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Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:15 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846



Mike's Minute

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all you that hope in the Lord.

Psalm 31:24

In *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, Stephen R. Covey writes: "One of the most inspiring times Sandra (his wife) and I have ever had took place over a four-year period with a dear friend of ours named Carol, who had a wasting cancer disease. She had been one of Sandra's bridesmaids, and they had been best friends for over 25 years..."

"When Carol was in the very last stages of the disease, Sandra spent time at her bedside helping her write her personal history. She returned from those protracted and difficult sessions almost transfixed by her admiration for her friend's courage and her desire to write special messages to be given to her children at different stages in their lives..."

"Carol would take as little pain-killing medication as possible, so that she had full access to her mental and emotional faculties. She would whisper into a tape recorder or to Sandra directly as she took notes. Carol was so proactive, so brave, and so concerned about others that she became an enormous source of inspiration to many people around her."

In today's "age of anxiety" there is a quality that is desperately needed. Let's seek to develop it.

It's called... courage.

Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to try that counts!

In Christian Love,

Mike





Ladies' craft night will be on Monday, March 18th at 6 in room in 104. We will be making aprons for Relay for Life. Please bring a sewing machine if you have one. There will be jobs for everyone.

The **Golden Agers** will be going to Catfish Kitchen on March 28th. Bus leaving at 5:30.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tuesday morning at 6:00 am in the basement.

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday @ 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the basement.

If you have a **prayer request**, please use a blue card, and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Marvin Emler**, who was the brother of Faye Williams. Mr. Emler passed away last Thursday; a service will be scheduled at a later date.

We also express sympathy to the family of **Bill Dodd** of Rock Hollow, TN who was the uncle of **Sherry Dunn**. His funeral was Sunday.

And sympathy to the family of **Betty Davis**, aunt of **Minnie Powers**. Her funeral was Monday.



Floy Cochran will celebrate her 90th birthday on March 22nd. She would like to receive cards from anyone who can send one. You may bring your card and drop it in the box in either foyer, or you can mail it to her home. Her address is in the Field Guide.

Ruth Ann Carathers will celebrate her 80th birthday on March 31st. Anyone who would like to send a card, please send it to: Ruth Ann Carathers, c/o Tina Devore, 555 Williamson County Line Road, Fairview, TN 37062.



Members: Sharon Burns (diagnosed breast cancer), Carolyn Phillips (home), Belinda Anderson, Reda Springer, Brenda Fly, Justin Bates, Barbara Chandler, Shanon Irwin, Dannie George, Kenneth Chandler, Terry Duncan, June Prince, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Woody Woodruff, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Margaret Martin (broken elbow-surgery Mar. 26), Gregg Worthey, Braydon Chessor (grandson of Lisa Truett), James Coates (ICU-VA Hospital Nashville), Lester Davidson, James Williams (brother of Al Williams-St. Thomas West), Kim Totty, Tara & Connor Pitman, Trevor Buchanan, Ricky Harness, Pam Sullivan, Pam Simmons (diagnosed melanoma), Mike Avery, Randi Rian Stringer, Pat Garrett, June Roder, Mary French, Bobby McCoy, Anthony Stacks, David Talley, Billie Lynn Tyler, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Grayson Gunter, Dusty Covington, Jean Greer, Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer, Jimmie Jenkins, Stephanie Pitman, Jenny Teet, Carolyn Nash, Aaron Barnett, Laura DeLong, Roy Harris, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Cynthia Butler (sister of Randal Halbrooks), Hester Moss, Joyce Boyd, Lou Dickens, Sue Davidson, Floy Cochran, John Fly, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard



Mar 17 - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift Off
Mar 19 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30, at FH
Mar 31 - Easter Egg Hunt, after classes, we will need Individually wrapped candy or filled plastic eggs for the kids to hunt. See Teresa if you need plastic eggs.



Center Fielders News

“March, Month of Anticipation”

About this time of year, something begins to stir within us. Farmers and gardeners start dreaming of new crops. New hopes revive after the winter, and most of us anticipate spring!!

It is interesting to consider how God planned our lives in relation to the seasons and the world around us. Life includes dark and cold times. Sorrow and disappointments make up the “winters” of our lives, but God’s Word also tells us that “joy comes in the morning.” This anticipation helps put a spring in our steps. It stirs our minds and emotions, even if the time for action is not yet.

Jesus Himself lived with anticipation. He endured the cross with all its agony in anticipation of “the joy that was set before Him” (Hebrews 12:2). The faithful followers of old lived in a similar way, such as Noah, Abraham and Sarah, and Moses. God showed and held before them the expectancy of something better that was beyond what they could imagine. It encouraged and motivated them to faith and obedience.

Sometimes, we as Christians become too gloomy in our outlook on life. We have many reasons to be negative and depressed as we look at our culture and our society today. But to live without anticipation is to be living in a state where God does not intend us to live. For a Christian, the best is yet to come, and that needs to be our focus! We always need to be on the outlook for God’s blessings because there are always blessings to be discovered; we just need to look!

To have a blessing, be a blessing. Put away those gloomy thoughts and “rejoice in the Lord always” (Philippians 4:4).

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 10, 2024

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| MORNING WORSHIP | 204 |
| CONTRIBUTION: | \$5803 |
| 2024 WEEKLY BUDGET | \$5104 |

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

- Song Leader: Darin Cochran
- Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
- Scripture Reading: Norman George
- Scripture: Psalm 103:1-5
- Preside Lord’s Supper: Ronny Pitman
- Left: Zack Harvill Right: Boyce Cannon
- Ken Copley Vance Willis
- Rusty Bates Gary Basford
- Phillip Coates Mike Worley

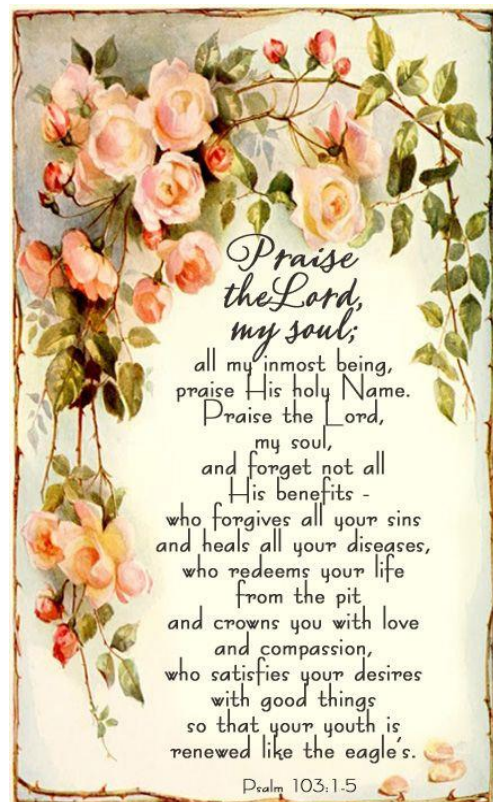
- Announcements: Darin Cochran
- Closing Prayer: Steve Baker
- Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

- Announcements: Gary Wright
- Scripture Reading: Boyce Cannon
- Scripture: John 14:1-6
- Song Leader: Steve Baker
- Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
- Lord’s Supper: Rick Bruno, Lafayette Spears
- Closing Prayer: Wayne Prince
- Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

- Announcements: Gary Basford
- Song Leader: Charley Stone
- Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
- Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



SHARING OUR FAITH

Why are we afraid to share our faith? Why do we not share with others what God is doing in our lives, and about what Jesus means to us? Rejection is probably the number one reason we hold back. When we invite someone into conversation about Jesus Christ and they resist, it isn't a personal rejection. God opens hearts to His message, and if we will share our faith, we will discover people with open hearts. We will also discover people with closed hearts. Don't let that keep you from sharing your faith. If God has answered prayer in your life, tell people about it. If God has done something good in your life, tell someone what He has done. If you have faith in Jesus Christ, speak His name out loud to others. God will work!

Many hold back because of a "lack of knowledge" of God's word. You need to notice that in Scripture people didn't always have lots of knowledge of God's Word. The woman at the well in John 4 simply told neighbors that she met a man who knew all about her. These neighbors put their faith in Jesus based on her testimony. It can work the same way today. Chances are you will know more than the person you are sharing with. If you should discover someone who knows more of God's Word than you do, allow them to encourage you with the Word of God.

Many feel that they lack the time to study with people. If you read Acts, you will discover that many people responded after a brief encounter. There are people around us who are ready for the Good News of Jesus Christ. They are just waiting for someone to share their personal faith. Individuals realize their need for a Savior when they take time to do a personal inventory. There are people around us who are looking for help.

You can share your faith. Ask God for the courage to tell others about His Son. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:37-38). Let's all be workers in the Kingdom of God. Let's all make an attempt to share our faith.

Dick Miller

WORDS THAT HURT

There are many warnings in the Bible about the consequences of our words. The most powerful is expressed by Jesus. He said, "But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken" (Matthew 12:16). Please don't let your words hurt someone this week. Think about the consequences.

Memorial

A contribution was given in memory of **Lorraine Bates** by **Jackie & Randy Deitmen** for the youth group.

A contribution was given in memory of **Carolyn Brown** by **Elizabeth Bryant** for the youth group.



Congratulations to our **Hickman County Bulldogs** basketball team who made it to the state championship. It was a great year.

Also, congratulations to **Claire Willis** for being named 2nd runner up on Saturday in the Miss Tennessee Teen USA pageant.



This year, Easter Sunday is March 31st which falls on the fifth Sunday. Due to this, Mike Kelley will speak that day and we will have Bible classes as usual. Immediately following Bible class, there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children. ***We will not have a potluck meal afterwards and there will be no evening service that day.***



We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Your presence is an encouragement and you are always welcome. Please fill out the attendance card you will find in the pew rack and drop it in the basket or leave on the seat and it will be picked up.



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