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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Youth
Randal Halbrooks ext.13
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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

*... Thou hast been faithful over a few things,
I will make thee ruler over many things:
Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.*

Matthew 25:21

Several centuries ago, the Emperor of Japan commissioned a Japanese artist to paint a particular species of bird for him. Months passed, then years. Finally, the Emperor went personally to the artist's studio to ask for an explanation.

The artist set a blank canvas on the easel and within fifteen minutes had completed a painting of a bird. It was a masterpiece! The Emperor, admiring both the painting and the artist's great skill, asked why there had been such a long delay.

The artist then went from cabinet to cabinet in his studio. He pulled out arm-loads of drawings of feathers, tendons, wings, feet, claws, eyes, beaks—virtually every aspect of a bird, from every imaginable angle. He placed these drawings before the Emperor, who nodded in understanding. The magnificence of any “whole” can never be greater than the magnificence of any singular detail.

To have an excellent life, strive for an excellent year. Within that year, strive for an excellent month, and within that month, strive for an excellent day. Within the day, strive for an excellent hour. An excellent life is the sum of many excellent moments.

Always remember, it's the little things that determine the big things!

In Christian Love,

Mike





COMMUNION PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00-4:00 PM AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

The Sweetheart Banquet will be held on February 20th with drive thru dining at the Fellowship Hall starting at 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm. Sign up sheets are located in both foyers. Please sign up and list the number of meals you will be picking up.

LADIES CRAFT NIGHT

We will be making aprons on Monday, Feb. 8th at 6:00 P.M. in room 104. If you have a sewing machine, please bring it.

Congratulations to CW & Elizabeth Tarkington on February 9th who will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary. The couple is somewhat isolated due to covid and but this is something to celebrate. So, it has been suggested to send them cards for this special day. The address is:

**6727 Hassell Creek Rd.
Lyles, 37098**



Feb 7 – Super Bowl Devo, 5:00 @ FH

Feb 14 – 3rd-5th grade devo, during evening service @FH

Feb 16 – Middle/High School devo, 6:30 – 8:30 @ FH

Feb 21 – Puppet Show, during evening service

Several of our church members are sick at home.

Members: Brenda Scott (Horizon), Carol Warren, Brenda Scott, Don Beard, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Dave Davidson, Hester Moss, Deborah Perry, Gene Carathers, Raymond Stoltz, Terry James, Dewayne Victory (VA hospital), Kenneth Chandler, Paul & Noble Victory, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Helen Shanes, Harold Choate, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Mark Wright (St. Thomas West), Isaiah Noonan, Evan Boyd (son of Eddie Ray & grandson of Joyce), Benjamin Noonan, Donna Gaspard, Teresa Carroll, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, Marshall Carothers, McKinley Moore, Randy Hall, Jimmy Jenkins, B.J. Springer (St. Thomas Midtown), Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Sandy McFarlin, Elizabeth Dunn, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Tommy Cagle, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Mary England

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey, Jo Hudgins (hospice) & Sybil Jenkins.

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

When Troubles Assail You, God Will Not Fail You

When life seems empty and there's no place to go,
When your heart is troubled and your spirits are low,
When friends seem few and nobody cares,
There is always God to hear your prayers.

And whatever you're facing will seem much less,
When you go to God and confide and confess.
For the burden that seems too heavy to bear,
God lifts away on the wings of prayer.

And seen through God's eyes earthly troubles diminish,
And we're given new strength to face and to finish
Life's daily tasks as they come along
If we pray for strength to keep us strong.

So, go to Our Father when troubles assail you,
For His grace is sufficient and He'll never fail you.

Anonymous



Center Fielders News

“Two Gates, Two Ways”

Have you ever been accused of being a narrow minded Christian? Those who make that accusation against a Christian I strongly believe they mean it as an insult. But according to Jesus, however, that’s the only way to walk if we want to experience abundant life now and eternal life with Him in heaven later. But it will require a deliberate choice on one’s part, because no one automatically drifts onto this pathway that Jesus describes in Matthew 7:13-14.

The broad way is easy to find. In fact, unless you make a conscious decision to avoid it, you’ll find yourself on it. Most people like this wide path because it encompasses all philosophies and belief systems. Everything is acceptable and everyone’s “truth” is valid. It even seems like the loving path because no one is left out. There are no restrictions, and freedom is unlimited! Or is it?

What those who travel this road fail to realize is that it’s a downward spiral into destruction. All the promises it gives of satisfaction and fulfillment end in disappointment because it’s a path without God. But those who enter by the narrow gate of faith in Christ find peace and joy of a relationship with Him that satisfies the heart. The gate is small because truth guards the entrance. The way is narrow because the Lord protects us with wise boundaries.

Which path are you traveling? You can’t have one foot on each, because they are going in opposite directions. When you accept and tolerate everything, you are headed for destruction. But when you choose the narrow way, your life truly begins. You walk with Christ day after day until He walks you home to heaven

Narrow is the way and only a few will find it!!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF January 24, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP	123
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4255
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE FEBRUARY 7

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Ken Copley
Scripture Reading: Chris Wright
Scripture: Proverbs 22:3-6
Preside Lord’s Supper: Rick Bruno
Alternates: Rodney Rochelle, Gary Bailey
Basement: Gary Wright, Gary Basford
Announcements: Mike Batts
Closing Prayer: James Swaw
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Mike Batts
Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates
Scripture: Psalm 29:2
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Lord’s Supper: Edwin Wright, Boyce Cannon
Closing Prayer: Jeff Stacks
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Mathew Wright
Invitation: Mike Kelley

**PROVERBS 22:3, 5
PROTECT YOURSELF!**

- The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it. Thorns and snares are in the way of the crooked; whoever guards his soul will keep far from them.
- Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8
- Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. Ephesians 6:10-11

Never Grow Old

When God spoke to Adam about the garden in which he was living he gave the now famous instructions; "From the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die." (Ge. 2:17). In the Hebrew language in which this was written, the literal translation is; "dying, you will die." In other words when Adam and Eve ate they did not die immediately, but rather the aging process began at that moment. From this time on man began to die from the moment he is born.

No one likes to grow old. Ben Franklin wrote, "All would live long, but none would be old." Growing old was not God's plan for man in the Garden of Eden. Man brought this upon himself when he disobeyed God. The aging process is a result of sin. And the "wages of sin is death" (Ro. 6:23). As Solomon stated, "the dust will return to the earth as it was and the spirit will return to God who gave it (Ec. 12:7).

The old hymn speaks of Heaven, declaring; "Never grow old; never grow old, in a land where we'll never grow old." Oh, to be young forever! Such we shall be in a land where there is no aging, only the joyful praising of God, by a people forever young!

Dennis Dougherty



Note on the Door

This is a true story. I know personally the parties involved. Love dwindled, unhappiness and dissatisfaction grew, daily fussing and fighting characterized the relationship of the husband and wife, and, ultimately, a divorce wrecked the home, leaving two bewildered, emotionally scarred children in its wake. The father gained custody and the mother went her own way, doing her own thing.

The children loved their mother. Strange thing about love – it's so often blind to the faults of those we love. Months went by and the mother longed to see her children. She mustered up the courage to visit. Leaving her car at the curb, she walked to the front door only to find no one at home. But, posted on the door was a note from the youngest of her two boys, the seven-year-old. It read, "Mother, I'm at the park. Please come to the park." She hurriedly made her way to the park, and there, sure enough, was the little fellow. After the preliminary hugs and kisses, the mother, still amazed by the note, said, "Honey, how did you know I was coming to see you today?"

"Oh, I didn't," he answered.

"But what made you put the note on the door if you didn't know I was coming?"

In response, the love-starved little one said, "I put a note on the door every day, every time I leave, 'cause I knew you'd be coming to see me."

"I knew you'd be coming to see me!" I wonder if there are not those OUT THERE, life's rejects, those hurt by cruel circumstance, those whose life seems to be hopelessly going nowhere, those groping for some spiritual meaning in their lives, who are daily placing a note on their door which reads, "I'm not at home just now, but please – PLEASE – come find me!"

The world is filled with people who do not know who they need to talk to or just how to solve their heavy, seemingly unbearable problems, but they are confident that someone, somewhere has those answers and *that someone cares enough to go looking for them.*

Someone is waiting for YOU! Christians, with the Good Book in their hands and love in their hearts have those answers. On someone's door out there is a note which reads, "I knew you'd come looking for me." Let's not fail them. Out there, somewhere, someone is waiting on you.

*Charlie T. Garner
Bulletin Digest*