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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

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil nor does He tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown, gives birth to death.

-James 1:13-15

A little girl was once in a very bad mood. She took her frustration out on her younger brother. At first, she simply teased him. Eventually, her emotions got the best of her and she began punching him, pulling his hair, and kicking him in the shins.

The boy could take it all— and even give back a few blows— until the kicking began. That hurt! He went crying to his mother, complaining about what his sister had done.

The mother came to the little girl and said, "Mary, why have you let Satan put it into your heart to pull your brother's hair and kick his shins?"

The little girl thought it over for a moment and then gave her answer: "Well, Mother, maybe Satan did put it into my heart to pull his hair... but kicking his shins was my idea."

The devil certainly has his influence but we cannot blame our sin on him. If the devil made you do it, you blew it! James says sin comes from the heart of man. What we do with our anger, frustration, and evil desires is up to us. We can choose how we respond to stress, temptation, and the behavior of others. Our challenge is to control our emotions... so that they don't control us.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Hickman County Relay For Life will be having a chili/soup lunch next Sunday, January 24th from 11:30-1:00 in the fellowship hall. Plates will be \$5.00 each with soup or chili, hot dog or grilled cheese, and a drink. Desserts and chips will be available for \$1.00 as well. They will also have a silent auction.

COMMUNION PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00-4:00 PM AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

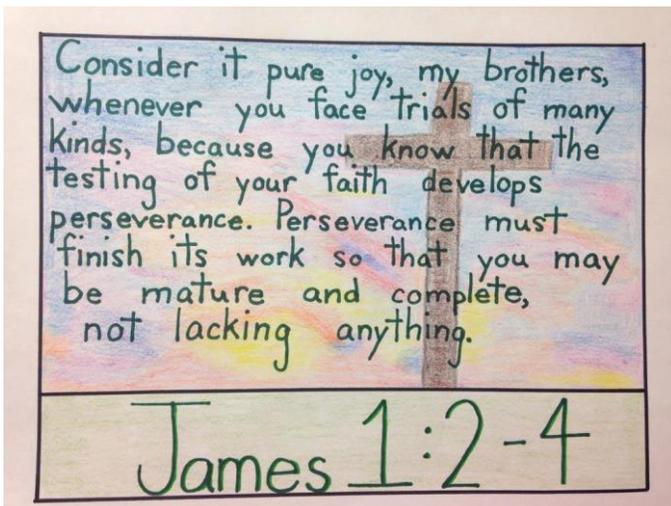


May God continue to Bless this house of praise and His people.

The **Bobby M. Dunn** Family



There will be a puppet show this coming Sunday night during services in the Lift-Off room.



Several of our church members are sick at home.

Members: James Swaw, Brenda Scott, Don Beard, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Dave Davidson, Hester Moss, Deborah Perry, Gene Carathers, Raymond Stoltz, Terry James, Dewayne Victory (VA hospital), Kenneth Chandler, Paul & Noble Victory, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Helen Shanes, Harold Choate, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Benjamin Noonan, Donna Gaspard (sister of Lisa James, St. Thomas Midtown), Teresa Carroll, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, Marshall Carothers, McKinley Moore, Randy Hall, Jimmy Jenkins, B.J. Springer, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Sandy McFarlin, Elizabeth Dunn, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Tommy Cagle, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Mary England

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey, Jo Hudgins (hospice) & Sybil Jenkins.

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

Quotes and Sayings

“The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer.” — F.B. Meyer

“I can forgive, but I cannot forget, is only another way of saying, I will not forgive. Forgiveness ought to be like a cancelled note – torn in two, and burned up, so that it never can be shown against one.” — Henry Ward Beecher

“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.” — C.S. Lewis



We express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Ira King**, father of **Angie Stacks** who passed away recently in Mississippi. His service was this week. We offer prayers for this family.



Center Fielders News

“Christian Victory”

The word “victory” has the idea of overcoming an enemy or opponent. We all have an enemy called Satan, and he is out to destroy every person regardless of culture, color, background, or social status. But remember the Bible says in 1 Corinthians 10:13 that it is common to man to be tempted, and that God will make a way for us to overcome any temptation.

Satan’s attacks come through our physical senses and our thoughts. The Bible says that we should guard our eyes and our ears, so that we don’t give the devil a foothold. Yes, temptation is sometimes so strong that we get discouraged, but if we start counting our blessings, we will be surprised at all the Lord has done for us. If we feel inferior, thinking we just can’t do things as well as another person, remember that God never intended us to be someone else, and just give Him your best. If bad thoughts creep into our minds, capture them and bring them under the power of Christ.

Remember that it is not wrong to be tempted, but we need to respond in the right way. If we don’t get victory over temptation, it will lead us into sin. In our own strength, we are very weak and will surely fall. But thankfully we can be “more than conquerors through Him that loved us (Romans 8:37). Let’s make it our priority to overcome our enemy Satan “by the blood of the Lamb,” and live in Christian victory every day. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God....1John 5:5.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF January 10, 2021	
MORNING WORSHIP	96
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3894
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE JANUARY 17

SUNDAY MORNING:

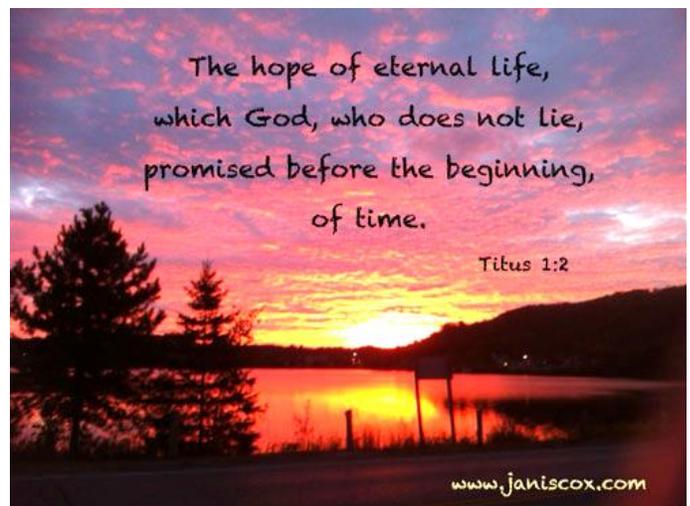
Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Mathew Wright
Scripture Reading: Edwin Wright
Scripture: Titus 1:1-2
Preside Lord’s Supper: Mike Breece
Alternates: Gary Basford, Marvin Truett
Basement: Gary Wright, Gary Basford
Announcements: Jerrie W Barber
Closing Prayer: Marvin Truett
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks
Scripture Reading: Edwin Wright
Scripture: James 1:2-4
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Gary Wright
Lord’s Supper: Mathew Wright, Edwin Wright
Closing Prayer: Mike Batts
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Mike Batts
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Marvin Truett
Invitation: Mike Kelley



The End of the Matter

Stephen Covey famously suggested that one of the habits of highly effective people is that they “begin with the end in mind.” I was thinking of that phrase recently while studying the book of Ecclesiastes at the very time that we have started a brand-new year.

Seeing that this is January of 2021, it seems appropriate to begin this year with the “end of the matter” in mind.

“Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth. The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is a weariness of the flesh. The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:9-14).

Consider the power and value of the Word of God!

- It is given to us by the very Shepherd Himself (v.11).
- It is the truth (v.10).
- It is beautiful and delightful (v.10).
- It will not be changed—it is firmly fixed as by nails (v.11).
- It prompts and guides us to where we need and want to be—like an animal prod (v.11).

Being ready for judgment begins by knowing what is expected of us. Let us begin this year with the end of the matter in mind. Let us be devoted to the words of truth!

Bart Warren
South Green Street church of Christ
Glasgow, KY

A New Car! (Just Kidding)



A few years ago, some friends and I attended the Fort Worth Stock Show. There a local radio station was having a drawing to win a truck. A girl from our group decided to fill out as many entry forms as she could. Turns out it worked!

The next week she gets a call from the station telling her she is their grand prize winner! When she went to claim her prize her joy turned to sorrow. She wasn't eligible. In the fine print, it required the winner to be 18 years old. She was only 17. Instead of driving home in a new truck, she came home empty-handed.

It's truly a sad story because it couldn't have happened to a nicer girl. But it illustrates what Paul said in 2 Timothy 2:5, only those that follow the rules can win.

Unfortunately, many will not receive the crown of life because they have not obeyed the rules that God has laid down. All the work they have done will be in vain because they disobeyed God by not following his standard. Make sure that you are living according to God's rules so you don't miss out on your reward!

Barry Haynes
Hope church of Christ
Hope, AR

