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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

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931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

Bright, Sunshiny Day. This phrase comes from a song released in 1972 by Johnny Nash (yes, *Nash*, not *Cash*) ... and it describes this past Sunday at Fairfield very well. The weather outside was warm, beautiful and sunny... and there was "sunshine in our souls" as we gathered to worship. We enjoyed the best attendance of any worship service in the past two years. Well over 200 of us gathered to praise God and encourage one another. We thank God for making such a great day possible... and we pray that the day was a preview of things to come. We also thank you for your commitment to doing your part in the body of Christ at Fairfield.

Your Time To Shine. Our new study of the Book of Acts got off to a great start Sunday morning in the auditorium. There was a great discussion, many insightful comments, and a spirit of hope and optimism about where the study can lead. The title of the study is *A Church That Shines*. We are learning that a church that shines will also be a church that *spreads*. There is no substitute for spending time in the Word with those of a like, precious faith! Not only is it beneficial for our spiritual growth, it is also just plain fun! If you don't attend another Sunday School class, please consider joining us. We have plenty of room and plenty of workbooks. All we are missing is you!

Holy Hunger. The French have a saying that provides insight for worship and Bible study. The saying is, "A good meal ought to begin with hunger." It is difficult to really enjoy a meal if you aren't hungry. On the other hand, if you are starving, almost any meal will taste good. If we approach worship and study with a hunger to be filled, we will leave satisfied. If we approach worship and study filled with our own self-sufficiency or preoccupied with our own thoughts, we probably won't enjoy the experience nor will we be satiated. Good worship begins with a hunger for God!

Mike





It was good to have **Carolyn Phillips** a couple of Sunday's ago and **Gerry & Sarah Hinson** and **Diane Coates** back at services this past Sunday after having been out sick.

This Sunday after morning services, the Fairfield Family & Friends Relay team will be having a fund-raising lunch and will be serving from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. We will have a variety of soups, chili and chicken-n-dumplings, chips, sandwiches and dessert. There will also be a silent auction.

The elders will meet with the deacons in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm.

Any lady interested in being a part of the Purpose "Field" Women's Ministry is invited to a *Planning Party* on Saturday, March 5th at 9 am in the basement of the church. If you have any questions, please see Amber Kelley.

PLEASE NOTE: We will not be having a blood drive in March as a result of a mix-up in the Nashville office. We are not scheduled for a blood drive until July, so if there are any who wish to give before then are welcome to go elsewhere. If there are any other questions, please see Margaret Martin.

Volunteers are needed to serve as teachers and graders for courses on the World Bible Study School website. If you need information pertaining to this mission project, please contact Tom Gosser by phone (931-628-0521) or by email (tom_j57@hotmail.com). The Action magazine (WBS) is available in both foyers. Please pick one up.

The men to serve sheets for March are in both foyers.

RESPONSES

Gerry Smith came forward last Sunday morning and **Donna Pitman** came forward Sunday evening asking for prayers. Please keep these ladies in your prayers.



Members: Aiden Liddell, Sherry Breece (St. Thomas West), Gerry Smith (tests this week), Harry Totty, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Derek Hutchings, Dewayne Victory, Marlin Lawson (home), June Prince, Helen Shanes, Barbara Chandler (home), Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Christians & missionaries in the Ukraine, Jo James (home), Lucille Morphis (home), J.B. Brown (St. Thomas Midtown), Charlie Shelton, Wanda Gilliam Felts, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, Doris & Marjorie Claud, Rebeca Mears, David Dansby, Darlene Rounsavall, Greg Zoller, Seth Williams, Elizabeth Dunn, Mike & Nancy Bradley, Kelley Wilson, Glen England, Melvin Roberson, Ronald Loveless (Maury Regional hospital), Billie Church, Daniel Spears, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Rachael Bellis, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, Donna Gaspard, Roman Surra, Rita Stacks, McKinley Moore, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Anthony Stacks, Kenneth Chandler, Lelia Mae Poore, James Hassell, Sue Edney, Hester Moss, Joyce Cayce

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Barbara Beard, Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page



We also express our sympathy to the family of **Edith McCoy Talbert** who passed away. She was related to several members here. Her funeral was Wednesday.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Roy Keith Barber**, the brother-in-law of **Bobby McCoy** who passed away. His funeral was Friday.



Center Fielders News

“Faithful Unto Death”

We live in a godless world where perverted lifestyles are commonly accepted and openly promoted. It seems our freedoms are steadily eroding. Bible believing Christian's face opposition and slanderous accusations in their stand for holy living. The threat of persecution looms over God's people with growing intensity.

Throughout history, believers have faced suffering and hardships, including martyrdom, for the cause of Christ. But they overcame by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. While many remained faithful to the end, there were those who gave in under pressure and denied the Lord.

How about us? Will we stand firm even under severe testing? Are we prepared for those fiery trials that may come? This is certainly no time to coast along in a relaxed state of spirituality or being lukewarm. Now is the time to be serious and committed in submission to our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. We must walk daily with an attitude of “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness”.

As Heaven bound pilgrims, we can be kept by His power and we can be conquerors by living faithfully for Him and even dying for Him if that time comes. Whatever the cost, by His presence and by His power, we can remain faithful unto death.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



Mar 1 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH
Mar 13 - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service @ FH
Mar 15 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH
Mar 20 - Puppet show, during evening service, in Lift-Off

MEN TO SERVE FEBRUARY 27

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Norman George
Scripture Reading: Skyler Irvin
Scripture: Ephesians 4:14-15
Preside Lord's Supper: Rodney Rochelle
Alternates: Bobby McCoy, Zack Harvill
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: John Irvin
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Mike Batts
Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson
Scripture: John 15:5-8
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince
Lord's Supper: Adam Jude, Gary Basford
Closing Prayer: Roy McCoy
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Mike Batts
Song Leader: Bobby McCoy
Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

CALLED TO BE THE BODY OF CHRIST

SO THAT WE MAY NO LONGER BE CHILDREN, TOSSED TO AND FRO BY THE WAVES AND CARRIED ABOUT BY EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE, BY HUMAN CUNNING, BY CRAFTINESS IN DECEITFUL SCHEMES. RATHER, SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE, WE ARE TO GROW UP IN EVERY WAY INTO HIM WHO IS THE HEAD, INTO CHRIST,

Ephesians 4:14-15

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF February 20, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	214
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4311
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

THE BEATITUDES

(first of a series)

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:3)

Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes and the Beatitudes begins with the statement, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." It is safe to assume Jesus had in mind the basic characteristics of God's people. Thus, a study of these statements is of value to those who sincerely seek to serve the Lord.

Evidently being poor in spirit describe a special people. "Blessed" is translated by some as "happy". By others it is suggested "blessedness" is much deeper than just being happy. The "poor in spirit" are those whose minds are focused on humility and love. Poor signifies the person is destitute of something. It surely means the person does not possess, an arrogant and haughty spirit. Being poor are those who are aware of their true spiritual condition and know they lack certain qualities that are necessary in search of a better station in life. The poor in spirit are conscious of this need and are opposite of the proud and self-righteous. It is the same attitude that is present in those who seek to serve the Lord as little children. (Matthew 18:1-4)

Being "poor in spirit" is quite the opposite of being "poor spirited". Being poor spirited means the person serves only when it is convenient and easy. He cannot be depended upon to perform the difficult task. Everything he does is determined as it fits into his schedule of life. His hobbies and pleasures come first. If he has time left, then he will do the work of the Lord.

Being poor in spirit is the door into the kingdom of heaven "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". Those who are poor in spirit will seek to remain in the kingdom. The heavenly riches, honor, glory, and happiness belong to those with this disposition in life. Being poor in spirit fitly describe the state of mind, lowly and reverent before God, humble, contrite and obedient. It is the fundamental principle of the character and teachings of Jesus.

Bill Hopkins
Ravenna, OH

- *Sinless - no sin less - yes, we cannot become sinless but we can sin less.*



Congratulations to Sophomore Tyler Stacks for earning All District and All Tournament of District 11 AA for Hickman County High School. He is the son of Jeff & Angie Stacks.



RELAY FOR LIFE SOUP AND CHILI LUNCH

**FEBRUARY 27, 2022
FAIRFIELD CHURCH
OF CHRIST
FELLOWSHIP HALL
11:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**



**HOT DOG OR GRILLED CHEESE,
DRINK, CHIPS \$3.00
CHILI OR SOUP, DRINK, HOT DOG
OR GRILLED CHEESE \$6.00
EXTRA ITEMS FOR ADDITIONAL
CHARGE
DESSERT \$1.00
CHIPS \$.50**

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE
AND THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY



We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today, especially if this is your first time to visit. Your presence is an encouragement and you are always welcome. Please fill out an attendance card you will find in the pew rack and leave on the seat. Please stay for a few minutes after the assembly has been dismissed, so that we can greet you personally.

Stay in touch with us on social media:

Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ-Field Family

Instagram: fcocfamily