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Randal Halbrooks ext.13
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Jeff Stacks ext.22
Transportation
Vance Willis ext.26
Finance/IT

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 10:20 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Mike's Minute

***Not that I speak in respect of want:
for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am,
therewith to be content.***

Philippians 4:11

The story is told of a farmer who had lived on the same farm all his life. It was a good farm with fertile soil, but with the passing of years, the farmer began to think, "Maybe there's something better for me." He set out to find an even better plot of land to farm.

Every day he found a new reason for criticizing some feature of his old farm. Finally, he decided to sell. He listed the farm with a real estate broker who promptly prepared an advertisement emphasizing all the many advantages of the acreage: ideal location, modern equipment, healthy stock, acres of fertile ground, high yields on crops, well-kept barns and pens, nice two-story house on a hill above the pasture.

When the real estate agent called to read the ad to the farmer for his approval prior to placing it in the local paper, the farmer heard him out. When he had finished, he shouted, "Hold everything! I've changed my mind. I'm not going to sell. Why, I've been looking for a place just like that all my life!"

When you start identifying the good traits of any person, situation, or organization, you are likely to find that they far outweigh the bad. Focus on what you have. What you have *not* will likely seem insignificant.

Remember, contentment isn't getting what you want... it is learning to want what you get.

In Christian Love,

Mike




COMMUNION PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00-4:00 PM AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

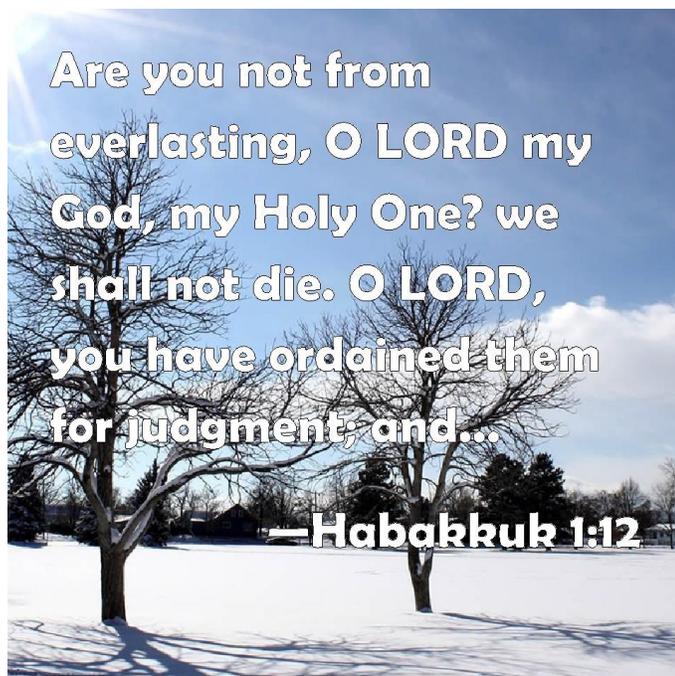


We would like to say a big thank you to all who helped prepare the Valentine Meal. It was delicious.

Thank you again,
In Christian Love,
Clay & Linda Chandler



We express our sympathy to the family of **Jo Hudgins** who passed away on Wednesday at St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home. She was the sister-in-law of **Floy Cochran** and the aunt of **Kita Wright, Sheila Brady & Darin Cochran.**



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Several of our church members are sick at home.

Members: Rita Beard (cataract surgery), Violet Shelby (knee replacement Mar. 8), Brenda Scott, Carol Warren, Don Beard, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Dave Davidson, Hester Moss, Deborah Perry, Gene Carathers (hospice), Ruth Ann Carathers, Raymond Stoltz, Terry James, Dewayne Victory (VA hospital), Kenneth Chandler (St. Thomas Hickman), Paul Victory, Noble Victory (NHC Dickson), Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Helen Shanes, Harold Choate, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Adam Lawson, Mark Plunkett, Mark Wright (St. Thomas West ICU), Isaiah Noonan, Evan Boyd, Benjamin Noonan, Donna Gaspard, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, Marshall Carothers, McKinley Moore, Randy Hall, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Sandy McFarlin, Elizabeth Dunn, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Tommy Cagle, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Mary England

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey & Sybil Jenkins.

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page



Mar 2 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 - 8:30, @ FH
Mar 14 - Puppet Show, during evening service
Mar 16 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 - 8:30, @ FH
Mar 21 - 3rd - 5th grade Devo, during evening service @ FH

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF February 21, 2021
MORNING WORSHIP 115
CONTRIBUTION: \$3383
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET \$4167



Center Fielders News

“Public and Private Life”

Some folks seem to separate their conduct in public from what they do in private. For example, they consider it a disgrace to be intoxicated while exercising a public position. But at home or partying with friends, these same individuals see nothing wrong with drunkenness.

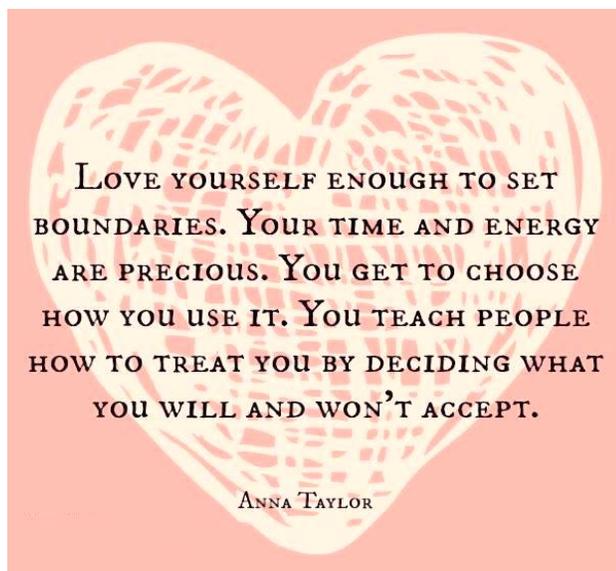
Does this kind of thinking align with the Bible? Of course not! There is nothing hidden from God. Can God see in the dark? Of course, He can. God sees everything and just because you are in a different location doesn't make it ok. God never looks approvingly on wickedness. The LORD knows our thoughts. Jesus demonstrated this aspect of God's omniscience: “And Jesus knew their thoughts” (Matthew 12:25). Before God there is nothing like private thoughts or deeds.

Another important truth is that “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that what he has done, whether it be good or bad” (2 Corinthians 5:10). No partiality will be shown. “Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear” (1Peter1:17). The Bible calls us to a change from “darkness” (secretly doing wrong) to “light” (openly doing right).

“All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with Whom we have to give an account.” Hebrews 4:13.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



MEN TO SERVE FEBRUARY 28

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Rodney Rochelle

Scripture Reading: Chris Wright

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:8-13

Preside Lord's Supper: Jerrie W Barber

Alternates: Rick Bruno, Ken Copley

Basement: Gary Wright, Gary Basford

Announcements: Gary Wright

Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Mike Batts

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:12

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Lord's Supper: Gary Basford, James Swaw

Closing Prayer: Edwin Wright

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

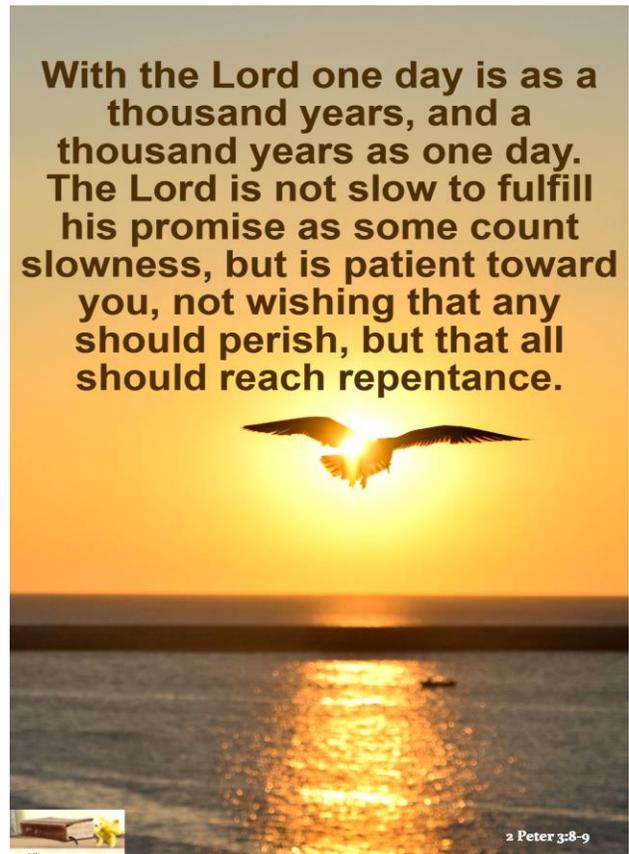
Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey

Invitation: Rodney Rochelle

With the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.





KISS THE BRIDE

Donna's father was visiting for a week, and since he was a pretty good fix-it man, she left him a note before she went to work. It read: "Dad, mileage counter on treadmill not working. Any ideas? Love, Donna." When she returned home, she read his reply: "Donna, walk until you get tired. Love, Dad."

After a day of listening to my eighth graders exchange gossip, I decided to quote Mark Twain to them: "It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt." After considering my words, one of my students asked, "What does it mean to remove all doubt?"

A church nursery had this Scripture on the wall: "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed" (1 Corinthians 15:51).

As a man was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. When he answered, he heard his wife warn him urgently, "George, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on 280. Please be careful coming home!" "I'm there right now," said George, "and it's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

"How do you spell toad?" one of my first-grade students asked. "We just read a story about a toad," I said, then helped him spell it out: "T-O-A-D." Satisfied, he finished writing the story he'd begun, then read it aloud: "I toad my mama I wanted a dog for my birthday."

The doctor decided to put his overweight patient on a diet. "I want you to eat regularly for two days," he said. "Then I want you to skip a day. Follow this pattern for two weeks and come back to see me. After two weeks you should lose five pounds." Two weeks later the man came back for his appointment. He had lost twenty pounds. The doctor asked, "You lost all this weight just by following my instructions?" The man said, "Yes, but I'll tell you though, I thought I was going to drop dead on that third day." The doctor asked, "From hunger?" "No," the man said. "From skipping!"

There was a typo on a test I was taking. Instead of "(D) none of the above," it said "(D) one of the above." So, I circled it.

Over 50 years ago, a very humorous elderly gentleman whose first name was Bob, lived behind our parsonage next to the church building in Shamrock, TX. Because of a previous stroke, Bob was rather slow in speech, but if you would just patiently wait, he usually ended with a thigh-slapping, LOL remark.

One day he told me that he had given some serious thought to becoming a member of our church but he said that he had seen the local hearse come to our building so often that he was scared that it might mean signing his death wish if he did so.

On another occasion he told me that I ought to get together with his brother who preached for the Church of God in another city. He added that since God & Christ are one that we should join one another & become one church. I really couldn't argue with his logic. [I might add on a serious note that he once asked me if his brother who was visiting him could borrow our baptistery to baptize him. I told him he was welcome to do so if he would baptize for the remission of sins. I was thankful that his brother said exactly what I would have said before Bob was buried in baptism. And after his baptism he actually began to attend church with us.]

One day, my new brother in Christ asked me if I would marry him & his landlord. After asking him some leading questions, I told him that I would be more than happy to do so. He made it clear to me that I should leave out the traditional kiss in the ceremony because this was not a romantic marriage, but a marriage of convenience. He explained that their marriage would allow them to travel together & save money by checking out only one motel room rather than two.

The big day finally arrived & the bride & groom came to my church office accompanied by two witnesses. I conducted the ceremony & pronounced them "husband & wife". At that point one of the witnesses remarked to me: "Oh you forgot the kiss!" I was "put on the spot" so I said "Oh yeah, Bob you may kiss the bride". Bob gave me a rather "dirty look" & pecked his new bride on the cheek. As the wedding party was leaving my office, Bob took me aside & asked me how much he owed me. I told him "Oh whatever you think she's worth!" He looked at me & asked "What – an old woman like her? Do you have change for a dime!?"

*Ralph Weinhold
Danville, AR church of Christ*