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Fairfield Church of Christ

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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

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Mike's Minute

On Sunday morning, January 12, I presented a message to the Fairfield congregation that I entitled "How To Be A Contagious Christian." The message was taken from the events recorded in Acts 10-11. Here, Luke tells us about the conversion of Cornelius, who became the first Gentile Christian. This message generated more positive comments and conversations than any I have delivered in some time. To keep the conversation going, I wanted to include here a brief outline of the message.

Christianity is as much caught as it is taught. A "case" of Christianity can spread through a household, a neighborhood, or a community. Is there something we can do to increase the chances of someone "catching" our Christianity? How can I become a contagious Christian? I can follow Peter's example, as Cornelius caught his faith in Christ. What does it take?

First, being contagious takes virtue. In order to be contagious, I must first have the condition. Peter had a case of Christianity. Peter displayed at least two symptoms of Christianity: he prayed and he obeyed (Acts 11:4-5; 11-12).

Second, being contagious takes vision. God used a strange vision to make Peter aware that he had been looking upon Gentiles as unclean, unredeemable beasts. The vision made it clear that Peter was to change. God wanted him to share the gospel with all people, even Gentiles. To be contagious, I must have a vision of the lost as really lost. I must also see that all lost people deserve a chance to hear the gospel.

Third, being contagious takes a visit. To spread Christianity to others, we must come into contact with them. Peter went to see Cornelius and taught him the gospel message. Cornelius and his family believed the message and were baptized into Christ. Christian fellowship is important. So is putting ourselves in contact with those who are lost.

May God help us to be contagious Christians!

In Christian Love,

Mike





It was good to see **Terry James** back at services on Sunday.

If you see **Curtis Edwards**, wish him a happy belated birthday. We missed his birthday on Dec. 28!

The elders will meet this Sunday at 4:30 pm with all the deacons.

*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6:00 am in the basement.

*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1st & 3rd Tues. evenings @ 6:00 pm in the basement.

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

*****Narcotics Anonymous is now meeting at Centerville United Methodist church every Thurs. night at 7:00pm.**

Love

By Janice M. King

We try to do our best
In today's life of complexity
We often get lost
Thinking what's in it for me

What can I do?
What can I say?
What will happen next?
Does it matter anyway

We are only human
Mere mortal man
Can I make a difference?
Can I understand?

With this life
Full of uncertainty
Daily try to do your best
Be all that you can be

God says love conquers all
That's easy for him to say
Love can be interpreted
In many a different way

Godly love is simple
We try to make it hard
Love means wishing each the best
And no one any harm



Members: Angie Stacks, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Connor Peebles, Terry James, Noble Victory, Dewayne Victory, Sandy Kimbro Bagwell, Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Naomi Bailey, Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, Hester Moss, James Hassell, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Leon Lynn, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Roy Cochran, Wilburn Horner, Mark French, Mickey Dodd, McKinley Moore, Kim Jenkins, Deborah Crews, Rachel Bellis, Connie Garrett, Len Womack, Jerry Milam, Phillip Askins, Elizabeth Dunn, Kitty Pharris, Mark Fagan, Jimmy Cline, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Davy Baker, Ron Gossett, Cooper Parker, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, Adam Lawson, Mark Wright, Donna Popp, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jean Greer, Jackson Bates, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash, & Jimmy Mathis.

Life Care: Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Bill & Helen Shanes, Jo Hudgins (hospice), & Sybil Jenkins.

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown



Thank you for the cards, calls, visits, well-wishes and most of all the prayers on my behalf for my recent surgery and recovery. It is so good to have such a loving church family.

In Christian Love,
Terry James

JAN/FEB EVENTS

Jan. 26 – Elders & Deacons meet at 4:30 pm in FH
Feb. 8 – Sweetheart Banquet in the FH
Feb. 10 – Ladies Craft night at 6 pm in room 104.
Feb. 23 – Elders & Men meet at 4:30 pm in FH
Feb. 27 – Golden Agers to Catfish Kitchen
Feb. 28 – 5th Annual Singing here at Fairfield from 7 - 9 pm with William Tankersley, master of ceremonies.



Center Fielders News

“Who Can Be Against Us?”

If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

Sometimes we face a challenging situation in life and wonder how we are going to get through it. Maybe we turn to our friends or relatives, but nothing changes. We have used up all of our resources and find ourselves at the end of our rope.

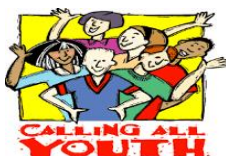
Is God still the same today as He was many years ago? Can He still protect and provide for us? God is faithful and well able to help us because of His omnipotence. He is unchanging because He is perfect and doesn't need to change. As we bow before God and earnestly make our petition to Him, we can trust that He is able to change our situation or change us.

God is not only all-powerful but also omniscient. He knows when we are in a lions' den and why we are there. He knows if we can't pay our bills, and He knows why we can't pay them. He knows how much we hurt from the death of a loved one, and He knows the best way to comfort us. God is omnipresent as well. Whether we are in a lions' den, in a prison cell, or in our car. He can be with us through our difficulties.

Though God's presence is always with us, we should consider that there are conditions for receiving His help. One needs to serve God continually. One needs to obey His commandments. One needs to be faithful and thankful. Regardless of what we face in life, we can turn to God who knows the situation better than we do. If we faithfully serve and obey Him with a thankful heart, we can be confident that God will be for us and help us.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



YOUTH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 4 - Middle/High school devo, 6:30 pm in the Field House

Feb. 9 - 3rd-5th grade devo in the Field House during evening services.

Feb. 16 - Puppet Show during evening service.

Feb. 18 - Middle/High school devo, 6:30 pm in the Field House

WHEN SATAN ATTACKS

if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, ¹¹ lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are ignorant of his devices. (2 Corinthians 2:10,11)

It is important for the Christian to know not only who Satan is, but what devices or tools he uses in his attacks.

Satan is a real supernatural being. He is not just a theological idea invented by some religious mind to control the lives of people. He has been able to occupy the body of an animal (such as a snake) in his effort to control his subjects. This happened in the Garden of Eden as he tempted Eve to eat the forbidden fruit. (Genesis 3:1ff) He was able to think, hear, reason, and talk just like a human.

He has made himself into various forms in his attempts to control the minds of people who are trying to serve God. It must be remembered that Satan's main purpose is to defeat the work of God and Christ. To accomplish his mission, he will attack the marriage, the church, the message, and the life of a person who is trying to make a difference in the world.

The Christian's life is controlled by an established set of rules, but not Satan's. He is free to do and use whatever means are available. He can lie, steal, or manufacture whatever he deems necessary at the moment in his effort to accomplish his mission.

He makes a person believe that he is hopelessly locked into certain situations, living as a hostage without any possibility of escape. Peter describes him as "a roaring lion walking about seeking whom he may devour." (1 Peter 5:8) The Christian must be aware of his attacks and be prepared to defend himself whatever the cost. *(second in a series)*

*Bill Hopkins
Ravenna, OH*

Quotes

Of all the things we wear, our expression is the most important.

It is impossible to perform consistently in a manner inconsistent with the way we see ourselves.

What you will become in five years will be determined by what you read and who you associate with.

**MEN TO SERVE JANUARY 26
LORD'S TABLE**

Preside: Marvin Truett
Left: Gary Basford **Right:** Rodney Rochelle
 Keith Harvill James Swaw
 Curtis Edwards Lloyd Rochelle
 Mike Batts Brett Wilson
Alternates: Steve Baker, Gary Bailey
Basement: Ken Copley, Rusty Bates
Sun. P.M.: Gary Wright, Wayne Prince

PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

A.M. Scripture Reading: Willie Powers
Scripture: Proverbs 11:24-25
A.M. Opening Prayer: Rodney Rochelle
A.M. Closing Prayer: Wallace Smith
P.M. Scripture Reading: Kenneth Jett
Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-9
P.M. Opening Prayer: Paul Victory
P.M. Closing Prayer: Mike Batts
Wed. Opening Prayer: Jerrie W. Barber
Wed. Invitation: (Jan 29) Rodney Rochelle

SONG LEADERS

Sunday A.M. Darin Cochran
Sunday P.M. Steve Baker
Wednesday P.M. (Jan 29) Mike Kelley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday A.M. Jerrie W. Barber
Sunday P.M. Chris Wright
Wednesday P.M. (Jan 29) Mike Batts

VAN DRIVERS

Sunday A.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355
Sunday P.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355
Wed. P.M. Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631
 (Jan 29)

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 19, 2020
A.M. WORSHIP: 220
CONTRIBUTION: \$3730



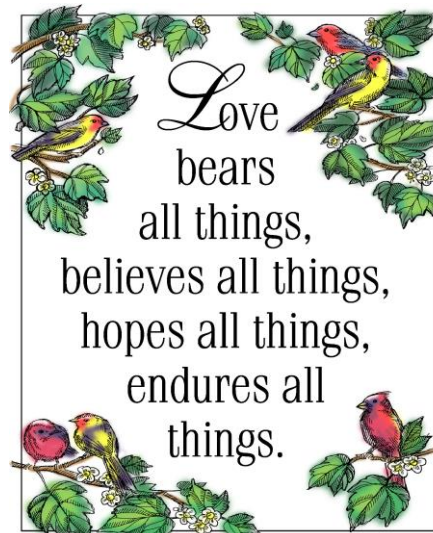
FEBRUARY

- 2 Stephen Halbrooks
- 4 Naomi Bailey
- 6 Edwin Wright
- 8 Carl Daugherty
Teresa Kimbro
- 9 Lloyd Rochelle
- 12 Norman George
- 13 Liz Spears
- 14 Ralph Givens
- 16 Sue Smith
Lou Dickens
- 17 Kole Hellmann
- 18 Tommy McClanahan
- 19 James Martin
- 21 Abbie Jude
- 22 Lisa Truett
- 23 Woody Woodruff
Mike Batts
- 24 Mary Copley
- 25 Stephen Graham
Tommy Stanley
- 27 Boyce Cannon
- 28 Dave Davidson



FEBRUARY

- 6 Lloyd & Faye Rochelle
- 9 C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington
- 12 Bobby & Sherry Dunn
- 14 Al & Faye Williams
- 23 Tommy & Darla McClanahan
- 24 Phillip & Diane Coates



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