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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

Family Line:
931-729-9846



Mike's Minute

Here We Grow Again. We are so glad that Annalyn Holt decided to become a Christian this past Sunday morning. Annalyn was baptized into Christ during our morning worship. She is the granddaughter of Martha Butler and has been attending Fairfield for years. Annalyn is quiet, thoughtful, and creative. We are so thankful for her decision to follow Christ!

Team Rubicon Returns. Team Rubicon is a group of volunteers who come to an area after natural disasters (such as our recent ice storm) and help the community with cleanup and restoration. They were here after the terrible flood in Waverly a few years ago and we housed them in our Fellowship Building. They have now returned and are staying with us again. We are honored to provide them with a place to stay as they do their good work. People from the community who have been helped by Team Rubicon have already reached out to our congregation to thank us for giving them a "home base." For the next few weeks, anything that has been scheduled for the Fellowship Building (including the Valentine Party which was scheduled for this coming Saturday night) will need to be rescheduled. We are sorry for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Grateful For Your Generosity. The contribution from this past Sunday morning makes it clear that many of you gave not just for one week but also for the weeks that we missed because of the ice. This made Sunday a "catch up contribution" day and you came through. We want you to know that your generosity is noted and appreciated. The money you give is used by 5 wise elders for a multitude of good causes. Just recently, our congregation provided a warming station for several folks from our community who were without electricity. Your contributions helped keep them warm and well fed. We are a congregation who believes we should serve and support our community and surrounding area. Your sacrificial giving makes that possible. Thank you!

In Christian Love,





Just Joshin'

Colossians 1:27 reminds us of something honestly kind of wild: *"Christ in you, the hope of glory."* Not Christ far away. Not Christ just on Sundays. Christ **in you**.

That means wherever you're headed this week: work, school, the grocery store, or inside your own home, Jesus isn't watching from a distance. He's present. Active. Involved. The same power that raised Christ from the dead lives in ordinary, sinful people like us.

Paul calls this a "mystery," and you can understand why! We expect God to show up in big, dramatic ways. But here He is, choosing to dwell in human hearts. That's where our hope comes from. It's not from having it all figured out, but from who lives within us.

When life feels heavy or faith feels thin, this verse gently reminds us: you are not empty. You are not alone. God hasn't given up on you or moved on to someone more impressive. Christ in you means real hope and it's hope that grows, holds steady, and carries us forward, even on the hard days.

So, this week, as we are finally able to get back in our routines, take a breath and remember: you're never showing up on your own. Christ is already there.

To God be the glory,

Josh

Memorial

Phil & Diane Coates gave a memorial gift for the Youth Group in memory of **Jean Reeves & Mary Spears**.

Wayne & Jewell Prince gave a donation to the scholarship fund in memory of **Mary Spears**.

What is the Point of My Life?

Most people, at some point, have wondered about their purpose in life. Whether due to their environment, or due to things that happen (or don't happen) to them, they begin to doubt their own worth. Job expressed these sorts of doubt when he wished that he had never been born (Job 10:18-19). In his grief, his vision was clouded to the goal that God had for him.

Many in the Bible rightly came to the conclusion that the real goal of life is to "fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all" (Ecc. 12:13).

Some may ask, however, "Why should I serve God?" Using Psalm 139:13-16 as a basis, notice three facts about our relationship with God that should cause us to desire to serve Him.

We should serve Him because He created us (Psalm 139:13-14). This passage says we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" by the Creator. As a master craftsman, God has designed us and brought us into being. We should serve Him out of joyful thankfulness for the gift of life!

We should serve Him because He knows us (Psalm 139:15). God knows everything about us. This entire Psalm, in fact, is about the perfect knowledge of God. He knows us completely, inside and out. And because of that, we can trust Him fully! It is easy to serve, when we trust the Creator!

We should serve Him because He loves us (Psalm 139:16). This passage says God wrote our days in His book before they even arrived. As a loving father might look forward to the things his child would do, so God laid the days out before us in love. What a gift of love!

Because He created us, He knows that we would need a Savior, so in love He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, as a gift that we might have eternal life. Ultimately, the point of your life is to be saved and live eternally with our loving Father! What a great motivation to serve Him!

*Matt Clifton
Judsonia church of Christ
Judsonia, AR*

"You are who you are and what you are because of what goes into your mind. You change who you are and what you are by changing what goes into your mind."

UPCOMING EVENTS

It was good to see **Steve Atkinson** back at church Wednesday night.

Team Rubicon is back to help out with storm cleanup and will be using our fellowship hall for the next few weeks. Due to this, the **Valentine Banquet** has been cancelled at this time.

The **Ladies Breakfast** which was postponed has been changed to February 21st in the basement. This is a planning meeting for Purpose Field Women's Ministry for 2026. Bring your favorite breakfast food and ideas for 2026.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm in room 104.

The **Men's Prayer Breakfast** meets Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the **basement**.

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



February

15th - Puppet Show during evening service
-in Lift-Off

17th - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30
at the Field House

21st - Valentine Banquet in Fellowship Hall

"Wherever you go, there you are!"

RESPONSE

Congratulations to **Annalynn Holt** who was baptized last Sunday morning by Mike Kelley.

Dale Dillingham came forward requesting prayer.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Cindy Bailey (heart procedure Thursday), Gerry Loveless, Shelby Bates, Kerry Lynn (home), Steve Atkinson (home), Brandy Sullivan, Harry Totty, Peggy McCoy, Conner Peebles, Dave Davidson, Curtis Edwards, Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Violet Shelby, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

Friends & Family: Gail Barber, Hilda Atkinson, Donald Brady (Vanderbilt), Jean Smith, Tammy Wright (undergoing chemo treatments), Maeve McDonald (4 month old-St. Jude hospital), Amalia Rose Shaw, JT Booker, Gail Tidwell, Regina Elkins (surgery January 27 @ Centennial hospital), Kathryn Purcell, Sue Essary, Randy Pitman, Deborah Roberts, Michael Harvill, Dottie McClearan, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Mildred Rochelle, Edna Copley, Doug True, Davy Baker, Linda Canady, Paul Harvill, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, Willie Lawler, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

Life Care: Willie B Coates, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Wilma Green

NHC Dickson: Woody Woodruff (would like to have visitors, room 108)

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



Sympathy to the family of **Lonnie Qualls**, father of Cecil Qualls. His funeral was Thursday at McDonald Funeral Home.

Sympathy to the family of **Sandy Bryant**. Her visitation will be Monday from 4:00 to 6:00 pm and her funeral will be Tuesday at 2:00 pm at McDonald Funeral Home.