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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

It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

In his book, *Run with the Horses*, Eugene Peterson tells how he saw a family of birds teaching their young to fly. Three young swallows were perched on a dead branch that stretched out over a lake.

“One adult swallow got alongside the chicks and started shoving them out toward the end of the branch... pushing, pushing, pushing. The end one fell off. Somewhere between the branch and the water four feet below, the wings started working, and the fledgling was off on his own. Then the second one.

“The third was not to be bullied. At the last possible moment his grip on the branch loosened just enough so that he swung downward, then tightened again, bulldog tenacious. The parent was without sentiment. He pecked at the desperately clinging talons until it was more painful for the poor chick to hang on than risk the insecurities of flying. The grip was released, and the inexperienced wings began pumping. The mature swallow knew what the chick did not... that it would fly... that there was no danger in making it do what it was perfectly designed to do.

“Birds have feet and can walk. Birds have talons and can grasp a branch securely. They can walk; they can cling. But *flying* is their characteristic action, and not until they fly are they living at their best, gracefully and beautifully.

“Giving is what we do best. It is the air into which we were born. It is the action that was designed into us before our birth. Some of us try desperately to hold on to ourselves, to live for ourselves. We look so bedraggled and pathetic doing it, hanging on to the dead branch of a bank account for dear life, afraid to risk ourselves on the untried wings of giving. We don't think we can live generously because we have never tried. But the sooner we start, the better, for we are going to have to give up our lives finally, and the longer we wait, the less time we have for the soaring and swooping life of grace.”

In Christian Love,

Mike





The Sweetheart Banquet will be on February 8th in the Fellowship Hall at 5 pm. This year's theme is "Famous People or Celebrities." Signup sheets are in both foyers.

Our 5th Annual Singing will be on February 28th from 7 – 9 pm with William Tankersley as master of ceremonies. We will need finger foods and desserts for the evening. See Gary Basford for more information.

*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.

AREA EVENTS



A reception and book signing honoring Fern Hill at the Graymere church of Christ in Columbia, TN Sunday, February 9th at 2 pm in the fellowship hall. She will be signing her recently published book, *Gifts from Glory*. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship with Jerry & Fern Hill where books will be available for purchase. Call 931-797-2275 for more information



Members: 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, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Nancy Davidson, Roy Cochran, Wilburn Horner, Mark French, Kim Jenkins, Rachel Bellis, June Bell, Connie Garrett, Len Womack, Jerry Milam, Phillip Askins, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fagan, Jimmy Cline, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, 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, Jackson Bates, & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: McKinley Moore, 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



Hello to all my Fairfield family. Thank you everyone for your thoughts, prayers and tender care for each other and for all people. You are a special chosen generation of God's people. Keep on the bright side of life and love your neighbor as yourself!

Love and Blessings to all,
Martha Page



We express our sympathy to the family of **Johnna Givens** who passed away. She was the daughter of **John Thomas & Wanda Givens** and sisters Angie & Vonda. The family were former members here.



Center Fielders News

“God Allows U-Turns”

We are familiar with the “No U-turn” signs posted at certain intersections. For various reasons, officials have decided that a U-turn at these particular places would be unsafe. We can appreciate the foresight that is shown by such a sign.

Although the term U-turn does not appear in the Bible, such a turn is often mentioned, especially in a spiritual sense. God often called the children of Israel to turn from their evil ways and begin keeping His commandments again. God wanted His people to see the wrong and darkness of sin in their lives and turn completely around and walk in a different direction, a direction of obedience to Him.

When we make a U-turn, we are saying that the direction we were headed before was wrong and now we are correcting that wrong. Sometimes we may feel foolish because we missed our road, but continuing in the wrong direction will only make matters worse.

That is why we need to deal with sin. When we realize that we are walking in darkness, whether it's because we have never known God or because we have fallen back into sin, we need to turn from it. God wants His people to repent. Continuing to walk in sin will not take care of the problem. The Lord does not want anyone to perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



YOUTH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb. 2** - Super Bowl Devo, FH 4:30 pm
- 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. 15** - Junior/Senior High Retreat
- Feb. 16** - Puppet Show during evening service.
- Feb. 18** - Middle/High school devo, 6:30 pm in the Field House

WHEN TEMPTATION COMES

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death (James 1:13-15)

The Bible treats temptation as a common experience of life. Webster defines temptation as “to entice, lure, incite.” James says God is not the source of the temptation to do evil, but people are drawn away from doing what is right by personal desires and enticed to sin.

Understanding that Satan is the source of all sin and evil, he must also be considered as the source of temptation. Therefore, Satan must be resisted diligently because he is as “a roaring lion walking about seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8,9) Thus, it is important for the Christian to know how to overcome temptation.

The apostle Paul says: ***“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”*** (1 Corinthians 10:13) Thus the key to overcoming temptation is a trust in the Lord. Trusting His promise to provide a way of escape is essential in overcoming temptation.

Observing the way Jesus handled the temptations of the devil, we learn the importance of using the Word of God correctly. With every temptation, Jesus uses the power of the Word successfully. (Matthew 4:1-11) Without the assistance of the Bible, no one can overcome the attacks of Satan.

When a person gives adequate attention to obeying God and living a spirit filled life, he will find it much easier to overcome temptation. The same is true with his attendance to the worship service of the church. By doing these things, his mind is focused on drawing near to God, and Satan will not be able to take advantage of his life. (James 4:7,8)

(third in a series)

*Bill Hopkins
Ravenna, OH*

FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Feb. 8** – Sweetheart Banquet in the FH at 5 pm
- 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.

MEN TO SERVE FEBRUARY 5

LORD'S TABLE

Quilters

Preside: Buddy Chandler

Left: Harry Totty
Raymond Stoltz
Al Williams
Wayne Prince

Right: Jerrie W. Barber
Nathan Carroll
Wyatt H. Barber
Dalton Barber

Alternates: Kim Clayton, Lloyd Rochelle

Basement: Ken Copley, Josh Copley

Sun. P.M.: Gary Wright, Mathew Wright

PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

A.M. Scripture Reading: Mike Breece

Scripture:

A.M. Opening Prayer: Jerrie W. Barber

A.M. Closing Prayer: Paul Victory

P.M. Scripture Reading: Edwin Wright

Scripture:

P.M. Opening Prayer: Mike Batts

P.M. Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett

Wed. Opening Prayer: James Swaw

Wed. Invitation: (Feb 5) Mike Kelley

SONG LEADERS

Sunday A.M. Darin Cochran

Sunday P.M. Darin Cochran

Wednesday P.M. (Feb 5) Steve Baker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday A.M. Marvin Truett

Sunday P.M. Marvin Truett

Wednesday P.M. (Feb 5) Darin Cochran

VAN DRIVERS

Sunday A.M. Gerry Hinson 931-623-2043
931-729-3208

Sunday P.M. Gerry Hinson 931-623-2043
931-729-3208

Wed. P.M. Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631
(Feb 5)

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

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