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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Pulpit Minister:

Mike Kelley ext. 2

Associate Minister:

Rodney Rochelle ext.25

Youth Minister:

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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

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931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

The Expedience of Obedience

In September of 2003, a young man living in New York City wanted to travel to Dallas to visit his parents. Instead of doing the sensible (and legal) thing, he decided the cheapest way to get to Dallas was to have himself shipped in a crate. He somehow got himself packed into the crate. The crate traveled by truck, plane, and delivery van and finally made it to his parents' house. He then broke himself out of the box and started his visit.

When the authorities discovered what the young man had done, they arrested him. What did he get for his troubles? A fine of \$1500 and 120 days of house arrest! At the cost of the fine, he could have purchased a roundtrip ticket to see his parents, and had money left over. He also could have traveled comfortably and arrived much quicker. How much simpler, and cheaper, it would have been to do the right thing in the first place.

Ephesians 6:1-3 applies most directly to young people, but there is an important principle there for all of us:

“Children, *obey* your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’ (this is the first commandment with a promise), *that it may go well with you* and that you may live long in the land.”

There is a connection between obedience and things going well in our lives. The principle applies in our relationship to our parents, the civil government, and God. Obedience really is expedient! Obedience simplifies our lives. Short cuts and efforts to circumvent man's laws and God's laws result in a life of instability and insecurity. That is too big a price to pay, wouldn't you agree?

Adapted from Glenn Hitchcock

In Christian Love,
Mike



The elders will meet with the men of the congregation on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

On March 4th, the Red Cross bloodmobile will again be here at Fairfield in the fellowship hall between 12:30 – 5:30 pm. To sign up please go online to redcrossblood.org or contact Margaret Martin with any questions.

Ken is looking for teachers and field guides for the second quarter (April – June). If you would like to volunteer please see him.

Thanks to your generosity, several have 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. These bags are for the homeless.

*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.



Members: Connor Peebles, 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: Wallace Harvill, Sandra Bagwell, Joyce Bates, Arica Hinson, Mark Wright (home), Linda Goad, Greg Bates (home), Helen Shanes, Terry Peevyhouse, Bracey Campbell (hospice), Donna Popp, Bobby Mack Dunn, Bobby Brawley, Dorris French, Dana Hall, Skipper Sands, Gene French (hospice), 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: Donald Dorton, 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



Encouragers in the New Testament

Barnabas – “he was glad and encouraged them all” (Acts 11:23)

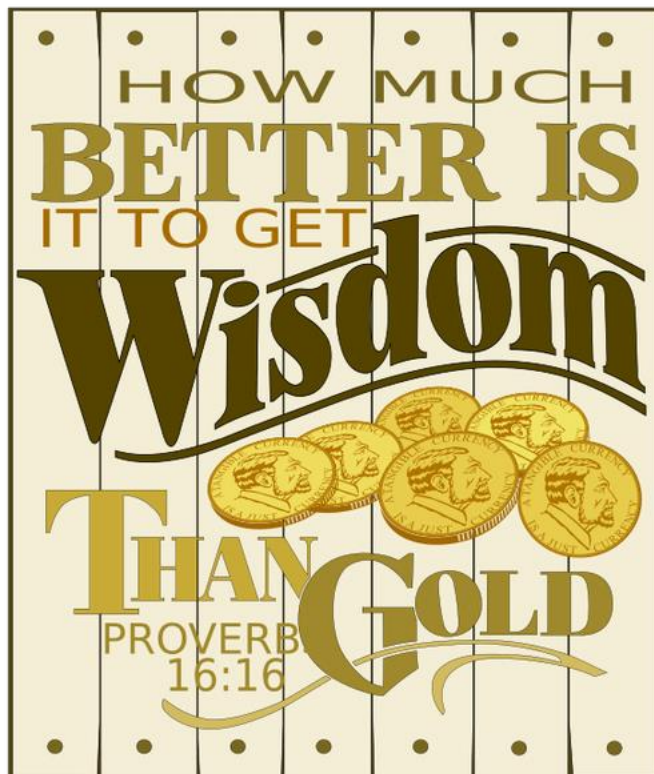
Silas – “encouraged and strengthened the brothers” (Acts 15:32)

Paul – “encouraged them with many words” (Acts 20:2)

Tychicus – “that he may encourage your hearts” (Col. 4:8)

Timothy – “to...encourage you concerning your faith” (1 Thess. 3:2)

Us – “Therefore, encourage one another” (1 Thess. 5:11)





Center Fielders News

“On – Off Relationships”



Good Days

Many of us likely use on-off switches daily. We switch lights on when we need them and off when they are no longer necessary. Many appliances and machines have on-off switches. But when it comes to relationships, there are no switches like that. Yet we as humans sometimes live as though on-off relationships were a normal thing. Let's think first about our relationship with God. Once this relationship is established through repentance and baptism, is God satisfied with just weekend visits? Is it acceptable to Him if we only spend spare moments in communion with Him? What happens to our Spiritual lives if we spend only minimal time worshipping Him?

Husband and wife relationships are not on-off switches. Jesus reinstated God's design that husbands should cleave to their wives, because marriage makes them one flesh. When husbands love their wives as themselves and as Christ loves His church, and wives submit to and reverence their husbands, these are called on-on relationships! On-on relationships should be constant with our children also.

We are also called to peaceable relationships at all times and with all men, even our enemies. Others may hate us unjustly sometimes, but we should still love them in return. By God's grace we can and should avoid the plague of on-off relationships.

When tempted to break a circuit in legitimate relationships, remember that there are no God approved switches.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

YOUTH GROUP AT THE VANDY GAME



Would you rather have good days or bad days? I know the answer to that question, but here is another question for you: do you know how to have good days? Many people pursue good days and never find them because they run in the wrong direction. God's Word holds the secret to good days. Peter tells us in first Peter 3:10-12,

“He who would love the life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit...” good days begin with our speech and how we talk to those around us. So, “Let your speech always be with the grace, season with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one” (Col. 4:6).

Peter continues, “Let him (who would see good days) turn from evil and do good.” You see, “Whatever a man sows he will also reap” (Gal. 6:7). So, do good to have good days.

Finally, Peters adds, “Let him (who would say good days) seek peace and pursue it.” A peaceful day is a good day, so, “If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men” (Romans 12:18).

If you will do these things your days will be good, and as an added bonus, God will hear your prayers!

*Alton Norman
Owingsville church of Christ
Owingsville, KY*

Helping Hands

The new employee stood before the paper shredder looking confused.

“Need some help?” a secretary walking by asked.

“Yes,” he replied, “how does this thing work?”

“Simple,” she said, taking the fat report from his hand and feeding it into the shredder. “Thanks,” he said, “but where do the copies come out?”

❖ The people who make a difference are not the ones with credentials, but the ones with concern.

MEN TO SERVE FEB. 24**LORD'S TABLE****Preside:** Jeff Rose

Left: Chris Wright **Right:** Gary Wright
 Mathew Wright Edwin Wright
 Kim Clayton Terry Duncan
 Jeff Warren Chris Kimbro

Alternates: Derek Hutchings, Mike Knight**Basement:** Ken Copley, Josh Copley**Sun. P.M.:** Marvin Truett, Jeff Rose**PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE****A.M. Scripture Reading:** Rick Bruno**Scripture:** Colossians 4:5-6**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Rick Bruno**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Josh Copley**Scripture:** Romans 8:28-34**P.M. Opening Prayer:** Lafayette Spears**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Dustin Bailey**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Willie Powers**Wed. Invitation:** (Feb 27) Rodney Rochelle**SONG LEADERS****Sunday A.M.** Darin Cochran**Sunday P.M.** Justin Beard**Wednesday P.M.** (Feb 27) Mike Kelley**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Sunday A.M.** Marvin Truett**Sunday P.M.** Marvin Truett**Wednesday P.M.** (Feb 27) Jerrie W. Barber**VAN DRIVERS****Sunday A.M.** Roy McCoy 931-729-2956
931-994-7571**Sunday P.M.** Gary Basford 931-628-0355**Wed. P.M.** Roy McCoy 931-729-2956
(Feb 27) 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 17, 2019

A.M. WORSHIP: 220

CONTRIBUTION: \$3831

**MARCH**

- 2 Sharon McCoy
Harry Fielder
Rita Beard
- 3 Harold Choate
Amera Rye
- 4 Ethan Willis
Bobby Dunn
- 6 Hunter Mayberry
- 9 Willie Powers
- 10 James Jett
- 11 Brenda Stoltz
- 12 Ron Mayberry
Keegan Rochelle
- 14 Ken Copley
Sarah Hinson
Rickey Weems
Roy Wayne McCoy II
Wesley Mobley
- 15 Brett Wilson
Margaret Martin
- 16 Wallace Smith
- 17 Jennifer Breece
Kenneth Chandler
- 18 Janice King
- 19 Lisa Hellmann
Joyce Fielder
- 21 Noble Victory
- 22 Floy Cochran
Nancy Baker
- 23 Emily Spears
- 24 Ronald Lynn
- 26 Tony McCoy
- 30 David Johnson
- 31 Ruth Ann Carathers

**MARCH**

- 3 Mike & Melissa Worley
- 7 Kim & Deneen Clayton
- 10 Gary & Kita Wright
- 23 Mike & Jennifer Knight

Welcome