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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

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Mike's Minute

Newspaper columnist and minister George Crane tells of a wife who came into his office full of hatred toward her husband. "I do not only want to get rid of him, I want to get even. Before I divorce him, I want to hurt him as much as he has hurt me."

Dr. Crane suggested an ingenious plan. "Go home and act as if you really love your husband. Tell him how much he means to you. Praise him for every decent trait. Go out of your way to be as kind, considerate, and generous as possible. Spare no effort to please him, enjoy him. After you've convinced him of your undying love and that you cannot live without him, then drop the bomb. Tell him that you're getting a divorce. That will really hurt him."

With revenge in her eyes, she smiled and exclaimed, "Beautiful, beautiful. Will he ever be surprised!"

And she did it with enthusiasm. Acting "as if." For two months she showed love, kindness, listening, giving, reinforcing, sharing."

When she didn't return, Crane called. "Are you ready now to go through with the divorce?"

"Divorce!" she exclaimed. "Never! I discovered I really do love him."

Her actions had changed her feelings. Motion had resulted in emotion.

The ability to love is established not so much by fervent promise as oft-repeated deeds.

The Myth of the Greener Grass

J. Allan Peterson





It has been good to have several of our members back at service after being away for several weeks due to surgery or being sick. Good to see **Brenda Yates, Joyce Boyd, Deborah Peery, Clay & Linda Chandler, the Jude family and Jan Campbell** back with us.

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.



Our 5th Sunday is today, 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 today will go toward our building maintenance. There will not be a 6:00 pm service. Please come and spend the day with us today. Steve serves as the Family and Education Minister at Walnut Street church in Dickson. Welcome Steve!

Don't forget the movie night on Friday nights at 7:00 pm.

The men to serve sheets for February are in both foyers. Please pick one up.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Rachel Davis** of Summertown. She was the mother-in-law of **Angie Fly Davis**.



Members: Donna Pitman (home), Rusty Bates (home), Harry Totty (Dickson Horizon Rehab), Diane Coates, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Barbara Chandler (waiting for surgery), Derek Hutchings, Carolyn Phillips, Dwayne Victory, Marlin Lawson, Sara Lawson, June Prince, Helen Shanes, Kenneth Chandler, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Edith Talbert (hospice), Cody Crawford (friend of Adam Jude), Linda Goad (mother of Melissa Worley), Doris Claud (rehab facility in Springfield), Marjorie Claud (also rehab facility in Springfield), 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, Kelley Wilson, Glen England, Jeremy Primm, Melvin Roberson, Willie Taylor, Ronald Loveless, Billie Church, Daniel Spears, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Rachael Bellis, Michael Noonan, Doris Elam, 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: James Hassell, Hester Moss, Joyce Cayce

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Barbara Beard, Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page



Feb 1 - Middle/HS Devo, meet at FH 6:30-8:30 pm
Feb 6 - Puppet Show during evening service, in Lift Off
Feb 13 - Super Bowl Devo, at Field House at 5:00 pm
Feb 15 - Middle/HS Devo, meet at FH 6:30-8:30 pm
Feb 20 - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service @ FH



Center Fielders News

“Growing Into Adulthood”

Our Tuesday morning prayer breakfast is simply awesome! What makes even more awesome is to hear the prayers of the children, who by the way, get up an hour early on a cold school day to attend. One might say, “That’s unusual”, but the earthly life of Jesus was unusual as well. Jesus had no earthly father, was despised and rejected by men, yet the Bible says He “went about doing good”. Some might make fun of these young men for sacrificing an hour of sleep to go pray with others when they could pray at home when they got up, but it makes me very proud to know that they only care what God thinks of them and not others. The same example that Jesus left us to follow!

While Jesus was growing up, it was quite different than it is for children today. His childhood experience teaches us that that period from childhood to adulthood is the time to lay the spiritual foundation that leads to a fulfilling life. These young men that attend the prayer breakfast projects a promising future of leadership in the Lord’s church someday.

Parents today try to remove all the tough spots for their child. Not the case in Jesus’ childhood and definitely not the case even in our adulthood. Does our Heavenly Father not teach and lead us through tough spots and trials? Parents and adolescents need patient wisdom. Parents need wisdom and patience to help develop their teens into adult life not by giving them material things but giving them counsel and then listening. To teach them to honor and obey their parents and the best way to honor their parents is to honor God! And even in adulthood, they will still understand to honor God, is to honor their father and mother. It is an honor to get to pray with these young men every Tuesday morning. I close with a quote from my brother in Christ, Roy McCoy, “God, help us to be the men these young men think we are”!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

GOLDEN AGERS

A good time was had on Thursday night as 25 folks were present for our first meeting of the year with a potluck at the fellowship hall. Our next outing will be on February 26th and will meet at 8:00 am at the church as we travel to Beacon Light Tea Room for breakfast.

MEN TO SERVE JANUARY 30

SUNDAY MORNING:

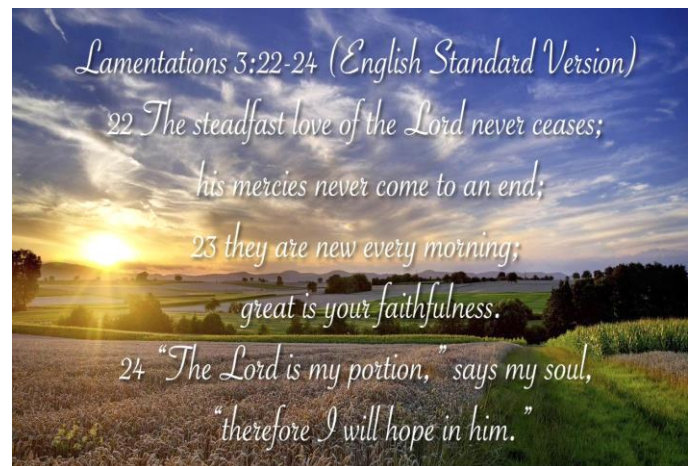
Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Buddy Chandler
Scripture Reading: John Irvin
Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-24
Preside Lord’s Supper: Gary Bailey
Alternates: Rick Bruno, Gary Wright
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Jeff Stacks
Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: none
Scripture Reading: Wayne Prince
Scripture: Romans 15:1-7
Song Leader: Joseph Green
Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Lord’s Supper: none
Closing Prayer: Boyce Cannon
Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

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



FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF January 23, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	151
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5157
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

Raising Faithful Children

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

(Proverbs 22:6)

Care must be taken when the above passage is applied. It is evident that Solomon in all his wisdom was not making an absolute statement. There are examples recorded in Scripture where godly parents raised children who did not follow their example. In 2 Chronicles chapters 29-32, we read of the life of Hezekiah, possibly one of the most righteous kings in Israel. But in chapter 33, we are introduced to his son, Manasseh who did more evil than the worst kings in Israel.

It proves that there is no fail-safe rule in raising children. While Manasseh did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, his son, Josiah was among the most righteous. (2 Chronicles 34) While it is possible for good parents to raise children who live a sinful life, it is also possible for bad parents to raise godly children.

After saying all this, parents must realize they have a huge responsibility to the spiritual welfare of the children they bring into this world. The apostle Paul instructs parents to bring their children up in the training and admonition of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4) It has been well established; children seldom are more dedicated to the Lord than their parents. The example of the parent is extremely vital in the rearing of children. Catholic authorities have long affirmed, give me a child till he is seven years old and he will be a Catholic throughout his life. While again this is not an absolute, it carries a great deal of weight. It suggests that parents make a huge mistake by not being most faithful to the Lord while their children are young.

A Bible professor was asked by a new mother what she should do to train her child to be a good Christian. He asked her when the child was to be born. To which she said, "No he is two years old." He replied, "You are three years too late." Parents who are not extremely faithful to the Lord when their children are young make a serious mistake.

*Bill Hopkins
Ravenna, OH*

**Do Unto Others As You
Would Have Them Do Unto
You...**

The Golden Rule



FEBRUARY

- 1 Keith Harvill
- 2 Stephen Halbrooks
Debbie Beard
- 4 Naomi Bailey
- 6 Bettina Horner
Edwin Wright
- 8 Carl Daugherty
Teresa Kimbro
- 9 Lloyd Rochelle
- 12 Norman George
- 13 Liz Spears
- 14 Ralph Givens
Jack Green
- 16 Sue Smith
Lou Dickens
- 17 Kole Hellmann
- 18 Tommy McClanahan
- 19 James Martin
Logan Surline
- 20 Ronny Pitman
- 21 Abbie Jude
Judith Jones
- 22 Lisa Truett
- 23 Woody Woodruff
Mike Batts
- 24 Mary Copley
Caileigh Pitman
- 25 Stephen Graham
Tommy Stanley
- 27 Boyce Cannon
- 28 Dave Davidson



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



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. Please stay for a few minutes after the assembly has been dismissed, so that we can greet you personally.