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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

The Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make a helper comparable to him."

Genesis 2:18

When we read the wonderful narrative of God's creation of the heavens and the earth, we are struck by the satisfaction He expressed after each movement in His creative symphony.

Day one... the light was *good*. Day two... the earth and seas were *good*. Day three... the plants were *good*. God's contentment is woven through each moment of creation.

Did you know, however, that there was a point at which God said, "Not good"?

It was when he looked at Adam and noticed his loneliness. Adam had no companion and that was not good.

God, as He tends to do, did something about the problem. He created Eve as a counterpart to Adam.

God's plan for His creation is that we be in relationship with one another. Relationships are important to Him, and He wired us so that they are also important to us.

People take priority! Families may struggle with wanting more possessions, believing that they will enhance the quality of their lives. But God makes it clear... people are more important than things.

Things are to be used. People are to be loved. Not the other way around!

The people God has placed in your life are your first priority. Put them first by giving them your time, attention, and energy today.

In Christian Love,

Mike




Just Joshin'

The 2024-2025 NFL season came to an end last Sunday as the Philadelphia Eagles were victorious over the Kansas City Chiefs in the Super Bowl. Now that the games have concluded, football enters into the off season. This is a time where organizations prepare for the draft, look to sign free agents to their rosters, and build for the future. For the athletes, this is a time for rest and reprieve. It is also a time to prepare for next year; to train and to make improvements to the body and mind. What about us, as Christians? Do we have an off season? Do we get to take time off? The short answer is no. At least, not in regards to our Faith. We have to be strong willed and determined and laser-focused on our goal of achieving Heaven. We must work for God each and every day. However, this doesn't mean that we can't take some time to ourselves and pray in isolation. There's nothing wrong with studying in silence and keeping to yourself to focus your mind and soul on your Father above. This can be our "off season." It can be our escape from the chaos that surrounds us constantly. The world can be draining. Our responsibilities can take a toll on us. When you feel bogged down, remember that Jesus had to take time to Himself, too. When He did, He used that time to strengthen His connection to God through prayer. We also see in Mark 6:31, before the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus instructed His apostles to rest after the teaching they'd done. Because they were human and needed time to rest, just like we do. But I encourage you to allow your free time to be productive, in the sense that we are always keeping our eyes on God and our mind on the mission!

To God be the glory,
Josh

*It is NOT your capability...
It is your availability....*



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WHY YOUR FAMILY NEEDS TO BE IN WORSHIP

It is important for families to worship together. The God who created us and ordained marriage and the family knew the importance of families worshipping together. To a woman who had miserably failed in her family life, Jesus said, "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for the Father seeks such to worship Him" (John 4:25).

The Father does not need our worship to be a better being or a better Father. One cannot improve on perfection, but the Father knew the need for each of us to worship. The adage, "A family that prays together stays together," is true. One just does not normally find those in the divorce courts who are truly committed and serving God.

Families should worship for three major reasons: (1) God commanded it (Heb. 10:25); (2) for the influence that we exert on one another; and (3) it will enhance our spiritual life (Rom. 12:1,2). No family can be completely balanced when there is a major spoke left out of their wheel. Families are to grow physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually. The family that does not worship is missing a least a quarter of this designed growth.

What is a major blessing each can offer their family? Here is a simple, yet life-changing answer: Begin this week to worship God!

We hope to see you and your family at every worship service!

Jerry Jenkins
Harrisburg Church of Christ
Harrisburg, IL



A Valentine from the Garden

Cabbage always has a heart;
Green beans string along.
You're such a Tomato,
Will you Peas to me belong?

You've been the Apple of my eye,
You know how much I care;
So, Lettuce get together,
We'd make a perfect Pear.

Now, something's sure to Turnip,
To prove you can't be Beet;
So, if you Carrot all for me
Let's let our Tulips meet.

Don't Squash my hopes and dreams now,
Bee my Honey, dear;
Or tears will fill Potato's eyes,
While Sweet Corn lends an ear.

I'll Cauliflower shop and say
Your dreams are Parsley mine.
I'll work and share my Celery,
So be my Valentine.

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Dirty Valentine Business

A guy walks into a post office one day to see a middle-aged, balding man standing at the counter methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. He then takes out a perfume bottle and starts spraying scent all over them.

His curiosity getting the better of him, he goes up to the balding man and asks him what he is doing. The man says "I'm sending out 1,000 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'"

"But why?" asks the man.

"I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replies.

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Valentine's Day - Dad Jokes

"Do you have a date for Valentine's Day?" "Yes, it's February 14."

"Who always has a date on Valentine's Day?" "A calendar."

"What do you call two birds in love?" "Tweethearts!"

"When should you ask someone out on a coffee date?"

"When you like them a latte."

"I once fell in love with someone who only knew 4 vowels. They didn't know I existed."

"What did one oar tell the other oar?" "This is so row-mantic!"

"What do you call a Valentine's Day gift that didn't arrive time?" "Choco-late."

"How much candy do you hope to get this Valentine's Day?" "A choco-LOT!"

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Lyle Shepherd

Scripture: Hebrews 12:28-29

Preside Lord's Supper: Adam Jude

Left: Rick Bruno **Right:** Buddy Chandler

Don Beard Carter Bates

Lyle Shepherd Keith Harvill

Wes Crowther Zack Harvill

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Randal Halbrooks

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Song Leader: Steve Baker

Opening Prayer: Gary Basford

Lord's Supper: Phillip Coates, Ken Copley

Closing Prayer: Steve Atkinson

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT 2 SAMUEL?

The prophet Samuel anointed two kings: Saul, and then David.

Saul died in disgrace, but David died in satisfaction.

Among David's last words were the assertion that God has "made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure" (2 Samuel 23:5).

Regarding this promise, we read in 2 Samuel 7:16, "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."

The "forever" part of David's kingdom was referring to the fact that the Messiah would come through the line of David. Luke 1:32-33 testifies to this truth, as the angel Gabriel told Mary about her future child:

"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Everything God told David—and Mary—came true!

Matt Clifton



The **Fairfield Relay Team** will be having a soup/chili/chicken & dumplings fundraiser lunch on February 23rd after Bible Study in the fellowship hall. They will be serving from 11:30 to 1:00. There will also be silent auction items for bid.

The **Golden Agers** will be going to Catfish Kitchen on February 27th, leaving the building at 5:30. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

The mission committee will meet next Wednesday, February 19th at 6 pm in Room 104.

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 **Ralph Gossett**, father of **David Gosset & Kathy Scott** whose funeral was Wednesday.

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'Tain't what we have, But what we give,
'Tain't what we are, But how we live;
'Tain't what we do, But how we do it—
That makes this life worth going through it!

DO WHAT YOU CAN

Do what you can, being what you are,
Shine like a glow worm, if you can't be a star.
Work like a pulley, if you can't be a crane,
Be a wheel-greaser, if you can't drive the train.

Benjamin R. DeJong

Members: Steve Atkinson (pet scan Wednesday), Billy McCoy (home), Tommie Newsome, Dot Davidson (neck surgery-home), Jeff Rose, Tom Gosser, Floy Cochran, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington (chemo treatments), Aletha Martin, Willie Powers, Rita Sullivan, Marlin Lawson, Randy Prince, Deborah McClellan, Joyce Boyd, Shanon Irwin (had liver biopsy Tuesday), Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Dennis Cannon, Janet Barber (St. Thomas Midtown), Mary Morphis, Lois Gilbert, Angela Tayes, Larry Gilbert (cancer), Tony Roder, Glenda Coates, Anthony Stacks (hospice-home), Mildred Rochelle, Edna Copley, B.Y. Peery, Doug True, 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 (surgery Feb.18), 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, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Sue Davidson, Wilma Green.

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard.



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 February 9, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	211
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5044
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5417