
Randal Halbrooks ext.13
Missions
Shanon Irwin ext.29
Security
O.D. Pratt ext.23
Seniors
Lloyd Rochelle ext.21
Maintenance
Jeff Stacks ext.22
Transportation
Vance Willis ext.26
Finance/IT

Pulpit Minister:

Mike Kelley ext. 2

Associate Minister:

Rodney Rochelle ext.25

Youth Minister:

Chris Wright ext. 3

Worship & Bible Study: SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846

Website:

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Mike's Minute

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 4:29

You have probably seen some geese flying overhead this fall. You likely noticed them flying in their distinctive V-shaped formation. Not only is the formation a thing of beauty to behold, it is also aerodynamically brilliant.

At certain intervals, you may notice the goose in the front of the formation dropping to the back of the line. The goose next in line takes its place in front. The lead goose does this because it has been doing the most work, breaking the force of the wind. The lead goose deserves a break... and gets one!

Scientists have calculated that it takes much less energy and effort to fly this way. The flapping wings create an updraft of air, an effect that is greater at the rear of the formation.

The geese are, essentially, taking turns "uplifting" one another. After a turn at the point of the V, the lead goose is allowed to rest and be "carried" by the others until it has the opportunity to regain its strength and begin moving forward in the formation again.

How fortunate we are if we are part of a formation of family and friends who cooperate and work together! All are lifted up when that happens.

Do we have the sense God gave a goose? Is there someone you can lift up today in prayer, giving, or friendship? Is there someone you know who could use a "honk" of encouragement?





It was good to have **Garland Horner** back at service this past Sunday morning after spending time in Life Care Center.

"The Field Guide" directory for 2022 is now available in the foyer. This is a listing of contact information for our church members. We ask that each family take one copy.

The men to serve sheets for January are now in both foyers. Please pick up a copy.



Due to illness and hospitalization, I was unable to send Christmas cards for 2021. It is with a humble heart that I thank you for those sent to me and for cards wishing me recovery. It is most appreciated by my family, too. I hope Christmas brought joy and so shall 2022.

Yours in Christ,
Carolyn Phillips

Words cannot express the appreciation for all of the love shown during our most difficult time. Thank you all so much for the wind chimes and to all that prepared food for the meal after Daddy's funeral.

With love,
Greg, Kim, Carter, & Jackson Bates



We express our sympathy to the family of **Dwain Jones**, brother of our **Joyce Boyd** who passed away on Thursday, at the time of this printing. No arrangements have been made yet.

HICKMAN COUNTY COMMUNITY EVENT

At the Stables Event Space

with motivational speaker **Jeff Yalden**

A Night of Hope & Healing on January 3rd

5:00 - Check-in & music

5:30-6:15 - Eat & visit

6:15-6:30 - Student Program

6:30-7:45 - JEFF YALDEN

7:45-8:30 - Dessert Bar & visit with Mr. Yalden



Members: Phil & Diane Coates, Dorothy Weatherspoon (mother of Nancy Baker-home from the hospital), Barbara Chandler (waiting for surgery), Caleb, Tara, Carleigh, & Connor Pitman (flu), Derek Hutchings, Carolyn Phillips, Deborah Peery, Dewayne Victory, Carleigh Liddell, Marlin Lawson, June Prince, Helen Shanes, Bob James, Kenneth Chandler, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Carmela Brown (St. Thomas West), Alex Chambers, Mike Harvill (brother of Keith), Rebeca Mears, April Dillingham, David Dansby, Darlene Rounsavall, Greg McCord, Greg Zoller, Seth Williams, Elizabeth Dunn, Mike Rhea, Mike & Nancy Bradley, Mike Harvill, Kelley Wilson, Glen England, Isaiah Locke (& family), Jeremy Primm, Melvin Roberson, Willie Taylor, Ronald Loveless, Billie Church, Daniel Spears, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Rachael Bellis, Michael Noonan, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, Adam Lawson, Evan Boyd, Donna Gaspard, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, McKinley Moore, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Hester Moss, Joyce Cayce

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Barbara Beard, Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

Thanks to **J.T. Booker, who sanitized the church building again this past Monday to make our church a little safer from Covid.**

RESPONSE

Dale Dillingham came forward Sunday morning to express his happiness with this being his first Christmas as a baptized Christian. We appreciate his willingness to share that joy with all of us!

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF December 26, 2021

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| MORNING WORSHIP | 175 |
| CONTRIBUTION: | \$3798 |
| 2022 WEEKLY BUDGET | \$4167 |



Center Fielders News

“God’s View of a New Year”

A new year, 2022! Before the year 2000, I tried again to imagine how it would feel to be forty years old that year. Twenty-two years have passed since then. Much has changed, but God remains the same!

How does God regard a new year? To us the next twelve months are a secret. To God the future is as clear as the past and the present. We begin a year knowing there will be an end to it if time continues. But we cannot see what lies between the beginning and the end. We came to the end of a year recently. Today we put up new calendars to track the present and to plan the future. But do we meet all the appointments we mark on a calendar? If a day is unmarked on a calendar, does that prevent anything significant from happening that day? What is the solution to such uncertainty?

The God who knows no new years understands our thoughts “afar off” (Psalm 139:2). The new year, though unknown before us, is like an open book before Him. December 31, 2021 doesn’t mean any more or less to Him than January 1, 2022. God’s eternal view is an infinite perspective. His providence works without regard to time. The life that God gives may only last for a very short time. However, that life has fulfilled its purpose just as well as a saint who lives to be a hundred years old.

As you try to see what the new year will hold, don’t look too hard. Look at the face of God, who sees both you and the future that you can’t see. Then follow His wise direction toward eternity with Him.

Look not for new things this year, but rather seek the One that holds the year!

Happy New Year everyone! Hoping for a blessed year for you and your family in 2022!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



- Jan 4** - Middle/HS Devo, meet at FH 6:30-8:30 pm
- Jan 9** - Puppet show during evening service in Lift Off
- Jan 16** - 3rd - 5th grade Devo, during evening service @FH
- Jan 18** - Middle/HS Devo, meet at FH 6:30-8:30 pm

MEN TO SERVE JANUARY 2

SUNDAY MORNING:

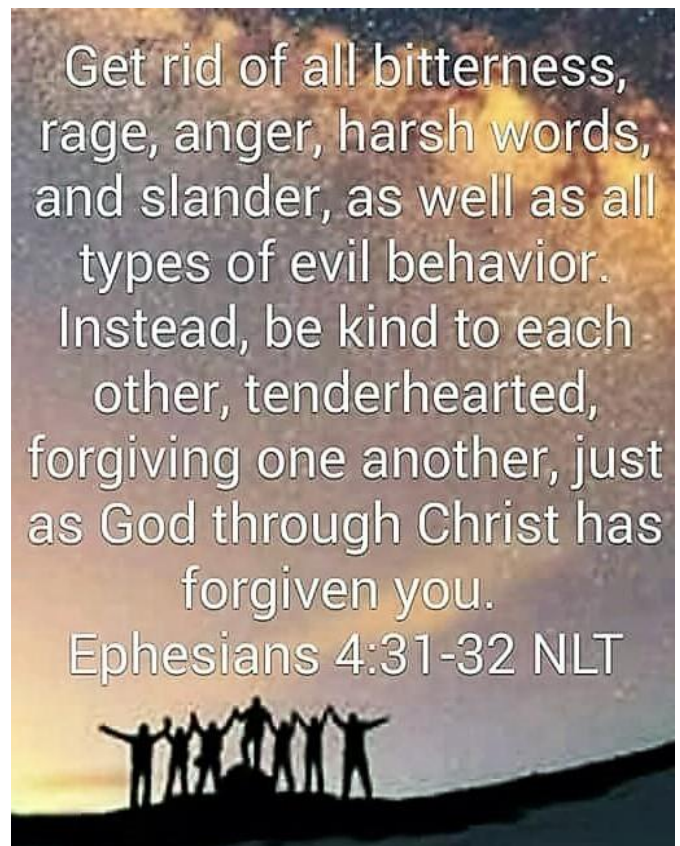
Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Norman George
Scripture Reading: Skyler Irvin
Scripture: Ephesians 4:31-32
Preside Lord’s Supper: Ken Copley
Alternates: Zack Harvill, Bobby McCoy
Announcements: Mike Batts
Closing Prayer: John Irvin
Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Mike Batts
Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson
Scripture: Galatians 2:20
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Lord’s Supper: Adam Jude, Gary Basford
Closing Prayer: Boyce Cannon
Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Mike Batts
Song Leader: Bobby McCoy
Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



From the Elders

As the old year comes to a close and 2022 begins, we can look back over the past two years and reflect on many events and changes that have come along. "Changes" have come in a variety of ways including everyday life styles in general and individual changes. Many of us have lost family members and friends to death; some have gained family and friends by new births, marriages, or just by having acquired new friendships; others have had changes in personal health status.

Change as a noun is defined as transformation, alteration or substitution. With the pandemic state of the past two years, we have experienced all of these in one way or another. In spite of these circumstances, Bible truths and correct Biblical teachings have not changed even though we have had to look at new ways of assembling and conducting our worship services together. We must all learn to cope with change throughout life.

As your elders, we have done our best to move ahead with the times we have been faced with. We feel that after opening back up for worship in the spring, our attendance has slowly improved from the shock that the shut-down caused. We have moved ahead with various building and grounds maintenance that was necessary. In August of 2021, we experienced a devastating flood that crippled many surrounding communities here in our county and adjoining counties. We were able to assist with that recovery in various ways. As a result of the flood damage, we were able to provide housing in our Fellowship Hall for approximately thirty (30) Team Rubicon volunteers as they worked to clean, repair and rebuild for individuals that experienced flood damage here locally and in the Waverly area. Hickman County had sixty-four (64) homes that were damaged and/or destroyed by this flood. We are thankful that our congregation is caring, willing and able to assist whenever we are needed to help our brothers and sisters. ***We appreciate each and every one of you and all that you do!***

We feel that with the start of a new year, blessings flow upon us in that we have our **Mike Kelley** as our **full-time minister**. It is our prayer that we all can grow in our faith, knowledge, and deeds as he continues to work closely with the congregation by using his God given talents in the best way.

As this New Year begins, let us be mindful at all times of **Romans 8:28:**

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

