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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Mike Kelley ext. 2

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Youth Minister:

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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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931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:15-16).

Kenton C. Anderson gave the following illustration of the importance of the Bible in his book, *Choosing to Preach* (Zondervan, 2006).

My family and I recently saw the prime meridian at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England. I took a picture of my children straddling the meridian, each with one foot in the Eastern Hemisphere and the other foot in the Western Hemisphere.

The prime meridian itself is not impressive. You would not realize it was there if it were not for a bold line cut across the pavement. The demarcation is a human invention. Prior to the International Meridian Conference of 1884, each local region kept its own time, a system that, if continued, would have rendered impossible our current arrangements for trade and commerce. While the meridian is humanly derived, its relation to the stars is not, and that heavenly correspondence allows us to find our place on the map and in the world.

The prime meridian is the work of John Flamsteed, the first astronomer royal, who made it his life mission to produce a proper navigational chart of the heavens, mapping the location of thousands of stars. Based on Flamsteed's work, scientists were able to help people find their position on the planet, allowing them to answer that fundamental question of philosophy and physics: Where am I?

The prime meridian is a fixed position by which our knowledge of time and place can be understood. The Bible is like that with us. Scripture is our prime meridian. It is the fixed position, given by God himself, through which we can understand who we are, where we are, and where we must go from here.

In Christian Love,

Mike





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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The church of Christ at New Bethel is currently looking for someone to speak on Sunday mornings. Bible study begins at 10:30 am and worship is at 11:00 am. Anyone interested in speaking at a small/rural congregation please call Mike Slaughter at 931-670-4733 or 931-996-9306 OR Jeff Breece at 931-670-5364 or 931-996-8029.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

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.

Jesus Will Help You Overcome Temptation

Being tempted is something we will all face; let us stand boldly against the devil and have the courage to resist temptation. Matthew wrote, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matthew 26:41) In James 1:12 we read, "Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love him." The goal of a Christian is not to stop temptation. The goal is to do all we can to avoid temptation and to stop sinning. Jesus cares and He will help you overcome temptation. Let's go to heaven together. I love you.

Charles Box
Walnut Street Church of Christ
Greenville, AL



Members: Paul Victory (Horizon hospital), Sarah Brown (Three Rivers Hospital, Waverly - flu & pneumonia), Rickey Weems, Angie Stacks, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf (surgery on Feb. 11), 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 (flu), James Hassell, Diane Breece, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Rick Lee (friend of G. Basford), Norman Moss (Liz Spears brother, Williamson Co. Medical ICU), Dwain Jones (brother of Joyce Boyd), Margie Olson (mother of Phillip Anderson), Kenneth "Bulldog" Williams (brother of Dorothy Noonan, Betty Gilmer (sister of Butch Sullivan), 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



Thank you for the kindness you have shown us at the death of Johnna. She grew up at Fairfield and loved the people there. May God continue to bless you.

In Christian love,
John, Wanda, Angie & Vonda Givens

"Experience is what you get right after you needed it."

---Will Rogers



Center Fielders News

“Power of the Blood”

SATAN’S ORIGIN

We live in a world where people like to display their power. But there is no power on earth that can do what the blood of Jesus can do. Every one of us was born with a sinful nature that has separated us from a holy God. But through the blood of Christ we can be reconciled to God. If we confess our sins, they can all be forgiven and remembered against us no more. We can never do enough good works or give enough money to have our sins forgiven; It is only through the blood of Christ. That is what makes the blood of Jesus so precious and so powerful.

What else can the blood of Christ do? It can take away the very guilt of sin. There are many troubled souls that go to bed every night with guilt in their heart. The blood of Christ is the only remedy for that. Colossians 1:20 speaks of “peace through the blood of His cross”, and Romans 5:9 says we are “justified by His blood.” This means we are made righteous, just as though we had never sinned. Isn’t that amazing?!

The blood of Christ can do even more. Revelation 12:11 says, “They overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb,” meaning we can overcome any temptation from Satan by the blood of Christ. Question: Are you experiencing victory over sin or are you living in defeat? Sometimes we may feel that we have committed so many sins that there is no hope. But when we cry out to God, “God be merciful to me a sinner,” the blood of Jesus will cleanse us. One more question, have you experienced the power of the blood in your life? If the answer to that question is no, please make arrangements to do it right now!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



YOUTH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

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

“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven”
(Luke 10:18)

Please notice this is a statement of Jesus as He is giving the seventy instructions as to their authority when going to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Evidently, He is assuring these disciples of their ability to deal with the demons who were possessing the bodies of many people. He is also warning them concerning placing too much emphasis on the power given them. While they could heal and cast out demons, they needed to be more concerned that their names were written in heaven. (v.20)

By comparing this statement with the description of Satan by Isaiah, the Bible student is able to learn much more about Satan’s origin. Isaiah also said that the devil fell from heaven. This happened to him because he was lifted up in pride and tried to exalt his throne above God. His desire was to become like the Most High and ascend above the heights of the clouds. (Isaiah 14:12-15)

The importance of these passages suggests his intentions to replace God in the minds and lives of people. If successful, he will enslave his subjects to the point they will no longer have control of their minds and bodies enabling him to be the lord of their lives. Evidently, this was on the mind of Peter when he referred to Satan as a roaring lion walking around seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8)

It is a fact: the devil has but one purpose- that is to defeat God and Christ by using his power to control the lives and minds of as many people as will submit to him. And it appears he has been rather successful in his efforts.

It also speaks to the fact that the Christian must be on his guard. (Ephesians 6:11-18) It takes effort to live a life free from the attacks of Satan. Peter challenges the disciples of Christ to give all diligence to add to their faith, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love. If they will do this, they will never stumble and an entrance will be supplied abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 1:5-11)

(last in a series)

*Bill Hopkins
Ravenna, OH*

Norman Gibson reported an incident that occurred in a class on Marriage and the Home. When the teacher asked any man who thought he was a perfect husband to stand up, one man stood. "So," the teacher remarked, "you are a perfect husband." "No," the man replied, "I am just standing up for my wife's first husband."

MEN TO SERVE FEBRUARY 9 LORD'S TABLE

Preside: Roy McCoy
Left: Rusty Bates **Right:** Keith Harvill
 Gary Bailey Zack Harvill
 Donnie Fielder Gerry Hinson
 Brett Wilson Kenneth Jett
Alternates: Vance Willis, Steve Baker
Basement: Gary Basford, Rick Bruno
Sun. P.M.: Randall Halbrooks, Steve Craft

PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

A.M. Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno
Scripture: Colossians 3:12-14
A.M. Opening Prayer: Chris Wright
A.M. Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears
P.M. Scripture Reading: Mathew Wright
Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3
P.M. Opening Prayer: Josh Copley
P.M. Closing Prayer: Mathew Wright
Wed. Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Wed. Invitation: (Feb 12) Mike Kelley

SONG LEADERS

Sunday A.M. Darin Cochran
Sunday P.M. Gary Basford
Wednesday P.M. (Feb 12) Rodney Rochelle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday A.M. Jerrie W. Barber
Sunday P.M. Gary Wright
Wednesday P.M. (Feb 12) Mike Batts

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 12)

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

WEEK OF February 2, 2020
A.M. WORSHIP: 222
CONTRIBUTION: \$4133
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET \$4167

Who Needs the Church Anyway?

Why the church? What's the purpose of it? Do we really need it?

When we believe and obey the gospel of Christ, God forgives us of our sins and adds us to his church. Over one hundred biblical metaphors such as "the bride of Christ," "the body of Christ" and "the family of God" describe the importance and role of the church. Faithful followers of Christ unite in local church bodies to worship and serve God together. Here they sing praises to God, pray, share communion in the Lord's Supper, receive spiritual teaching from the Word of God, give offerings to support good works and encourage and support one another as "brothers and sisters" in Christ.

In their weekly family reunions, the church celebrates God. God-focused worship praises God and renews and revitalizes our lives. We experience the greatest joy, purpose, peace, love and unity that's possible on this earth. We develop friendships and enjoy fellowship that transcend anything this side of heaven. We participate in the work of the kingdom of God on earth.

The church's love and fellowship will continue into the heavenly world when all of God's people are gathered together to worship and serve him forever. A person who does not enjoy worshiping and serving God with his people now would not enjoy the eternal kingdom of God in heaven.

Do you desire a deeper, more intimate relationship with God? Do you want to show God that you love him? Do you yearn for more meaningful, lasting friendships? Do you need strength for life's journey? Do you want to be a part of the greatest work on earth that time cannot take away and death cannot destroy?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, then you'll begin finding the answers in the assembly of a Bible-believing, Christ-honoring church this Sunday. That's why God created the church and that's why we really need it.

Calvin Warpula

