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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



Mike's Minute

But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Matthew 23:11

People may think of heart surgeons as being arrogant prima donnas in the medical world. But those who know Dr. William DeVries, the surgeon who pioneered the artificial heart, couldn't disagree more.

Coworkers at Humana Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, describe DeVries as the kind of doctor who shows up on Sundays to cheer discouraged patients, changes dressings himself (often considered a nurse's job), and goes the extra mile to visit with a patient if they just want to talk.

Friends say DeVries is an "old shoe" who fits in wherever he goes. He likes to wear cowboy boots with his surgical scrubs and he often repairs hearts while listening to jazz music.

"He always has a smile lurking," says

Louisville cardiologist Dr. Robert Goodin. "And he's always looking for a way to let it out."

At the age of 58, Dr. DeVries joined the Army Reserve. "I think everyone has an obligation to serve," he said. "My obligation started at a late time, but I'll stay here as long as I can."

No matter how high you rise, always remember that you started out at ground zero. Real success comes not in thinking you have arrived at a place where others should serve you, but in recognizing, no matter where you are, you have arrived at a position where you can serve others.

It takes more skill that I can tell to play the second fiddle well!

In Christian Love,

Mike





The **Ladies Bible class** will meet on Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:00 pm in the basement, weather permitting.

The **Golden Agers** will get together for the first time this year on Thursday, January 25th in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite chili, soup, sandwiches and desserts.

The women's bathroom in the front foyer and the front entrance on that side of the building is **closed for remodeling**.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tuesday morning at 6:00 am in the basement.

If you have a **prayer request**, please use a blue card, and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Gary Deitman**, who passed away. He was the grandfather of **Justin Bates**. His visitation is January 22nd from 11 -1 pm with the service at 1:00 pm at McDonald Funeral Home.

We also express sympathy to the family of **Barry Rochelle**, father of **Kaitlyn Harris**, grandfather of **Adaleigh**, nephew of **Lloyd Rochelle**, and cousin of **Rodney Rochelle**. He passed away suddenly on Monday from an accidental fall. Visitation with the family will be Monday, January 22th from 2 - 8, and Tuesday, January 23rd from 10 -2 with the funeral service at 2:00 pm at McDonald Funeral Home.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of **Dustin Padilla**, who passed away in Arizona. He was the half-brother of **Wes Crowther**.

Funny

Marriage:

A husband and wife were chatting with some friends when the subject of marriage counseling came up. "Oh, we'll never need that. My husband and I have a great relationship," the wife explained. "He was a communication major in college and I majored in theatre arts. He communicates really well and I just act like I am listening."



Members: Justin Bates, Joyce Boyd, Barbara Chandler, Roy Wayne McCoy, Shanon Irwin, Dannie George, Kenneth Chandler, Terry Duncan, Jennifer Beasley, June Prince, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Woody Woodruff, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: David Talley (home), Billie Lynn Tyler (sister of Teresa Warren-cancer), Betty Sue Davidson (mother of Teresa Warren), Cory Patterson (son of Rita Cannon), James Stoltz, Oscar Sullivan, Grayson Gunter, Dusty Covington, Roy Cochran, Jean Greer, Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer, Jimmie Jenkins, Stephanie Pitman, Jenny Teet, Carolyn Nash, Aaron Barnett, Angelica Essary, James Coates, Laura DeLong, Larry Roder, Roy Harris, Ila Faye Jenkins, Anthony Stacks, Kathryn Purcell, Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears (home), Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Floy Cochran, John Fly, Gary Yates, Wilma Green, Hester Moss

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard

NHC Healthcare Columbia: Lou Dickens, Renee Dennis

Quotes

Commitment means staying loyal to what you said you were going to do long after the mood you said it in has left you.

Most people fail, not because of lack of desire, but, because of lack of commitment.

Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality.

There are only two options regarding commitment: you're either in or you're out. There is no such thing as life in between.

Motivation is what gets you started. Commitment is what keeps you going.

We cannot become what we want to be by remaining what we are.

When confronted with a challenge, the committed heart will search for a solution. The undecided heart will search for an escape.



Center Fielders News

“Hidden Motives”

There is a motive behind everything we do, and the Bible urges us to do things out of the right motives. Since motives are hidden, we need to search ourselves to understand why we do the things we do. Are we seeking to please Christ, or are we pursuing our own agenda? Our efforts should always be focused on bringing honor to Christ, not ourselves.

One motive for some is a hope for gain, either in a monetary form or in having others think highly of us. This comes from pride, and two examples are the things we own and letting others know what we own. Our focus should never be on exalting ourselves, but helping others come closer to the Lord. To do that, we must always put the will of God first in our individual lives.

It is a Christian duty to see that our motives are honest and upright, and that these motives flow from out of love for Christ at all times. We may be able to hide our motives for a while, but the true motives will soon come to the surface and be evident whether we intended it to or not. What is in the inside of us will come to light through our speech and our actions.

What if our enemies wrongly accuse us of having evil motives? Jesus said, “Do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known” (Matthew 10:26). Simply saying, we have nothing to fear if we act out of the right motives. May our motives always be pure, and may our words and deeds reveal the love of God in our heart.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF January 14, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	188
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4133
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5104

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Norman George

Scripture Reading: Wallace Smith

Scripture: TBA

Preside Lord's Supper: Roy McCoy

Left: Matthew Wright **Right:** Jerrie W. Barber

Edwin Wright Dalton Barber

Skyler Irvin Wyatt H Barber

James Jett Nathan Carroll

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Willie Powers

Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Boyce Cannon

Scripture: Psalm 13:1-6

Song Leader: Jeff Stacks

Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

Lord's Supper: Gary Wright, Edwin Wright

Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno

Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

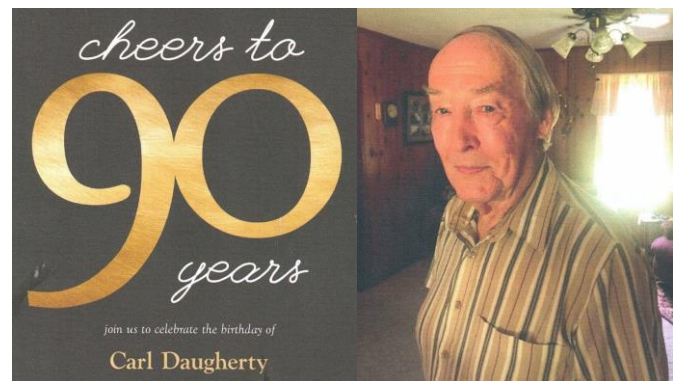
Announcements: Gary Basford

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

Sunday morning, in Mike's absence, our **Joshua Copley** will be speaking at the morning service.



Saturday, February 3, 2024 2 pm to 4 pm
Fairfield church of Christ Fellowship Hall
Please drop in for light refreshments
To help us celebrate Carl!!

Weighing In

Bodily exercise has some value.

—1 Timothy 4:8

Year after year, "Lose weight" tops the list of New Year's Resolutions.

If you watch TV, read a newspaper, or eyeball the magazine display at the grocery checkout, you haven't escaped weight-loss ads and fads, and before-and-after pictures.

No scripture indicates that we'll have to physically weigh in before getting into heaven. But spiritual accountability shows up a lot.

At heaven's gate, will you be asked, "How much did you lose?" Or be high-fived because you're in the top ten percent in fitness?

I'm big on physical exercise, but here's a verse that puts everything in perspective: "Bodily exercise has some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come" (1 Tm 4:8).

Lose the spiritual fat and flab.

Thorns That Choke

*Other seed fell among thorns,
which grew up and choked the plants.*

—Mark 4:7

Some respond to the gospel, and some don't. It has to do with the condition of the soil, not the quality of the seed.

In Jesus' parable, the soils of the heart are four: hard, shallow, distracted, and fruitful. The first two lack roots and are unproductive. The third produces fruit but is destroyed by thorns that choke it to death. The fourth produces an abundant crop.

It's the third that most concerns me for my brothers and sisters—and for me. It's one of Satan's sneakiest and most successful traps—sidetracking good, but distracted, souls.

Jesus enumerates the distracting thorns:

- Worries about the concerns of this life.
- The deceitfulness and lure of wealth.
- Desires for other things.

Jesus' parable wasn't intended to entertain us but alert us: "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear" (Mk 4:9).

Distraction can be disastrous.

Joe Barnett
Today's Walk in the Word

WHEN IT SNOWS

"God thunders wondrously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend. For to the snow he says, 'Fall upon the earth.'" These are the words of Elihu, in Job 37:6,7. Now that we have had our nation's first major snowfall, let it be known from the ski slopes of Colorado, to my sister's steps in Nebraska, to the streets of Boston, to here in West Tennessee, that this snow is from the thunderous voice of God!

Snow is a true blessing from the heavens and demonstrates God's care of the earth. In the western United States, mountain snowpack contributes up to 75 percent of all year-round surface water supplies. Snow has been called "the poor man's fertilizer." As it falls through the atmosphere, nitrogen and sulfur attach to the flakes. When the snow melts, these elements are released into the soil and absorbed by plants. Snow helps preserve moisture in the soil during winter and provides water to the soil as it melts in the spring.

Even here in the south we get a snowfall every year or two. Hate it or love it, it is God's blessing to the earth, and a playground to our children. As I wrote once; "When it snows hillsides become white amusement parks, filled with sleds, kids, and lost mittens. When it snows the world become quiet, black becomes white, and the angels rest." So let it snow!

-Dennis Doughty



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