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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

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Psalm 34:8

In the Old Testament, the word *blessed* or *happy* comes from a verb that means "to go straight; to advance." The word involves "being in the best place." Biblical happiness is putting yourself in a place where God can bless you.

There is lots of advice in the world about how to be happy. Very rarely does the world's advice square with happiness as presented in the Bible.

The Bible often uses the phrase, "Blessed is the man who..."

What follows this phrase would rarely be recommended by the world. Blessed is the man who... meditates on God's word, has a pure spirit, trusts in God, learns God's precepts, fears God, endures temptation, is poor in spirit, mourns, is meek, hungers and thirsts after righteousness, is persecuted for Jesus' sake.

The happiness-obsessed world will take a pass on these traits! "Be poor in spirit? Mourn? Hunger and thirst after the righteousness of God? Be mistreated for a good cause? No thanks!"

It's *their* loss! God created us. The Bible is the owner's manual for the human body, mind, and soul. I don't know more about happiness than God! Sorry, but you don't either.

Augustine was right when he wrote: "To seek God is to desire happiness; to find Him is that happiness."

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

Over the last few weeks in the young adult class, we have been discussing the importance of forgiveness in the life of a Christian. There will be times in our lives where we feel wronged. There will be loved ones who hurt us dearly, intentionally or otherwise. Our trust will be betrayed and our hearts will be broken. So how do we deal with it? Well, it's not easy. The Bible never assures us that it would be easy. There are, however, countless times in Scripture that we are told to forgive those who sin against us. Ephesians 4:32 begins by instructing us to be kind and compassionate. Wouldn't the world be a nicer place if we heeded those words? If we were always kind and compassionate to one another there wouldn't be a need for forgiveness! Sadly, that's not how the world goes. That same verse in Ephesians concludes by telling us to forgive as God has forgiven us. What does holding on to grudges truly do for us? Nothing. All grudges bring hateful hearts and depleted spirits which can lead to our own demise. We see Jesus, as He hung on the cross, forgiving those who were mocking and assaulting Him. Jesus had all the reason in the world to have hatred towards His persecutors, yet He chose love and forgiveness. What's holding us back from having the same mindset? Peter, himself, was certainly curious about this concept. In Matthew 18:21-22 Peter asked Jesus how many times could we forgive, and Jesus answered famously with "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven." This seems ridiculous to us. How could I forgive the same person seventy times seven times? Because God has forgiven us infinitely more times than that. We wrong Him every day and He still welcomes us with open arms when we repent. Let's go about our lives with a forgiving heart, always ready to forgive and relieve our hearts of malice, because that's what our Savior did! Plus, we never know when we might need that same forgiveness ourselves when we do wrong or hurt a brother/sister.

To God be the glory,

Josh



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QUOTES AND SAYINGS

"He who reflects too much will achieve little." — J.C.F. von Schiller

"The opportunity is often lost by deliberating." — Publilius Syrus

"Say you were standing with one foot in the oven and one foot in an ice bucket. According to the percentage people, you would be perfectly comfortable." — Bobby Bragan

"Facts are stubborn things, but statistics are more pliable." — Laurence J. Peter

"Common sense does not ask an impossible chessboard, but takes the one before it and plays the game." — Wendell Phillips

"Conditions are never just right. People who delay action until all factors are favorable do nothing." — William Feather

"The method of the enterprising is to plan with audacity and execute with vigor." — Christian Bovee

"Great deeds are usually wrought at great risks." — Herodotus

"Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian's weapon." — Martin Luther

"Faith is the force of life." — Leo Tolstoy

"Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies." — Aristotle

"Where there is love, there is life." — Mahatma Gandhi

"Love is something eternal; the aspect may change, but not the essence." — Vincent van Gogh

"If you have an important point to make, don't try to be subtle or clever. Use a pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then hit it a third time – a tremendous whack." — Winston Churchill

"A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both." — Dwight D. Eisenhower

"The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Memorial

A contribution has been given in memory of **Kenneth Chandler** by **Paulette Baker** for the youth fund.



FEBRUARY

- 1 Keith Harvill
- 2 Debbie Beard
Stephen Halbrooks
- 5 Courtney McCoy
- 6 Bettina Horner
Edwin Wright
- 7 Declan Carter
- 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 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

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber

Scripture Reading: Buddy Chandler

Scripture: Isaiah 25:1

Preside Lord's Supper: Rodney Rochelle

Left: Ronny Pitman **Right:** Gerry Hinson

Tony McCoy

Erik Hassell

Wallace Smith

Skyler Irvin

Kenneth Jett

John Irvin

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Woody Woodruff

Van Driver: Jack Green 931-994-8317

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Chris Love

Scripture: Romans 12:14-21

Song Leader: Norman Moss

Opening Prayer: Chris Wright

Lord's Supper: Mathew Wright, Edwin Wright

Closing Prayer: Wayne Prince

Van Driver: Jack Green 931-994-8317

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

Did You Know This About Ruth?

Of all the passages taken out of context, perhaps Ruth 1:16-17 is one of the biggest!

During the time of the judges, an Israelite woman named Naomi found herself a widow. She had left Bethlehem with her husband and two sons to go to Moab, due to a severe famine. While there, her husband died. Her two sons both married Moabite women, and then both sons died. All three women were then widows. When Naomi decided to return to her homeland, one of the daughters-in-law, Ruth, said to Naomi:

"Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you;

For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;

Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God.

Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried.

The Lord do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me."

This passage is read in many modern weddings, but it is not about romantic love. It is about dedicated family love, and also expresses faith and commitment to God.

Matt Clifton

***** Never blame anyone in your life. Good people give you happiness. Bad people give you experience. The worst people give you a lesson, and the best people give you memories. *****



The Jail ministry had 6 baptisms last Saturday, **Kevin Grundy, Shawn Peters, Ryan Baker, Anthony Daniels, Rhonda Lindsay & Savannah Hensley** were baptized. Prayers for all of these.

The **Valentine Banquet** will be held Saturday, February 8th at 4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Signup sheets are in both foyers.

Men to serve and van driver sheets for February are ready to pick up in both lobbies.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tuesday morning at 6:00 am in the basement.

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday @ 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 pm in room 104.

If you have a **prayer request**, please use a blue card, and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.



Sympathy is extended to the family of **Jeffrey Lee Warren**, brother of **Reba England**. His funeral was last Saturday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Jimmy Jenkins**, father of **Bettina Horner**. His funeral was last Sunday at Twomey Church of Christ.



I want to thank Fairfield congregation for the windchimes, cards and calls I received after my sister's passing. It is good to know I have not been forgotten.

Bless you all,
Jean Reeves

I'd like to thank everyone for coming to the funeral home and thanks for all the kind words, hugs, windchimes, prayers, cards, money, flowers and pallbearers. Just everybody, I hope I haven't left anything out. Thanks to all. Shirley would be proud of you all.

Love,
Janey Gilbert



Members: Dot Davidson (neck surgery Feb. 5), Jeff Rose, Chris Love (surgery went well-home), Tom Gosser (home), Floy Cochran, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington (chemo treatments), Aletha Martin, Angie Stacks, Willie Powers, Rita Sullivan, Marlin Lawson, Randy Prince, Deborah McClellan, Joyce Boyd, Shanon Irwin, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Mary Morphis (mother of Sherry Dunn-home after spending the evening in the ER), Lois Gilbert (mother of Paul-myeloma), Angela Tayes, Larry Gilbert (cancer), Tony Roder, Glenda Coates, Anthony Stacks (hospice-home), Mildred Rochelle, Amalia Rose Shaw (Vanderbilt NICU), Edna Copley, B.Y. Peery, Doug True, Nancy Coursey, Davy Baker, Lottie (Terrell) Williams, Mary Sue Sands, Jeff Clark, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, Beverly Smith, Paul Harvill, Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Ronnie Carroll, Judy Baggett, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Willie Lawler, James Coates, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Carolyn Phillips, Joe Qualls, Ralph Gossett, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Sue Davidson, Wilma Green.

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard.



Feb 4 - Middle/High School Devo 6:30-8:30 @ FH

Feb 8 - Valentine Banquet 4:00 @ FH

Feb 9 - 3rd - 5th grade Devo during evening service

Feb 16 - Puppet Show during evening service in Lift-Off

Feb 18 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF January 26, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	220
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5900
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5417