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Jeff Stacks ext.22
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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

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Mike's Minute

*Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults;
whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse.*

Proverbs 9:7

When Charles Spurgeon was a young preacher, he was warned about a certain woman with a reputation for being extremely quarrelsome. He was told that she intended to give him a tongue-lashing the moment she saw him.

Spurgeon said, "All right, but that's a game two can play."

Shortly thereafter, she met him and began to assault him with a flood of verbal abuse. He simply smiled back at her and said, "Oh, yes, thank you. I am quite well. Thank you for asking. I hope you are the same."

His remarks were followed by another tirade of know-it-all comments, this time voiced at a slightly higher volume. He responded again, smiling quietly, "Yes, it does look rather as if it might rain. I think I had better be getting on."

"Bless this man!" the woman exclaimed and then concluded, "He's as deaf as a post. What's the use of storming at him!"

Never again did she assault Spurgeon with her arguments. Never did he tell her what he had done! There's no point in arguing with know-it-all people. Better to just let them have their say and then walk on.

Remember, the only fool bigger than the person who knows it all is the person who argues with him!

In Christian Love,

Mike





The quilters are meeting in the basement on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am. Anyone that quilts is welcome to join us.

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

Rita Sullivan came forward Sunday morning for prayers.

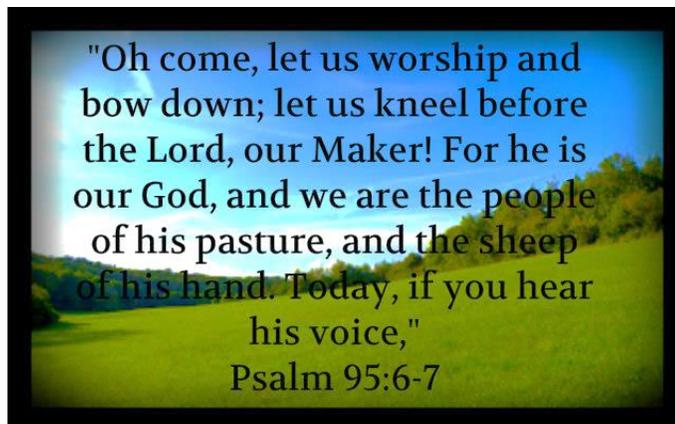


Thank you so much for the cards, calls and prayers during my recent illness. It is wonderful to have a caring church family.

Wallace Smith

As Ecclesiastes 3:2 says: A time to be born and a time to die. Well, on Feb. 28, 2021, my brother from Indiana, passed from this life into eternity. He was the last of my 9 siblings and was also an uncle of Joni Prince, Gary Phillips and Lisa Kent. This note is to express our gratitude for all the phone calls, cards, and notes on Facebook with condolences being shown us. Too, thank you to Fairfield for the nice gift of wind chimes. They will bring joy this spring. God bless each of you for your caring spirits!

Carolyn Phillips



Several of our church members are sick at home.

Members: Emily Copley, Janet Basford, Rita Beard, Violet Shelby, Brenda Scott, Carol Warren, Don Beard, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Hester Moss, Deborah Perry, Ruth Ann Carathers, Raymond Stoltz, Terry James, Dewayne Victory (VA hospital), Kenneth Chandler (St. Thomas Hickman), Paul Victory, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: The Litton Family, Alice Cagle (sister-in-law of Joyce Swaw), Adam Lawson, Mark Plunkett, 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, **Harold Choate**

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

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

NHC Dickson: Noble Victory



We express our sympathy to the family of **Bobby Orton** who passed away. He was the husband of **Myra**, who is a long-time member of our church family. His funeral was Thursday.

We also express sympathy to the family of **Gene Carathers** who passed away. He was the husband of **Ruth Ann**. His funeral was Friday.



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



Center Fielders News

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

A famous theologian was asked, “What is the most profound truth in the Bible?” After thinking a little, he began to sing, “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.” Indeed, God’s love for us is so profound that we cannot comprehend it.

John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. “All other scripture surrounds this great scripture. God’s plan for salvation was already in His mind before the foundation of the world. We see His love in the Creation. God made everything for His glory and for the good of man. After Adam and Eve sinned, He immediately put in place a plan where mankind could be forgiven. Time after time man fell into sin, but God always offered him mercy if he would repent.

No one is excluded if they will reach out and receive His grace. The greatest act of God’s love was Jesus coming to this earth and dying a cruel death of crucifixion, so we can be cleansed by Jesus’ blood and forgiven. We are washed from our sins by baptism, and we stand righteous before the Father.

If Jesus had not done for us, we would have no hope at all, but because of His work on the cross we have a living hope. My past life looks like a picture of many failures, but through Christ’s work of redemption, I am cleansed, forgiven, and free. Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. What a wonderful story of love!!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

**Better to be told you made a mistake.
It’s because you are doing something.**

Wisdom is the right use of knowledge.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 7, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP	121
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4736
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE MARCH 14

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Rodney Rochelle
Scripture Reading: Keith Harvill
Scripture: Psalm 95:6-7
Preside Lord’s Supper: Jerrie W Barber
Alternates: Rick Bruno, Ken Copley
Basement: Gary Wright, Gary Basford
Announcements: Rodney Rochelle
Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks
Scripture Reading: Chris Wright
Scripture: Matthew 11:25-30
Song Leader: Jeff Rose
Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Lord’s Supper: Gary Basford, James Swaw
Closing Prayer: Boyce Cannon
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright
Song Leader: Rodney Rochelle
Opening Prayer: Randal Halbrooks
Invitation: Mike Kelley

Quotes and Sayings

“When spring came, even the false spring, there were no problems except where to be happiest.” – Ernest Hemingway

“I am going to try to pay attention to the spring. I am going to look around at all the flowers, and look up at the hectic trees. I am going to close my eyes and listen.” – Anne Lamott

“The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.” – Henry Van Dyke

“Though our feelings come and go, God’s love for us does not.” – C.S. Lewis

“If you believe in a God who controls the big things, you have to believe in a God who controls the little things. It is we, of course, to whom things look ‘little’ or ‘big’.” — Elisabeth Elliot

DAYLIGHT



This weekend we go back to Daylight Savings Time so do not forget to move your clocks **AHEAD** one hour Saturday night. Combined with the Summer season, when the sun naturally rises and sets later, we will have a lot more daylight, and can be more active.

The question is "What will you do with all this extra daylight? Yes, we will have more time to tend to the yard after work or get in an extra round of golf. But how will you use these extra active hours to do more for the Lord? When Jesus was about to heal the blind man he said, "We must work the works of Him who send me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work" (Jn.9:4). The "night" He spoke of was his own impending death, the "Night of Ebon Pinion."

In that moment Jesus knew there was so much to do and so little time. We should feel the same urgency as we go about the Lord's work. We, like Jesus, should confront each new day in the consciousness that "on my day of life the night is falling." Like him, may we all use our "daylight" to work for the Lord. He felt the urgency to heal the blind man "while it is day," Do you feel the urgency to do more, to serve more, to love more? Use your "day," to serve your Master, for the night of the black wing of death will come upon us all soon enough.

-Dennis Doughty



Boundaries

We are responsible to others and *for* ourselves. "Carry each other's burdens," says Galatians 6:2, "and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." This verse shows our responsibility to one another.

Many times, others have "burdens" that are too big to bear. They do not have enough strength, resources, or knowledge to carry the load, and they need help. Denying ourselves to do for others what they *cannot* do for themselves is showing the sacrificial love of Christ. This is what Christ did for us. He did what we could not do for ourselves; he saved us. This is being responsible "to."

On the other hand, verse 5 says that "each one should carry his own load." Everyone has responsibilities that only he or she can carry. These things are our own particular "load" that we need to take daily responsibility for and work out. No one can do certain things for us. We have to take ownership of certain aspects of life that are our own "load."

The Greek word for *burden* and *load* gives us insight into the meaning of these texts. The Greek word for *burden* means "excess burdens," or burdens that are so heavy that they weigh us down. These burdens are like boulders. They can crush us. We shouldn't be expected to carry a boulder by ourselves! It would break our backs. We need help with the boulders—those times of crisis and tragedy in our lives.

In contrast, the Greek word for *load* means "cargo," or "the burden of daily toll." This word describes the everyday things we all need to do. These loads are like knapsacks. Knapsacks are possible to carry. We are expected to carry our own. We are expected to deal with our own feelings, attitudes, and behaviors, as well as the responsibilities God has given to each one of us, even though it takes effort.

Problems arise when people act as if their "boulders" are daily loads, and refuse help, or as if their "daily loads" are boulders they shouldn't have to carry. The results of these two instances are either perpetual pain or irresponsibility.

Lest we stay in pain or become irresponsible, it is very important to determine what "me" is, where my boundary of responsibility is and where someone else's begins.

Boundaries
Dr. Henry Cloud
Dr. John Townsend