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Benevolence
Darin Cochran ext.11
Worship
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Education
Steve Craft ext.20
Youth
Randal Halbrooks ext.13
Missions
Shanon Irwin ext. -
Security
Roy McCoy ext.22
Transportation
O.D. Pratt ext.23
Seniors
Lloyd Rochelle ext.21
Maintenance
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 10:15 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Mike's Minute

The Power of Proper Priorities

A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When class began, wordlessly he picked up a large empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, rocks about 2 inches in diameter. He then asked his students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So, the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The students laughed as the professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. "Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this is your life."

The rocks are the important things- God, your family, your spouse, your health, your children- anything so important to you that if it were lost, you would nearly be destroyed. The pebbles are the other things that matter- like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else. The small stuff.

If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Attend worship services. Read your Bible. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, host a dinner party, and fix the garbage disposal.

Take care of the rocks, first- the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

-Anonymous

In Christian Love,

Mike



The Homeless committee will meet Monday night at 6 pm in the basement.

The Golden Agers will be going to the Catfish Kitchen on Feb 21st leaving at 5:30 pm. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

The elders will meet with the men of the congregation on February 24th at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Thanks to your generosity, the Senior Citizens Center has created 70 care bags to help those in need here in the county. They still need toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, chapstick, gloves and stocking hats or toboggans. Any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6a in the basement.

*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1st & 3rd Tues. evenings @ 6p in the basement.

*The Quilters meet every Thurs. morning @ 9:00a in the basement.

*Narcotics Anonymous meets every Thurs. night at 7p in the basement.

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Feb 16 - Youth Outing, Vanderbilt/Auburn basketball game leaving at 9 am.

Feb 17 - Puppet show during evening service.
- High School Outing, Switchfoot, leaving at 3:30 pm.

Feb 18 - No school

Feb 19 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the FH



In times of great loss, we are reminded of the blessings of church family. Thank you all so much for the words of sympathy and most importantly for the prayers. Please continue to remember us in prayer over the next few weeks.

Katie & Blake, the Armstrong & Lankford families

Thank you for the food sent to the Wolf Creek church for the Armstrong family after the burial of our mother, **Sharon Armstrong**. The meal was wonderful. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

With love and respect,

Steven & Anita Armstrong & the Armstrong family



St. Thomas Midtown: Janet Basford

Centennial: Donald Dorton

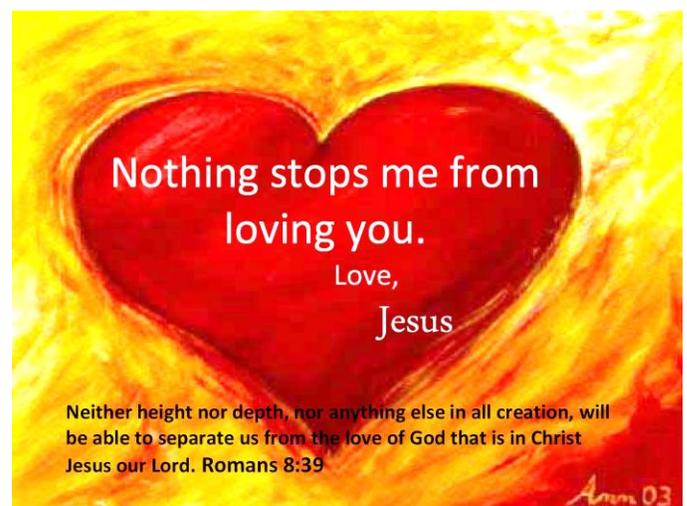
Members: Connor Peebles (trip to Vanderbilt to treat a wound to his back), Dot Davidson, Christina George, Harry Fielder, June Prince, James Hassell, Leon Lynn, Martha Harvill, Tony Halfacre, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Marlin Lawson, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Sandra Bagwell, Joyce Bates, Arica Hinson, Mark Wright (St. Thomas Hickman), Linda Goad, Greg Bates (knee surgery Feb. 19), Helen Shanes, Terry Peevyhouse, Bracey Campbell (hospice), Donna Popp, Bobby Mack Dunn, Bobby Brawley, Dorris French, Dana Hall, Skipper Sands, Gene French (hospital), Mary Ann Wallace, Dorothy Love, Don Glover, Slater Springman, Claude Teet, Tana Rochelle Brinke, John Beard, Jimmy George, David Talley, Jean Greer, Tommy Cagle, Clare Loughrey, Linda Truett, Kathy Brown, Jackson Bates, Greg McCord, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash & Jimmy Mathis.

Life Care: Hester Moss, Mary Carolyn McClanahan, Kitty Halfacre, Anne Neely, Ray Dudley, Mary England, Georgia Belle Smith, and Jim & Jean Wright.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Jo Hudgins, Bill Shanes, Sybil Jenkins, & Gladys Primm.

NHC Dickson: Dollie Wheeler, Lonnie Qualls, Percy Lancaster





Center Fielders News

“The Fruits of a Christian Life”

Sometimes we get caught in the activities of life and we forget what is important. If we just run a continuous cycle of working, eating and sleeping, we are not much better off than the machines that work for us. Thankfully, Jesus taught us about the deeper things of life. He said that people are known by their fruits, and the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These fruits are the things that make life worth living. These are not things that can be clearly seen, but they can be felt very well.

Our bodies cannot function properly for very long without the natural fruits of the earth. It is just as important that we produce spiritual fruits for others, because we never know who may be in desperate need. Sometimes this does not require a lot of effort, but other times it does. Remember, Jesus often went without food and sleep to care for people while He was here on earth. It would seem that it shouldn't be much different for us as His followers.

We never know how difficult the road may be in someone's life. Just a kind word and a gentle smile can help lighten a load that he or she is carrying. We can also offer up a prayer on their behalf to show we care. We never know when the roles might be reversed.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

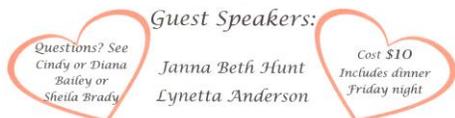
Ladies' Retreat

Love

Knows
NO
Bounds

*Friday, February 22, starting at 6:00 PM,
 til Saturday February 23 ending no later than 12
 @ Camp Meribah Lodge*

Guest Speakers:



UPDATE: If you are staying Friday night, you need to bring: Bible, toiletries, bedding, snacks, & a drink.

*Lynetta Anderson is the mother of Andrea Spears.

*Janna Beth Hunt is a native of middle TN & a co-founder of Rave Ministries.

WHERE IS HISTORY GOING? HOW WILL IT ALL END?

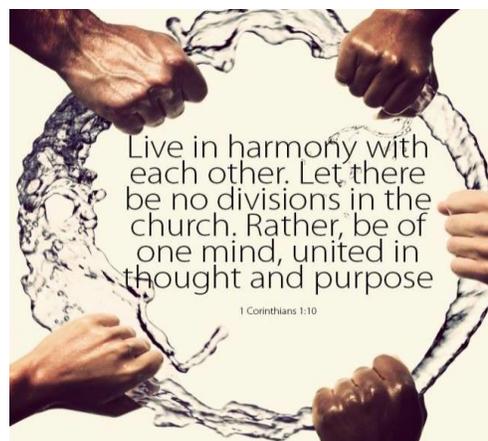
Ever since the fall of man, humanity has lived in times of violence, misdirection and lost-ness. Our sins have separated us from God and each other. We wonder, “What’s it all about and where will we end up? Does life have meaning and is history going anywhere?”

The good news is that God tells us that life is going somewhere. He has a plan. He knows what he is doing. His plan reaches from eternity past to eternity future (Eph. 1:3-14). God’s plan, which was not known in ages past, begins, continues and ends “in Christ.” He is the organizing force and principle of a new universe that God is working towards. For the present, everything that God purposed and planned is now being enjoyed and received through Jesus Christ. For the future, God guarantees that all his plans and purposes will be accomplished and achieved through Jesus Christ. God is working to “bring everything together under the authority of Christ--everything in heaven and on earth” (1:9-10, NLT). God’s plan is that “at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord” (Phil. 2:9-11).

In Christ, God is now in the process of uniting all people unto himself. The church, God’s people in Christ through the cross, is God’s masterpiece where all races, nationalities and ethnicities are united to God and to each other (Eph. 2:11-22). A unified, loving, integrated church is God’s showcase where he achieves his eternal purpose in the world (3:10).

God’s people show the amazing love of Jesus when we care for one another and show a loving spirit to everyone. We are God’s instruments to work out his purposes here. History will end the way that God wants it to end, with everything completed that God wants done and with God’s people glorifying Jesus Christ as Lord.

*Calvin Warpula
 Pittsfield, IL*



MEN TO SERVE FEB. 17**LORD'S TABLE****Preside:** Marvin Truett

Left: Lloyd Rochelle **Right:** Rodney Rochelle
 Phillip Coates Raymond Stoltz
 Bobby Orton Curtis Edwards
 David Gossett Kenneth Jett

Alternates: Wyatt H. Barber, Nathan Carroll**Basement:** Jerrie W. Barber, Dalton Barber**Sun. P.M.:** Gerry Hinson, Willie Powers**PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE****A.M. Scripture Reading:** Randal Halbrooks
Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Mike Breece**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Gary Bailey
Scripture:**P.M. Opening Prayer:** Darin Cochran**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Kenneth Jett**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Kenneth Jett**Wed. Invitation:** (Feb 20) Mike Kelley**SONG LEADERS****Sunday A.M.** Darin Cochran**Sunday P.M.** Jeff Rose**Wednesday P.M.** (Feb 20) Justin Beard**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Sunday A.M.** Mike Batts**Sunday P.M.** Mike Batts**Wednesday P.M.** (Feb 20) Marvin Truett**VAN DRIVERS****Sunday A.M.** Roy McCoy 931-729-2956
931-994-7571**Sunday P.M.** Gerry Hinson 931-729-3208
931-623-2043**Wed. P.M.** Roy McCoy 931-729-2956
(Feb 20) 931-994-7571

**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 10, 2019

A.M. WORSHIP: 215

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**Great Chapters from the Greatest
Book: Exodus 32**

Sin has severe consequences: Upon God's threat to destroy the nation, Moses prayed and asked God to destroy him also (Exodus 32:32). God told Moses, "Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book" (Exodus 32:33). We will face severe consequences because of our sins, unless those sins are forgiven by the precious and powerful blood of Jesus. "The LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made" (Exodus 32:35). There are no words to describe the horrible consequences that result from sin in our life! God cares about you just as He cared about the Jews. The answer to life's problem is not a calf of gold. The answer for life's difficulties is devotion to God. Do you believe in Jesus Christ? Have you repented of your sins? Have you confessed your faith in Christ to others? Have you been baptized for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 8:26-40, Acts 22:16)? As a Christian, we are to trust in the Lord and obey Him. He can deliver us from every sinful way.

*Charles Box
 Walnut Street church of Christ
 Greenville, AL*

OLD AGE

A little boy asked his grandpa, "Grandpa, were you in the ark?" "No, I wasn't Billy," grandpa said. The perplexed little boy replied, "Then, why didn't you drown?"

Regardless of modern views, old age is not a disease! In fact, the Bible represents old age as an asset. The faithful aged person has learned and grown. "Wisdom is with aged men, and with length of days, understanding" (Job 12:12).

A life lived long for God is such a good example to the young. "The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness" (Proverbs 16:31). So live!

*via Findlay Church of Christ
 Sparta, TN*