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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Darin Cochran ext.11
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Ken Copley ext.17
Education
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

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Mike's Minute

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully (Romans 12:4-8).

All congregations are made up of four types of people: pillar people, promising people, passive people, and problem people.

First, there are pillar people. A pillar is a weight-bearing structure. A pillar person says, "I'm going to carry part of the weight around here. I'm going to bear part of the responsibility." You can count on pillar people to know their role in the church and to fulfill it faithfully.

Second, there are promising people. These people have not yet risen to pillar status, but they are well on their way. They are excited. They are enthusiastic. They are looking for a place of service in the congregation, when they find it, they are ready to jump in with both feet.

Third, there are passive people. These are the "pew potatoes." They had rather just sit than run the risk of stumbling or sinking. They would rather snooze than attempt to soar. They watch the work of the church from a safe distance... not hurting, but not helping either.

Finally, there are problem people. Problem people do not help with the work of the church. Even worse, they actually hinder the work. Years ago, I was helping a family move into a new home. We were carrying a large couch and I had picked up one end from the bottom. The arms of the couch were so tall that I couldn't see where we were going. I was just following the lead of the person on the other end. I noticed that the couch seemed much heavier than it looked. When we sat the couch down, I realized why it had felt so heavy. Two of the family's children were sitting on it as we carried it.

That's how it is with problem people. Not only do they fail to carry their share of the weight, they actually make the weight heavier. How? Gossip, negativity, complaining, spreading division and strife.

What healthy churches do, and what we hope to do here at Fairfield is maximize pillar and minimize problem people. Would you do an honest assessment of yourself? Which type of person are you?

In Christian Love,

Mike



There will be a collection taken up this Sunday for the people who suffered loss of life and property in Putnam County. Please give your cash or checks, made out to Fairfield church of Christ, to one of the elders.

Ladies are invited to a bridal tea for Lauren Hunt, bride-elect of Trevor Demary on Sunday from 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Walmart, Target and Amazon.

Ken Copley is needing 2 teachers for the next quarter (April-June) on Sunday mornings.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings here at Fairfield on April 22nd. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call **1-888-653-6441** or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word **circle** to **797979**.

*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6:00 am in the basement.

*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1st & 3rd Tues. evenings @ 6:00 pm in the basement.

*The Quilters meet every Thurs. morning @ 9:00 am in the basement.

MARCH EVENTS

Mar. 22 – Elders & Ladies meet at 4:30 pm in FH

Mar. 26 – Golden Agers to Plantation Restaurant

Mar. 28 – Elders fee Deacons & Wives

Mar. 29 – 5th Sunday with Woody Woodruff

Happy belated Birthday to Tommie Newsom this past Thursday!



Members: Paul Victory, Rickey Weems, Angie Stacks, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Terry James, Noble Victory, Sandy Bagwell, Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Naomi Bailey, Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, Hester Moss, James Hassell, Diane Breece, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Ruby Church (sister of Jewell Prince), Wayne Winters, Emersyn Lannom, Carolyn Nash, Margaret Anglin, Sandy McFarlin, Glenna Hill, Linda Jones, Randy Hall, Rick Lee, Nancy Coursey, Roy Cochran, Wilburn Horner, Kim Jenkins, Rachael Bellis, June Bell, Connie Garrett, Len Womack, Jerry Milam, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fagan, Jimmy Cline, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Ron Gossett, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, Adam Lawson, Mark Wright, Donna Popp, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jackson Bates, & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Billie Joe Qualls, Margie Olson, McKinley Moore, Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Bill & Helen Shanes, Jo Hudgins (hospice), & Sybil Jenkins.

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Linda Fay Redden Barnett** who passed away in Illinois. She was a sister to **Dorothy Weatherspoon** and an aunt to **Nancy Baker**. There will be a graveside service on Saturday, March 21st at 11 am at the Charles L. Nickell cemetery.

We also express our sympathy to the family of **Annie Lou Bentley** who passed away. Her funeral was Tuesday. She was the sister to **Violet Shelby**.

“PRAYER: THE WORLD’S GREATEST WIRELESS CONNECTION.”



Center Fielders News

“Who Is God?”

In our day many people are asking who God is. Some are even foolish enough to say there is no God. But friend, there certainly is a God. In the Bible, the name God appears over 4,400 times. And in His Word, God confirms at least 24 times that He is God and there is none other.

How can we be sure there is a God? We can do what Isaiah says in chapter 40, verse 26. “Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: The One who created all these things.” Consider the sun, moon, and the stars, and notice how precisely the universe functions. This whole complex system could not have originated by chance! Our God is in Heaven, and by the word of His mouth He created this world and all the plants, birds, fish, animals, and even the people.

Hebrews 11:3 says, “By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command.” Faith means believing that God and His Word are true. Our God is all-powerful, all-knowing, and everywhere present. He has complete control over all the elements of nature; even our breath is in His hand.

God knows what we think, say, and do. David says to God in Psalm 139:3 “You discern my going out and lying down, you are familiar with all my ways.” Someday you and I will stand before this great God and give an account of the things we have done, whether good or bad. Now where is God in your life? Is He far away or is He near? If God seems far away, the Bible has a promise especially for you. “Come near to God and He will come near to you (James 4:8).”

Obey God and watch Him work,

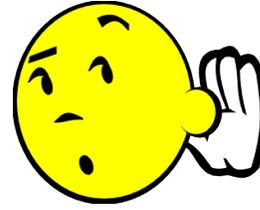
Rodney



YOUTH CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- Mar. 15** - Puppet show during evening service
- Mar. 17** - Middle/High school devo, 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Field House
- Mar. 23-27** - Hickman County Spring Break

Are You Listening to Jesus?



The most stupendous event between the birth and resurrection of Jesus occurred on a mountain when the appearance of Jesus momentarily changed. A bright light brilliantly radiated from his face and his clothes became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah of the Old Testament appeared in glorious splendor and spoke with him about his going to the cross. The apostle Peter wanted to honor all three of them so he said, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” Immediately, the glory of God enveloped them all in a bright cloud. God spoke from heaven. “This is my son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.” The apostles looked up and saw no one except Jesus only. Moses and Elijah were gone. God’s message was plain: “Listen to Jesus and only to Jesus.”

Are you listening to Jesus? Listen to Jesus and his inspired apostles in matters of faith and doctrine. Listen to Jesus and be faithful to your spouse. Listen to Jesus and keep yourself pure and undefiled from lust, greed and selfishness. Listen to Jesus and be honest in your work. Listen to Jesus and forgive those who have wronged you. Listen to Jesus and be kind, considerate and patient. Listen to Jesus and reach out and share the gospel. Listen to Jesus and worship in spirit and in truth. Listen to Jesus and give freely to help others. Listen to Jesus and be a Good Samaritan who shows mercy to hurting people, regardless of their race and religion. Listen to Jesus and believe in him with all your heart, repent of your sins, confess him publicly and be baptized in his name. Listen to Jesus and obey all things that he has commanded. Are you listening to Jesus?

Calvin Warpula



Woody Woodruff, speaker

Any offering above our regular contribution on this day will go into a building fund account in case of needed repairs, maintenance or expenses in the future. A potluck will follow after classes and the afternoon service will be at 12:30 pm.

MEN TO SERVE MARCH 15 LORD'S TABLE

Preside: Dustin Bailey
Left: Rick Bruno **Right:** Gary Bailey
 Boyce Cannon Kenneth Jett
 Lloyd Rochelle Chris Wright
 Kim Clayton Gary Wright
Alternates: Rickey Weems, Mike Worley
Basement: Mathew Wright, Edwin Wright
Sun. P.M.: Roy McCoy, Rick Bruno

PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

A.M. Scripture Reading: Marvin Truett
Scripture: Psalms 94:17-19
A.M. Opening Prayer: Josh Copley
A.M. Closing Prayer: James Swaw
P.M. Scripture Reading: Lafayette Spears
Scripture: John 19:8-11
P.M. Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
P.M. Closing Prayer: Darin Cochran
Wed. Opening Prayer: Rodney Rochelle
Wed. Invitation: (Mar 18) Mike Kelley

SONG LEADERS

Sunday A.M. Darin Cochran
Sunday P.M. Gary Basford
Wednesday P.M. (Mar 18) Jeff Stacks

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday A.M. Mike Batts
Sunday P.M. Mike Batts
Wednesday P.M. (Mar 18) Gary Wright

VAN DRIVERS

Sunday A.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355
Sunday P.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355
Wed. P.M. (Mar 18) Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

If you are unable to serve in anyway, please call or text Gary Basford at (931)628-0355 or Darin Cochran at (615)418-3148.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 8, 2020

A.M. WORSHIP: 205
CONTRIBUTION: \$4187
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET \$4167

On the Lighter Side

Now There's the Problem

Old man comes into a restaurant, sits at his usual table, and orders the usual — matzoh ball soup.

The waiter sets it down in front of him, and stands back to watch him enjoy it. But the man just sits there.

“Is there something wrong?” the waiter asks.

“I can't eat this soup,” the man replies.

“Is it too hot?” the waiter asks. “No.” “Too cold?” “No.” “Too salty?” “No.”

The waiter calls for the maître d', and for the chef, and each goes through the same routine: “Too hot?” “Too cold?” “No, no no.”

Finally, the chief, at his wits end, says, “Sir, I will taste the soup myself. Where is the spoon?”

Says the old man: “A-ha!”

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Corniest Library Joke Ever

A chicken marches into the library, walks up to the library desk, and says: “Book, book, BOOK!”

The librarian hands over a couple of slim children's paperbacks, and watches the chicken as it leaves the library, walks across the street, through a field, and disappears down the hill.

Next day, the chicken is back. Walks right up to the librarian, drops the books on her desk, and says, “Book, Book, BOOK, BOOK!” The librarian hands over a few books and again watches the chicken drag them away.

The next day, the chicken comes for a third time. Drops the books on the desk, and says, “Book, Book, Book, BOOK!!”

This time, once the chicken is out the door, the librarian follows — across the street, through a field, and down the hill to a small pond.

On a rock on the edge of the pond is the biggest frog the librarian has ever seen. The chicken walks up to the frog, drops the book on the pond's edge, and says, “Book, Book, Book!”

The frog hops over, uses the front leg to push through the pile, and says: “Read it, read it, read it...”