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Steve Craft ext.20
Youth
Randal Halbrooks ext.13
Missions
Shanon Irwin ext.29
Security
O.D. Pratt ext.23
Seniors
Lloyd Rochelle ext.21
Maintenance
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:

Chris Wright ext. 3

Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:20 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846

Website:

fairfieldcofc.org



Mike's Minute

Women At Work. Someone was playfully pondering how Jesus' birth might have been different if wise *women* had come from the East instead of wise *men*. Wise women would have asked for directions, made it to Bethlehem on time, helped with the delivery, cleaned up the stable, made a decent meal, and brought some practical gifts! Ok, let's not be hard on the *wise men*. As far as we can tell, they were doing God's business. However, it is true that women are extremely valuable in society and in the church. We are excited that a new women's ministry is forming at Fairfield. Our women had a very productive meeting this past Saturday morning, with 27 in attendance. The feeling is that we have an army of women in our congregation who are ready to go to work but aren't sure how to begin. The ministry will help organize the army and help them get started. Stay tuned... more information is coming soon!

News You Can Use. Remember to call Family Line daily. We update Family Line each day, Monday through Saturday, by 9:00 am. We include a Scripture, a brief devotional thought, the very latest news concerning the sick and bereaved connected with our congregation, and upcoming events. Go ahead and get in the habit of getting your daily dose of Fairfield family news by calling Family Line each day.

Exciting Times. After a recent worship service, I was talking to someone who said, "This is an exciting time to be at Fairfield." She is right. There are so many good things happening in our congregation. We hope you are planning to enjoy this exciting time with us... and that you will spread the word in our community about what God is doing among us so that more will want to experience it.

In Christian Love,

Mike




The next Ladies' Craft Night will be Monday, March 14th at 6:00 pm. We will be making Mother's Day cards for a Relay for Life fund raiser.

The next outing for the Golden Agers will be on March 24th and will be going to Catfish Kitchen, a favorite of many. The bus will leave at 5:30 pm. Signup sheets are in both foyers.

The elders will meet with the deacons on March 27th in the fellowship hall at 5:00 pm.

All World Bible School booklets (The Way, God Has Spoken, This is Good News, Knowing Jesus, Born of Water & Spirit, The Family of God, and Live a Life of Love) are down in Rodney's office/junk room in the basement. If interested in reading one take it. If you are handing one of them out, please put a return address so people know where to send it. Thank you for your interest in helping.



Congratulations to **Chelley & Chris Love** on the birth of their first grandbaby last Thursday; his name is **Jaxon Bentley Roberts**.

A Proverb to Ponder

Now, not all our attenders are members, and not all our members are attenders, but if all our attenders were members, and all our members were attenders...

THEN...we'd have more trouble menders, more gospel defenders and more true soul winners!

BUT...we'd have fewer people offenders, fewer spiritual hinderers and fewer religious pretenders!

SO...let us all render a more tender surrender to the Commander of a love full of splendor! As we meander on this earth full of sinners, let us engender a life with the Lord at the center.

"Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us. and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

Neil Pollard



Members: Sherry Breece (Waters of Gallatin Rehab), Gerry Smith, Harry Totty, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Derek Hutchings, Dewayne Victory, Marlin Lawson, June Prince, Helen Shanes, Kenneth Chandler (home), Barbara Chandler (home), Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Christians, missionaries & people in the Ukraine, Vickie Halbrooks (mother of Randal-Centennial hospital), Phillip Halbrooks, Samuel Ray Weather-spoon (Vanderbilt-uncle of Nancy Baker), Kevin Chandler, Denny Quillen (hospital in Nashville), Jo James, Lucille Morphis, 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, Billie Church, Daniel Spears, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Rachael Bellis, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, Donna Gaspard, Evan Boyd, Roman Surra, Rita Stacks, McKinley Moore, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Isaiah Locke, grandson of Dorothy Noonan, will be deployed to Korea on March 22. Prayers for his safety.

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

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

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page



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Center Fielders News

“Loving Our Enemies”

How far does loving our enemies go? What are my words and actions toward someone who abuses or belittles me? What do I say and how do I say it, and do I sincerely mean it? Such questions can make us feel rather uncomfortable, can't they? To truly love those who persecute us, we need to speak well of them in spite of what they do to us.

Loving those who love us is rather easy, isn't it? But that is not what we are talking about here. Jesus said in Matthew 5:46, “If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?” We may have heard this scripture many times, but do we truly live it?

Jesus' example on the cross was for us to follow. Jesus said, “Father forgive them for they know not what they do” is the way we go about it. Jesus made an intercession to the Father for those who had sinned against Him. Stop and think about that! He was the Son of God in human form and had every reason in earthly logic to retaliate, but didn't. He did just the opposite, He showed ultimate compassion instead!

When Stephen was stoned, he prayed, “Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. “I have a few trials in my life, and I would like to say I would I do the same as Stephen did, but the power to respond this way must come from Jesus Himself. We all need to pray for such faith because we never know if we might encounter such an occasion as this. My prayer, as the world continues to squeeze us into its mold, is that we may have the endurance to stand fast, no matter what our test might be.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



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 MARCH 13

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber

Scripture Reading: Skyler Irvin

Scripture: Psalms 9:1-2

Preside Lord's Supper: Kenneth Jett

Alternates: Bobby McCoy, Zack Harvill

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: John Irvin

Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Mike Batts

Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson

Scripture: Matthew 15:29-31

Song Leader: Jeff Stacks

Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince

Lord's Supper: Gary Basford, Adam Jude

Closing Prayer: Bobby McCoy

Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

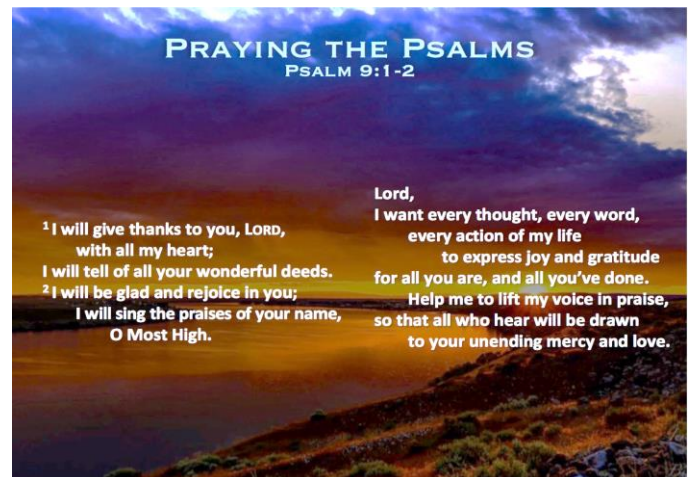
Announcements: Mike Batts

Song Leader: Bobby McCoy

Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Invitation: Mike Kelley

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 6, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	208
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4823
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

THE BEATITUDES

(third in a series)

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5)



The Lord is describing His disciples as mild and gentle people. But it appears the word “meek” is lifted to a higher plain than is often used. It is seldom given the significance as indicated by the application as a beatitude. Usually, the best meaning given to a word is the comparison to the opposite. The poor in spirit are those who are not proud or implacable. So, the meek are those who are willing to suffer in love, bearing injustice and actively involved in serving. Meekness is a spirit opposite from the ambitious and self-seeking which is characteristic of the people controlled and attached to the world.

The promise is that the meek shall inherit the earth. The real enjoyment in life comes to those who rank them inferior to the spiritual blessings that come from serving the Lord and others to the more preferred and not burdened with the thought of losing earthly possessions. Selfish people may indeed inherit the earth, but it is the meek who alone inherit the real blessings of the Lord and of the spiritual kingdom. It has been proven the meek enjoy the temporal blessings more than others and finally will triumph over the earth in the kingdom of God.

Some time ago “meekness” was given an equestrian definition. It describes a young colt that has been broken to the harness and trained by a skilled horseman, ready for the command of the master. He stands at attention, never to move till ordered by his master. Relate this to the Christian, you can easily see the dedication necessary for the work in the kingdom of heaven.

*Bill Hopkins
Ravenna, OH*

The Greatest

A little boy was overheard talking to himself as he strutted through the backyard, wearing his baseball cap, and toting a ball and bat. “I’m the greatest hitter in the world,” he announced.

Then, he tossed the ball into the air, swung at it, and missed. “Strike One!” he yelled. Undaunted, he picked up the ball and said again, “I’m the greatest hitter in the world!”

He tossed the ball into the air. When it came down, he swung again and missed. “Strike Two!” he cried. The boy then paused a moment to examine his bat and ball carefully. He spit on his hands and rubbed them together. He straightened his cap and said once more, “I’m the greatest hitter in the world!”

Again, he tossed the ball up in the air and swung at it. He missed. “Strike Three!”

“Wow!” he exclaimed. “I’m the greatest pitcher in the world!”



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

