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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

So, don't worry about these things, saying "What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?" These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your Heavenly Father already knows all your needs.

Matthew 6:31-32

Opera star Marguerite Piazza was at the height of her career, married to a devoted husband, mother of six healthy children. And then her world seemed to turn upside down.

Her husband died suddenly. Shortly thereafter, a spot on her cheek was diagnosed as melanoma, a potentially deadly type of cancer. She was told that a disfiguring surgery to remove her cheek was her only hope of survival.

The same day she received that news, she was scheduled to sing before a sold-out audience.

She would later say, "What do you do at a time like that? You do what you are paid to do, and I was paid to lift people with my talent. So, as I stood in the wings of the opera house, I prayed. Then I hung my troubles on a hanger and left them in the closet."

She performed her heart out that day. Even after her surgery, she remained beautiful, raised her family, and even continued to sing!

Rather than hang his worries in a closet, a man took another approach. He put them in a box. Each time he had a worry, he would write it down and deposit it in his "worry box." Then, on Worry Wednesday, he read the contents of the box.

To his amazement, most of the things that he had worried about had already been resolved. He soon discarded the box!

Worry doesn't pay. It costs!

Blessed is the person who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too sleepy to worry at night.

In Christian Love,

Mike





The ladies' class that meets on Sunday morning taught by Cindy Bailey is now meeting in the basement.

The elders will meet with the Deacons at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, February 25th.

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.

The Ladies' Bible Class will meet Tuesday, February 27th, at 6:00 pm in the basement.

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

Memorial

A donation has been given in memory of **Lorraine Bates** by **Sherry Gale** and the **Guy Barber** family, **Tammy Carroll**, **Lindsey & Ella Willis**, **Charles Worley, Jr.**, and **Teresa Drew**.

A contribution has been given in memory of **Carolyn Brown** by **Phillip & Diane Coates** and **Clay & Linda Chandler**.

A contribution has been given for **school supplies** by the **Wolf Creek church of Christ**.



Thank you so very much for your prayers, kindness, and generosity. We appreciate the use of your medical supplies more than you know. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

Dusty Covington

Lorraine Bates was a wonderful friend to our family. We will treasure her friendship and miss her!

Our love,
The **Guy Barber** family



Members: Mike Batts (St. Thomas Midtown-UTI), Bobbie Graf, Belinda Anderson, 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: Trevor Buchanan (home), Ricky Harness, Pam Sullivan, Pam Simmons (friend of Jan Campbell-melanoma), Mike Avery, Randi Rian Stringer, Pat Garrett, June Roder, Mary French (home), Bobby McCoy, 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: Cynthia Butler (sister of Randal Halbrooks), 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

It was good to see **Yvonna Caillouet, Terry & Retha Duncan** back Sunday after being out due to illness!

We express sympathy to the family of **Treva Holland** who passed away. She was a cousin of **Barbara Edwards**.



Feb 24 - Benefit for Chief Shanon Irwin, at Fellowship Hall
Feb 25 - Devo for all ages, during evening service at the Field House



Center Fielders News

“Watching, A Vital Necessity”

“Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.” These were the words of Jesus spoken in Mark 13:33. When weather conditions are right for tornado activity, the weather station broadcasts a tornado watch. This tells people to go ahead with their activities but be alert for severe weather. The station issues a tornado warning if a tornado has actually been spotted. The verse above is somewhat like a tornado watch. Jesus described some conditions and events that shall come to pass as the time of His coming approaches.

In ancient times, people built walls of protection around their cities. Towers were placed at intervals on the walls, where watchmen were stationed to look out for approaching danger. Habakkuk was a watchman in a spiritual sense. He wrote, “I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what God will say to me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved” (Habakkuk 2:1). This is some great advice for us all in our daily Christian walk.

Inadequate watching contributed to the sinking of the Titanic. There were several pair of binoculars on the ship, stored under lock and key, but the officer in charge of them was transferred off the ship just before the voyage. He forgot to give the key to the officer who replaced him, so the lookout on the Titanic had to watch with unaided eyes. He testified later that the binoculars might have helped others to spot the iceberg soon enough to avoid it. As poor watching led to great natural loss, so will neglecting to watch for Christ lead to eternal loss. Be on guard! Be alert! These are the words of Jesus, not Rodney!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

There will be someone at the Fellowship Hall Friday 4:30 to 8:30 pm and Saturday starting at 8:00 am if you need to bring donations for the Shanon Irwin benefit.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF February 18, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	200
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5626
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5104

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

- Song Leader: Darin Cochran
- Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber
- Scripture Reading: Lyle Shepherd
- Scripture: Hebrews 4:12-13
- Preside Lord's Supper: Randal Halbrooks
- Left: Rick Bruno Right: Wes Crowther
- Brett Wilson Boyce Cannon
- Mike Worley James Swaw
- Steve Baker Jeff Warren

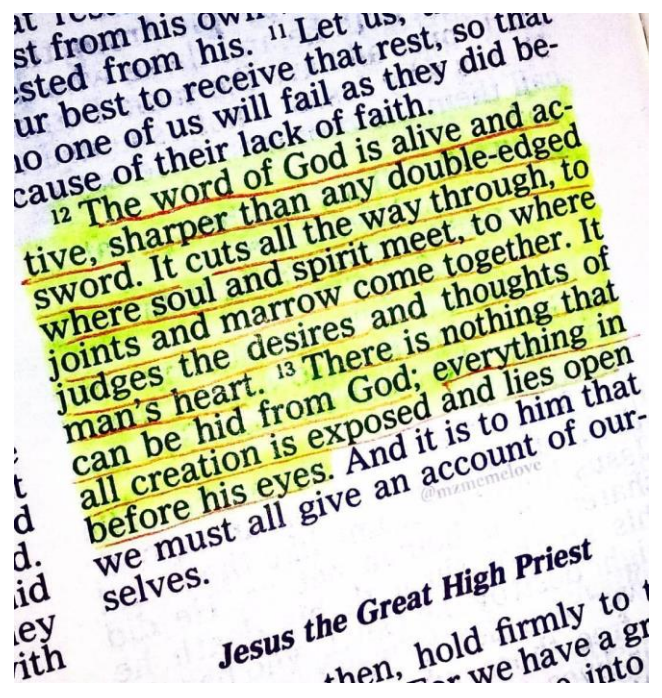
- Announcements: Darin Cochran
- Closing Prayer: Mathew Wright
- Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

- Announcements: Gary Basford
- Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates
- Scripture: Matthew 24:29-31
- Song Leader: Steve Baker
- Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
- Lord's Supper: Tom Gosser, Gary Bailey
- Closing Prayer: Gary Basford
- Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

- Announcements: Gary Wright
- Song Leader: Gary Basford
- Opening Prayer: Chris Wright
- Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855





MARCH

- 1 Kim Bates
- 2 Rita Beard
Harry Fielder
Sharon McCoy
- 3 Amera Rye
Joyce Swaw
- 4 Bobby Dunn
Ethan Willis
- 6 Hunter Mayberry
- 9 Willie Powers
- 10 James Jett
- 11 Joyce Bruno
Jan Hopkins-Campbell
Brenda Stoltz
- 12 Ron Mayberry
Tommie Newsom
Keegan Rochelle
- 14 Ken Copley
Sarah Hinson
Roy Wayne McCoy II
James Swaw
- 15 Stephanie Crockett
Margaret Martin
Brett Wilson
- 16 Wallace Smith
- 17 Jennifer Barber
Kenneth Chandler
- 18 Janice King
- 19 John Anderson III
Joyce Fielder
Lisa Hellmann
- 22 Nancy Baker
Floy Cochran
- 23 Emily Spears
- 24 Ronald Lynn
- 26 Tony McCoy
- 27 Halyn Brady
Lucy Knight
- 30 David Johnson
- 31 Ruth Ann Carathers



MARCH

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

THE BIG BANG

Let me try to simply state the "Big Bang" theory (an effort to explain the beginning of our universe); 13.7 billion years ago, there was an area of "intense gravitational pressure" in space called a "black hole" which drew matter into it where it was squished into intense density, heated up and expanded (the "Big Bang") and then cooled to the size and temperature of our current universe.

According to the "All about Science" web page, they do not know where the matter came from, where the black hole came from, and "to be honest", they report, these theories "defy our current understanding of physics." The list of well-known scientists who reject this Big Bang stuff is a long one. Creation was a supernatural event and took place outside of the natural realm. Is there a master Architect out there? We think so. "He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast" (Psalm 33:9).

Scientists are correct however in talking about a "big bang." They just have it at the wrong place in history- it was not at the beginning of the universe, but will be at the end! "The sun will be darkened; the stars will fall from the sky" and "they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory" (Matthew. 25:29-31).

-Dennis Doughty



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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