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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

Family Line:

931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

Weather Or Not. The weather has taken us on quite a ride in recent weeks. Floods, tornadoes, and snow storms... all in the span of a few weeks. Let's allow this wild weather to remind us that we are not as in control of things as we would like to think. We live in a world where a lot can, and will, go wrong. Tornado sirens, weather alerts, safe rooms, snow tires, moving to higher ground... none of these are bad ideas. But the only way to be truly safe is to get right and stay right with God. Have you done that? If not, will you?

Your Daily Dose. Be sure to get in the habit of calling FamilyLine daily. Here you will get your "daily dose" of Fairfield family news. Notes of sympathy, the latest information concerning the sick, information about upcoming events... all this information and more can be found on FamilyLine. Also, when there is inclement weather which could affect our worship services, we will update you about the plans our elders are making. We update FamilyLine Monday-Saturday by 9 am. FamilyLine... it's a good call!

Gaining Stream. We hope you will also remember that we are continuing to live stream our worship on our Facebook page. You may watch live if you are unable to attend our services or you can go back and watch the service later in the week. We greatly appreciate those who work to make our worship services available online. In fact, we are "exstreamly" thankful to them.

Mike





This week's movie night is Friday at 7:00 pm in the church auditorium so as not to conflict with football game on Saturday. No finger foods or drinks please.

The Golden Agers will have a potluck in the fellowship hall on January 27th at 5:30 pm. Please bring soup or sandwiches and/or desserts. Signup sheets are in both foyers.

Relay for Life is taking orders for chocolate covered strawberries for Valentine's Day; they are \$12 per dozen. See Cindy Bailey, Joyce Boyd, Glenda Newsom or Sheila Brady to order. Deadline for ordering is February 7th.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Hilda Hankins** who was a former member of Fairfield several years ago.



Our next 5th Sunday is January 30th with our guest speaker for the day, **Steve Baggett**, at 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. After class there will be a potluck in the fellowship hall. Following the potluck will be our afternoon service. All contribution collected that day will go toward our building maintenance. There will not be a 6:00 pm service. Please come and join us this day. Steve serves as the Family and Education Minister at Walnut Street church in Dickson. Welcome Steve!

I Toad You Once

A prince was put under a spell so that he could speak only one word each year. If he didn't speak for two years, the following year he could speak two words and so on.

One day, he fell in love with a beautiful lady. He refrained from speaking for two whole years so he could call her "my darling."

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Members: Donna Pitman (surgery Monday), Rusty Bates (surgery Tuesday), Joyce Boyd, James Hassell (St. Thomas-Rutherford), Harry Totty (Dickson Horizon Rehab), Diane Coates, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Barbara Chandler (waiting for surgery), Derek Hutchings, Carolyn Phillips, Deborah Peery, Dewayne Victory, Marlin Lawson (good report), Sara Lawson, June Prince, Helen Shanes, Kenneth Chandler, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Rachel Davis, Doris Claud (rehab facility in Springfield), Marjorie Claud (hospital), Sue Edney, Marilyn Mathis, Carmela Brown, 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 (sister-in-law of Joyce Swawvery sick with cancer in Michigan), 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

But then he wanted to tell her he loved her, so he waited three more years. At the end of these five years, he wanted to ask her to marry him, so he waited another four years. Finally, as the ninth year of silence ended, he led the lady to the most romantic place in the kingdom and said, "My darling, I love you! Will you marry me?" And the lady said, "Pardon?"



Center Fielders News

“Retirement”

So, He called ten of His servants and gave them ten minas. Put this money to work until I come back (Luke 19:13).

The following article said seventeen beautiful handmade comforters were donated to Christian Aid Ministries, along with the following note: “These are for the tuberculosis hospital patients in North Korea. My mom made these. Her eyesight is not good anymore, so these are all tied instead of stitched. Mom is 104, but she still wants to serve our Lord, doing what she can for the less fortunate.

Advanced age and physical limitations eventually force most workers into some form of retirement. However, a change in one’s nature of work is not ceasing from all work. Notice in the above scripture, “Until I come back.” I am continually blessed and amazed by the number of seniors in our congregation at The Field, who give their time, labor, money to Christ’s church and mission outreaches even though they are retired from their primary occupation. One’s concern for the lost, the poor and the persecuted should never be dependent on our age.

Elderly shut-ins thrive on visits from other seniors with whom they can reminisce about the good old days and take a break from the loneliness for a spell. If our health allows it, telling accounts of our spiritual journey, our testimony, can be a wonderful blessing to our younger Christians. The old expression, “going till your gone” packs a lot power, not only in the physical and emotional sense, but in the spiritual sense as well. One thing I have personally learned is that activity is far healthier than idleness. My prayer is that our Lord clearly guides us “old-timers” along the last few miles of the paths He would have us walk.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

HERE'S ANOTHER FUNNY!

My teachers told me I'd never amount to much because I procrastinate so much. I told them, "Just you wait!"

MEN TO SERVE JANUARY 23

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince
Scripture Reading: Robert Graf
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
Preside Lord's Supper: Buddy Chandler
Alternates: Edwin Wright, Mike Batts
Announcements: Gary Basford
Closing Prayer: Darin Cochran
Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Scripture Reading: Edwin Wright
Scripture: Matthew 4:1-7
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
Lord's Supper: Edwin Wright, Gary Wright
Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Song Leader: Bobby McCoy
Opening Prayer: Randal Halbrooks
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF January 16, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	43
CONTRIBUTION:	\$1394
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

The Pale Horse

This past week marked the two-year anniversary of the first case of Covid-19 showing up in our nation. During this time, we see the Lord's church challenged to survive and grow. It has been a test of faith for many Christians. Sadly, some have died from the virus. Jesus warned us this was coming.

In breaking the seven seals in Revelation chapter six we find Jesus going out into the world on a white horse "conquering and to conquer" (vs. 2). As His kingdom spread throughout the world, He warned disciples of the challenges they would face: war (the red horse), famine (the black horse), and "pestilence" (the pale horse) that would kill "a fourth of the earth" (vs. 3-8).

In history there have been scores of pandemics. In 1918, the "pestilence" known as the Spanish flu caused a global pandemic <<https://www.livescience.com/pandemic.html>>, killing 50 million people, including many across America. It has been called the deadliest pandemic in modern history. Mask wearing, quarantine, and high hospitalization rates are nothing new as we face this Covid virus. The man on the white horse did not want our faith or evangelistic zeal to falter because of world events. As those who "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Re. 7:14), let us march on, undaunted by war, famine, or this pestilence.

-Dennis Doughty, editor
The Magnolia Messenger

WOMEN ARE SAFE **Winter Wishlist 2022**

Men's and Women's underwear (All sizes up to XL)
Boy's and Girl's underwear (All sizes - toddler to)
Combination locks for client lockers - See Amazon wish

Square/Rectangle Laundry Baskets
Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
Shampoo, conditioner, & body wash
Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Fabric Softener, and Dryer

Dishwashing Liquid (for sink and dishwasher)

NOTE: Due to the pandemic, we are only accepting "new" items.

You can also access our Amazon Wishlist at:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1J8BQ3XBA7W10/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist

All donations can be shipped or delivered to:
131 West End Avenue
Centerville, TN 37033

The Power of Prayer

If Christianity has no challenge, it has lost its focus on Christ. Are you in need of a challenge? Read the book of James.

James tells us, in chapter one, that if we are not struggling with temptation, we are giving in to it. In chapter two he says that if we are not wrestling with our faith, it is dead. Do you have to daily battle your tongue? James says you do unless you're perfect (3:2). Do you find it difficult to talk to God, trust God, and submit to God? Is it hard to include God into your planning? In James chapter four we learn that we must. Is it hard to endure wrong while easy to do it? James tells us in chapter five that the Lord is watching (5:4).

Chapter after chapter James takes an honest look at the challenge of daily Christian living. The light of truth is cast on the trials of life. Then the trials of life are cast before God. That is the value of prayer.

Prayer is powerful when God's Word is buried deep in the heart and flows freely from a righteous life (5:16). When prayer is powerful life is richer. When prayer is powerful the challenges of faith are bearable. When prayer is powerful God is glorified.

David Bragg



We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Your presence is an encouragement and you are always welcome. Please fill out the attendance card you will find in the pew rack and leave on the seat.