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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Clay Chandler ext. 6
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Education
Steve Craft ext.20
Youth
Randal Halbrooks ext.13
Missions
Shanon Irwin ext. -
Security
Roy McCoy ext.22
Transportation
O.D. Pratt ext.23
Seniors
Lloyd Rochelle ext.21
Maintenance
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 10:15 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

A Christian Goes Home. This past Saturday, the funeral service for **Louise Hudgins** was held. Louise was a long-time member of the Fairfield church. One of the best words to describe Louise would be "reverent." The word "reverent" means "fit for temple service." The temple was where God's presence was centered in the Old Testament era. Reverence, for the Christian, involves being "fit" to be in God's presence. Louise always seemed to have a sense that she was in God's presence, and she was determined to act accordingly. She was going to look her best and she was going to be her best. She was going to watch her actions and her words because she was always in the presence of the Lord and she never wanted to disappoint Him. What a great example for us all. We express our sympathy to her son, **Jerry**, and her many other family and friends.

Your Worst Days. Life is a privilege; life is a joy, even on the worst of days. Just the fact that you're alive and able to make decisions, to take action and make a difference, far outweighs, by orders of magnitude, any difficulty or disappointment that might happen to come along. When the world is dark, that's all the more reason for you to be a source of light. The quality of your life does not depend on what you encounter, but rather on the person you become as a result. Turtles don't make progress until they stick out their neck. We are no different, effort is required. Today is a present and a great day because you are in it. There is opportunity for growth and fulfillment in every direction. If the people around you are being hateful and petty, you have a real opportunity to make a positive difference. The difficult challenges standing in your path hide real treasures which are waiting to be uncovered. Your heart knows that life can be beautiful when you accept that it is. Wherever you are, whatever confronts you, decide to live that beauty each day. As you do, even the world around you will change for the better.

Glenn Hitchcock
Peninsula church of Christ
Hampton, VA

In Christian Love,
Mike



The homeless committee meeting will be held this coming Monday at 6 pm.

The Golden Agers will be going to the Beacon Light for breakfast on January 26th. Make your plans now to attend.

The elders will meet with the Deacons on January 27th at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

If you would like to prepare food for the **Stacks** family, see Darla or Dianna.

*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6a in the basement.

***Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1st & 3rd Tues. evenings @ 6p in the basement.**

*The Quilters meet every Thurs. morning @ 9:00a in the basement.

*Narcotics Anonymous meets every Thurs. night at 7p in the basement.



Contributions were given in memory of **Louise Hudgins** by **Marvin & Lisa Truett, Phil & Diane Coates** and **Clay & Linda Chandler** this past Sunday.

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Jan 20 - Puppet Show, during evening service

Jan 24 - Desserts & Devo at Kaitlyn's 6 – 8 pm

Jan 29 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:00 pm at the FH

IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH

Years ago, a little girl handed me a piece of paper with a brief note scribbled on it. I don't remember the girl's name, but I remember the message: "To you from _____. I love you."

It was simple. It was direct. And, it was appreciated.

What does it take to brighten someone's day? It may be just a brief phone call. It could be just a short note of encouragement.

Is there someone you could help? Do you need to do it today? Remember, it doesn't take much.

Allen Hahn
Graeber Road church of Christ
Rosenberg, TX



Members: Harry Fielder (neck surgery Friday in Columbia), O.D Pratt, Hester Moss (fell this week), Paul Victory, Rhonda Powers, June Prince, James Hassell, Leon Lynn, Martha Harvill, Connor Peebles, Tony Halfacre, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Marlin Lawson, C.W. Tarkington, Harold Choate, Glenda Coates, Jo Ann Totty & Elizabeth Tarkington.

Friends & Family: Helen Shanes, Mark Wright (heart surgery on Friday), Terry Peevyhouse (leg amputated), Bracey Campbell (hospice), Donna Popp, Bobby Mack Dunn, Bobby Brawley, Dorris French, Dana Hall, Skipper Sands, Gene French, Mary Ann Wallace, Dorothy Love, Don Glover, Slater Springman, Claude Teet, Tana Rochelle Brinke, John Beard, Jimmy George, David Talley, Jean Greer, Tommy Cagle, Keith Clayton, Clare Loughrey, Linda Truett, Kathy Brown, Jackson Bates, Greg McCord, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash & Jimmy Mathis.

Life Care: Mary Carolyn McClanahan, Donald Dorton, Kitty Halfacre, Anne Neely, Ray Dudley, Mary England, Georgia Belle Smith, and Jim & Jean Wright.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Bill Shanes, Sybil Jenkins, & Gladys Primm.



3rd – 5th grade Devo



Middle/High School Devo



Center Fielders News

“That Which Guides & Divides”

White lines, yellow lines, solid lines, single lines, and double lines are familiar to motorists on the highways. What would we do without these dividing lines that guide traffic in a safe, orderly manner? Useful lines have common characteristics that make them effective. A good line is brightly colored and easy to see on a dark, rainy night. It has well defined edges. Motorists do not have to wonder where the line starts and stops.

A good line follows a predictable course. We would be very surprised to see a yellow centerline wander off to the side of the road. We would be disturbed to see an arrow pointing backward at an intersection. Another characteristic of lines is their gentleness. They do not force their will on anyone. A good line means what it says, and although drivers are free to cross the center line if they wish, they will need to accept the consequences for doing so.

Not only on the highway but in all of life, there are lines that divide us and guide us. Lines placed by God’s law guide us and separate us from harm. They are predictable but gentle, not forcing themselves upon us. We are free to be dishonest, disloyal to friends, disrespectful to authority, and unfaithful to our commitments. Obeying is voluntary, but the fallout for crossing lines can be disastrous. We will find blessings and safety in allowing ourselves to be guided and even divided by Biblical lines in communities, churches, and homes.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Sunday after church, a mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, “Don’t be scared, you’ll get your quilt.”

Needless to say, the mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the preacher stopped by for coffee and the mom asked him what that morning’s Sunday school lesson was about.

He said, “Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming.”

Foul Language Is Foul

I recently watched a nationally televised athletic event where literally millions of people viewed the same game. During the game, the main camera showed one of the coaches being very upset and using verbally abusive foul language regarding calls made by the officials! What I observed disturbed me. Then I realized how many other people saw what I saw.

I am not naïve, and I understand foul language is used by the most of the population. We are to the point in our culture that most people in leadership positions in government, athletics, education, management and all walks of life have a flippant attitude when it comes to cursing and making offhand remarks. Unfortunately, our society looks the other way when this behavior is demonstrated. But, our Creator does not!

James 3:6 says, “And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.” Evil speech destroys because it comes from Satan himself.

James 3:8 says, “But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.” We must constantly be mindful and ready to restrain our tongue because the power our words contain.

James 3:10 says, “Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.” We cannot be hypocrites when it comes to our words. We cannot bless God and then curse someone made in God’s image.

Psalm 19:14 says, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.” Both thoughts and words are to be suitable before God.

Let’s heed God’s words and remember, foul language is foul!

*Allen Jones
South Green Street church of Christ
Glasgow, KY*

MEN TO SERVE JAN. 20 LORD'S TABLE

Preside: Roy McCoy
Left: Harry Totty
 Raymond Stoltz
 Al Williams
 Carl Daugherty
Right: Wallace Smith
 Chris Kimbro
 Mike Knight
 Boyce Cannon
Alternates: Stephen Graham, Lee DeWire
Basement: Rusty Bates, Gary Basford
Sun. P.M.: Gary Wright, Mathew Wright

PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

A.M. Scripture Reading: Randal Halbrooks
Scripture: Psalm 19:14
A.M. Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
A.M. Closing Prayer: Josh Copley
P.M. Scripture Reading: Jeff Rose
Scripture: Romans 1:18-20
P.M. Opening Prayer: Dustin Bailey
P.M. Closing Prayer: James Swaw
Wed. Opening Prayer: Ken Copley
Wed. Invitation: (Jan 23) Mike Kelley

SONG LEADERS

Sunday A.M. Darin Cochran
Sunday P.M. Steve Baker
Wednesday P.M. (Jan 23) Justin Beard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday A.M. Rodney Rochelle
Sunday P.M. Gary Wright
Wednesday P.M. (Jan 23) Darin Cochran

VAN DRIVERS

Sunday A.M. Roy McCoy 931-729-2956
 931-994-7571
Sunday P.M. Gerry Hinson 931-729-3208
 931-623-2043
Wed. P.M. Roy McCoy 931-729-2956
 (Jan 23) 931-994-7571

If you are unable to serve in anyway, please call or text Gary Basford at (931)628-0355 or Darin Cochran at (615)418-3148.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF January 13, 2019
A.M. WORSHIP: 220
CONTRIBUTION: \$4031

ARE YOU HELPING THIS CHURCH TO GROW?

It Is Easy For The Church To Grow When We...

- Have a deep concern for the lost.
- Enter the worship with preparation and enthusiasm.
- Are interested in intense Bible study.
- Work together on church projects.
- Encourage those who are serving the Lord.
- Dedicate ourselves to keeping our lives pure.
- Express brotherly love to all church members.
- Get along, are at peace, and harmonious.
- Help others in the name of Jesus.
- Are willing to be teachers.
- Commit all our ways to the Lord.
- Demand preaching the whole counsel of God with love.
- Are optimistic.

It Is Difficult For The Church To Grow When We...

- Are not concerned about lost souls.
- Stay away from worship and Bible class.
- Rarely read our Bibles.
- Refuse to participate in church activities.
- Complain and criticize others.
- Live ungodly lives.
- Never associate with the brethren outside of worship.
- Cause discord and are contentious in the church.
- Selfishly serve ourselves.
- Never desire to improve ourselves.
- Only serve God when we feel like it.
- Only like "feel good" type of sermons.
- Are pessimistic.

"Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied." (Acts 9:31)

*Edd Sterchi
 Broadway church of Christ
 Campbellsville, KY*

