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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

We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

Hebrews 6:12

In 1928, a happy, ambitious young nursing student was diagnosed with tuberculosis. Her family sent her to a nursing home for several months of "curing." She would end up in bed for the next 21 years!

Most people would have given in to despair, but not Isabel Smith. She approached the threshold of death several times but she never ceased to pursue the art of living.

She read voraciously, loved to write letters, studied geography, and taught fellow patients to read and write. From her bed, she studied atomic energy with another patient, a young physicist, and organized a town hall on the topic.

She met a kind, gentle man who was also a patient at the nursing home. She dreamed of marrying him and having a little house "under the mountains."

Even at her lowest ebb, her dream kept her going. In 1948, she did marry. Then she wrote a book about "all the good things life has brought me." *Wish I Might*, published in 1955, earned her enough in royalties to buy her mountain retreat.

A tragic life? Hardly. Isabel Smith achieved everything she set out to achieve, even when the odds stacked against her were enormous. Even flat on her back in bed, she never quit growing, learning, and giving.

Now, what was my excuse, again?

In Christian Love,

Mike





It was good to see that **Joyce Boyd** was back to services Wednesday night after several weeks of illness.

The elders will meet with the ladies of the congregation this Sunday, January 28th, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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 **Lorraine Bates** who passed away late Wednesday night. She was the mother of **Rusty**. Her graveside service is Saturday at 2:00 pm at Charles L. Nickell Memorial Park. There will be a meal for the family following the service.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Billy Joe Gordon** of Perry County. He was the uncle of **Yvonna Caillouet**.



We are happy that **Marty & Jody England** of the Little Lot community are placing membership with us! Let's give them a "warm" welcome to our church family!



Members: Brenda Fly, Justin Bates, Barbara Chandler, 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: Anthony Stacks, David Talley, Billie Lynn Tyler (sister of Teresa Warren-cancer), 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, Kathryn Purcell, Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Sue Davidson, 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

The Middle/High School outing that was scheduled for last Saturday has been rescheduled for this coming Saturday, January 27th. They will leave the church at 3:30 pm.





Center Fielders News
 "A Vanishing Vapor"

At our family Thanksgiving gathering this past year, I spoke to many of my relatives that I hadn't seen for a period of time and we all agreed to "catch-up" more often. That is, to make time for one another, more often. Since that day, six first cousins have passed in a short two months.

Though I'm aware of the brevity of life, the idea tends to retreat into the recesses of my mind---that is, until the death of someone close to me rouses me to reality!! The half-brother of Jesus said in James 4:14, "You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes". We could think of fog, of steam coming out of a pot, or smoke coming from a chimney. It is there for a short time, and then it's gone!! Little did I realize how soon the vapor of my cousin's life would dissipate?

Yes, others people's lives are vapors, but ours are too! Recognizing this should help us keep God in our plans. James teaches us to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will do this or that." After our lives vanishes at God's appointment, we will no longer engage in our activities here on earth. Psalm 90:10, expresses the truth that even if we live to be 70, or 80, or 90, or even a 100 years old, our life "is soon cut off, and we fly away." Two verses later we read, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom." And James 4 ends by saying, "Therefore, anyone who knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." While our vapors are visible, we need to prepare to meet our God (Amos 4:12).

Vanishing vapors will be visible again----- somewhere!!!!

Obey God and watch Him work,
Rodney

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

- Song Leader:** Darin Cochran
- Opening Prayer:** Damon McCoy
- Scripture Reading:** Rick Bruno
- Scripture:** TBA
- Preside Lord's Supper:** Kenneth Jett
- Left:** Rodney Rochelle **Right:** Vance Willis
- Edwin Wright Erik Hassell
- Skyler Irvin Mike Knight
- James Jett Chris Love

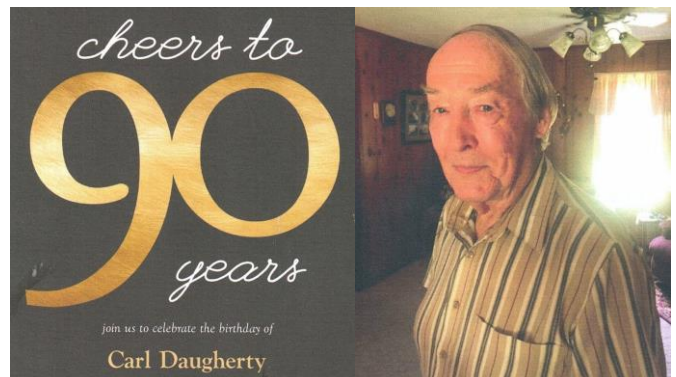
- Announcements:** Darin Cochran
- Closing Prayer:** James Swaw
- Van Driver:** Angie Green 931-219-7979

SUNDAY EVENING:

- Announcements:** Gary Basford
- Scripture Reading:** Chris Love
- Scripture:** Matthew 10:1-4
- Song Leader:** Damon McCoy
- Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright
- Lord's Supper:** Ronny Pitman, Phillip Coates
- Closing Prayer:** Boyce Cannon
- Van Driver:** Angie Green 931-219-7979

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

- Announcements:** Gary Wright
- Song Leader:** Norman Moss
- Opening Prayer:** Kenneth Jett
- Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855



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!!
Cards and hugs will be your gift!

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF January 21, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	80
CONTRIBUTION:	\$2032
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5104



FEBRUARY

- 1 Keith Harvill
- 2 Debbie Beard
Stephen Halbrooks
- 5 Courtney McCoy
- 6 Bettina Horner
Edwin Wright
- 8 Yvonna Caillouet
Carl Daugherty
Luke Hassell
Teresa Kimbro
- 9 Lloyd Rochelle
- 12 Norman George
- 13 Liz Spears
- 14 Dana Atkinson
Ralph Givens
Jack Green
- 15 Jared Brown
- 16 Lou Dickens
Sue Smith
- 17 Kole Hellmann
- 18 Tommy McClanahan
- 19 Norman Moss
Logan Surline
- 20 Ronny Pitman
- 21 Wesley Crowther
Abbie Jude
- 22 Lisa Truett
- 23 Mike Batts
Woody Woodruff
- 24 Mary Copley
Caileigh Pitman
- 25 Stephen Graham
Tommy Stanley
- 27 Boyce Cannon
- 28 Dave Davidson



FEBRUARY

- 6 Lloyd & Faye Rochelle
- 12 Bobby & Sherry Dunn
- 14 Al & Faye Williams
- 23 Tommy & Darla McClanahan
- 24 Phillip & Diane Coates
- 29 Austin & Stephanie Crockett

High Anxiety and Blessed Relief

Christians are not completely immune to anxiety. However, as Holy Spirit-filled followers of the will of God, we do have access to a God who cares for us and who will help us cope with this human reality. Consider, for instance, some things that have been discovered about human anxiety. Objective studies indicate that the average person's anxiety is focused on...

- 40% – things that will never happen.
- 30% – things about the past that can't be changed.
- 12% – things about criticism by others, mostly untrue.
- 10% – about health, which gets worse with stress.
- 8% – about real problems that will be faced.

The greatest "real problem" is the reality of sin in the life and the consequences thereof. This is the heaviest burden one can bear. By grace, God gave us Jesus Christ who pleads: "Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. All of you, take up My yoke and learn from Me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30).

Johnny Hester



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