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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 righteous give without sparing.

Proverbs 21:26

He received a medical degree from New York University College of Medicine. He received an appointment to the Virus Research Laboratory at the University of Pittsburgh. He received an assignment from the army to develop a vaccine against influenza. Among the many honors he received was a Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Jonas Salk, however, is not known for what he received... but for what he gave.

He and his team of researchers gave their efforts to prepare an inactivated polio virus that could serve as an immunizing agent against polio. By 1952, the team had created a vaccine. In 1955, the vaccine was released for widespread use in the United States. The team's vaccine virtually ended the crippling effects of polio.

You will have many opportunities in your life. You may rack up diplomas, certificates, trophies, and awards of various types. What will ultimately count, however, will be what you do with the talents God has given you and the skills you have worked to develop.

Find a way to give, create, or generate something today that will benefit others. This will bring not only the potential for fame and reward, but also a sense of personal accomplishment... and, most importantly, the approval of God.

You make a *living* by what you get. You make a *life* what you give.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Due to needing more room, the ladies class that has been meeting in room 104 on Sunday morning, will move to the basement starting this Sunday.

The Golden Agers will meet at Homestead Restaurant on **Saturday, February 24th, at 8:30 am** for breakfast. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

The women's bathroom in the front foyer is **closed for remodeling.**

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.

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

Memorial

The following people have made contributions to the Youth Fund this week in memory of **Lorraine Bates, Betty Murphree Langley, Shirley Wood, Melanie Bates Wilds, and Mark & Tina Truett.**

A contribution was given in memory of **Jenny Chandler** by **Jean Reeves** for the Youth Fund.

A contribution of appreciation was given by **Randal & Rhonda Daugherty.**



We express sympathy to the family of **Carolyn Brown** who passed Monday night. She was the mother of **Teresa Craft** and grandmother of **Olivia**. Visitation will be Friday from 4 to 8 pm and Saturday from 1 to 2 pm with the funeral at 2 pm at McDonald Funeral Home.

Sympathy to **Wayne and Don Qualls** on the death of their mother. She is at Young Funeral Home in Linden.

"You can be so open-minded that your brain will fall out."

- Mike Kelley



Members: Reda Springer, Brenda Fly, Justin Bates, Barbara Chandler, Shanon Irwin, Dannie George, Kenneth Chandler, Terry Duncan, June Prince, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Woody Woodruff, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Ricky Harness, Treva Hickman (cousin of Barbara Edwards-cancer), Pam Sullivan, Pam Simmons (friend of Jan Campbell-melanoma), Mike Avery (grandson of Kathy Rose-kidney surgery on Thursday), Randi Rian Stringer (great-granddaughter of Gerry Loveless-NICU in Arizona), Pat Garrett, June Roder, Mary French (mother of Renee Halbrooks-rehab at Dickson Horizon), Bobby McCoy (home), Anthony Stacks, David Talley, Billie Lynn Tyler, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Oscar Sullivan, Grayson Gunter, Dusty Covington, Roy Cochran, Jean Greer, Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer, Jimmie Jenkins, Stephanie Pitman, Jenny Teet, Carolyn Nash, Aaron Barnett, James Coates, Laura DeLong, Roy Harris, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Hester Moss, Joyce Boyd, Lou Dickens, Sue Davidson, Floy Cochran, John Fly, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

- Abraham Lincoln

"Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right!"

- Henry Ford



Feb 18 - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off
Feb 20 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH
Feb 24 - Benefit for Chief Shanon Irwin, at Fellowship Hall
Feb 25 - 3rd-5th Grade Devo, during evening service at Field House



Center Fielders News

“Fleeing From Sin”

As Christians today living in a prosperous and free country, we tend to become numb and laid back with our relationship with God. Satan is trying hard to make us feel relaxed and cozy. Very often the cares and struggles of our financial state hold first place in our thoughts. We develop a numbness to sin in our life. So little sense of urgency.

In 1 Timothy 6:11, Paul uses a very strong word to describe how we should react to sin; Flee. The word “flee” refers not to ordinary running, but to desperate running, as for one’s life. The human body can do amazing things when certain death is at its heels, and the same urgency ought to be evident in our desire to remove ourselves from the presence of sin. We should flee from sin as people flee from a fierce lion, and this includes the sin of loving money.

How often do we treat sin as a light matter? How often do we play with temptations? In today’s society, Satan is a laughable character or no character at all. It would seem that sin and Satan do not look as black as they once did. However, someone is still asking, “Did God really say?” (Genesis 3:1). It is time to wake up from our spiritual drowsiness and take action. When we are tempted, we must consider what is at stake and flee. When others are ignoring and laughing at sin we need to condemn it. We should not be known as regular visitors in places where sin is common and accepted. Instead, we should have enough character to avoid sin even when we are alone. In 1 Thessalonians 5:22 we have a clear command, “Abstain from all appearance of evil”. We can never put too much distance between ourselves and sin.

When trying to overcome temptation, remember this, if you want to take a bone away from a dog, give him a steak and he will drop the bone. If you were sinking in quicksand, the devil would pat you on the head!!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF February 11, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	220
CONTRIBUTION:	\$7071
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5104

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy

Scripture Reading: Skyler Irvin

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:7-10

Preside Lord’s Supper: Adam Jude

Left: Gary Bailey

Right: Robert Graf

Don Beard

Carter Bates

Ken Copley

Keith Harvill

Bobby Dunn

Zack Harvill

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: James Swaw

Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson

Scripture: Psalm 1:1-6

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Buddy Chandler

Lord’s Supper: Phillip Coates, Gary Basford

Closing Prayer: Willie Powers

Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Song Leader: Ronnie Pitman

Opening Prayer: Darin Cochran

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



Thank you for the calls and cards that was sent to me. I really appreciate all of them.

Becky Gatewood

Randy and I want to express our deep appreciation to the Fairfield family in celebrating with us Carl’s 90th birthday. The love of Christ is shown by our love and support of each other. We thank you all for your kindness and love.

Rhonda & Randy Daugherty

1 Peter 4:7-10

The time is near when all things will end. So keep your minds clear, and control yourselves. This will help you in your prayers. Most important of all, love each other deeply, because love makes you willing to forgive many sins. Open your homes to each other and share your food without complaining. God has shown you his grace in many different ways. So be good servants and use whatever gift he has given you in a way that will best serve each other.

THE PROBLEM WITH "I'M FINE" & THE BEAUTY OF TRANSPARENCY

"The words of the mouth are deep waters ..." (*Proverbs 18.4*)

You know the drill. You casually, sincerely ask someone you care for how they're doing and they tell you, with a smile, "I'm doing fine!" And they leave it at that. You ask again, but in a different way. "Are you? Great! Tell me, what's new with you and your life?" And they respond, "Everything's going well. How about you?"

Only thing is, several days - or even weeks - later you learn third-hand that they're doing anything but "fine." They've suffered a death in their family or within their inner network of friends. Or they were in an accident and barely escaped serious injury. Or they lost their job. Etc. And you seem to be one of the last to know.

Sometimes you even suffer damage to a relationship because of such. Sometimes grand misunderstandings can result that only snowball with time. Sometimes you even lose a friend, for good.

See, the problem is you believed them. And they misled you.

Oh, it could have been for a thousand reasonable reasons. They weren't emotionally up to talking about it at the moment you asked. They didn't want to sound like they were whining or complaining for they know others close by are suffering even greater loss. They assumed you already knew of their experience or situation and were simply letting you know, and reassuring you, that they're coping; not to worry. Etc.

Easy and accurate communication between humans is rarely easy and is a rather rare happening. For we are complicated beings with complicated experiences and complicated relationships.

So where is all of this going? Well, like many of the conversations in which we humans share - I'm not sure I rightly know. But I do know that it is good to consider not only my response to people's questions, but what that response might mean for them - and actually, the both of us - down the road; to consider more than just the moment, while in the moment. I know it is good to seek to grow in transparency and trust. And I know that it is a powerful thing to bond with another human being in a relationship that is love.

"Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters." (*Hebrews 13.1*)

David Smith
Missouri St Church of Christ
Baytown, TX

Baked goods are needed for the **Shanon Irwin** benefit on February 24th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Fellowship Hall. If you bring cookies or brownies, please bring them individually wrapped. Pies and cakes are needed also to serve with the BBQ plates and for the auction.



We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Your presence is an encouragement and you are always welcome. Please fill out the attendance card you will find in the pew rack and drop it in the basket or leave on the seat and it will be picked up.



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