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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

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Mike's Minute

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they may accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.

(1 Peter 2:7)

One of the main sources of entertainment in the city of Rome for hundreds of years was killing people. Two gladiators, usually slaves, would fight one another with five to ten thousand people watching. At the end of the fight, one of the gladiators would have the other on the ground and he would look to Caesar who sat in the stands. If Caesar held his thumb up, that meant to let the man live. If he held his thumb down, which he usually did, that meant to kill him. The gladiator would plunge his sword into the heart of his opponent and the crowd would cheer wildly.

This had been going on in Rome for about four hundred years when, one day, a Christian named Telemachus was at one of these fights. As one of the gladiators was about to kill the other, Telemachus ran out into the arena, stood between the two men, and looked into the crowd directly at Caesar. Telemachus cried out, "No more." The people were so angry that he had stopped their fun that they stoned Telemachus to death.

Telemachus' actions caused a kind of backlash in the city of Rome and the result was that the Emperor decided that gladiator fighting to the death would stop. If you should visit Rome today, inside the Colosseum where the fighting took place, you would see a large cross. The cross stands as a symbol that Christianity prevailed over violence and death.

When Christians ban together and stand peacefully but courageously for what we believe in, we just might do more lasting good that we could possibly imagine.

In Christian Love,

Mike



The St. Jude Walk-a-thon this past Saturday raised \$1,684.

Congratulations to **Carlin Cochran** for being elected 4-H governor this week.

The elders will meet with the ladies of the congregation this Sunday at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

A 2-day yard sale will be held here in the fellowship hall on Friday, April 5th from 8 am – 4 pm and Saturday, April 6th from 9 am – 2 pm. A chili lunch will be served both days for \$5 and a dessert for \$1. This will benefit Help for the Homeless.

Ken is looking for teachers and field guides for the second quarter (April – June). If you would like to volunteer please see him.

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

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

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

*Narcotics Anonymous meets every Thurs. night at 7p in the basement.



Mark & I want to thank you for all the prayers & get well wishes. Mark has had a tough time in the last 2 years. It has meant a lot to us for your thoughtfulness.

In Christian Love,
Mark & Andrea Wright

I would like to thank everyone for praying for me and my condition. You can never have too many prayers. I have turned it over to God and know that whatever the biopsy says, God is in control. I have faith that God will there to guide me.

Angie Davis, daughter of **John & Brenda Fly**



We express our love and sympathy to the family of **Mike Pinkerton**. He is a cousin to **Barbara Edwards** and many family members in Centerville.



Members: Daisy Beard, Dollie Wheeler, Mike Breece, Hester Moss, Christina George, Harry Fielder, James Hassell, Leon Lynn, Martha Harvill, Tony Halfacre, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Ronnie Pittman, Angie Davis, Lonnie Qualls, Adam Lawson, Wallace Harvill, Sandra Bagwell, Joyce Bates, Arica Hinson, Mark Wright, Linda Goad, Greg Bates, Helen Shanes, Bracey Campbell (hospice), Donna Popp, Bobby Mack Dunn, Bobby Brawley, Dorris French, Dana Hall, Mary Ann Wallace, Dorothy Love, Don Glover, Slater Springman, Tana Rochelle Brinke, John Beard, Jimmy George, David Talley, Jean Greer, Tommy Cagle, Clare Loughrey, Linda Truett, Kathy Brown, Jackson Bates, Greg McCord (St. Thomas West, no visitors), Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash & Jimmy Mathis.

Life Care: Donald Dorton, Mary Carolyn McClanahan, Kitty Halfacre, Anne Neely, Ray Dudley, Mary England, Georgia Belle Smith, and Jim & Jean Wright.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Jo Hudgins, Bill Shanes, Sybil Jenkins, & Gladys Primm.

NHC Dickson: Percy Lancaster

AREA EVENTS

The Hickman County Relay for Life presents **Celebrity Waiter** this Saturday, March 23rd at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Tickets are only \$10 per person which includes a delicious meal served by a Celebrity Waiter, fun, fellowship, and entertainment. There will be a live & silent auction. To purchase a ticket, contact any Relay for Life team member.

Litter pick-up will be this Saturday. Please meet at the building here at 8:30 am.

Area Wide Singing at the South Gate church of Christ in Columbia on April 5th at 7 pm. Refreshments will be served.

5TH SUNDAY

MARCH 31 – SPEAKER CRAIG SHELTON 9AM & 12:30PM

All of our contribution given that day will be going to our debt retirement. We will have a potluck after class and afternoon service at 12:30 p.m.



Center Fielders News

“Heavenly Treasures & Pleasures”

Selling portable storage buildings and renting storage facilities is a booming business in America today. People tend to hoard up treasures here on earth and need a place to keep them. Now, God does give us some things and He does expect us to be good stewards of those possessions. Protecting them from the weather is commendable, but for many of us, we likely have more than we really need. Jesus said, things on earth are subject to rust and decay, and it seems that thieves everywhere are breaking into buildings and helping themselves to other’s belongings.

Another problem with hoarding treasures is that we have a tendency to put our trust in them. God’s Word says that the love of money is the root of all evil and how true that is.

When we desperately want something, sometimes we are tempted to take wrong means to acquire it. And when we do get the thing we wanted, the happiness is short lived. The last part of 1 Timothy 6:10 says that those who coveted money have “pierced themselves through many sorrows”, maybe even getting what they coveted.

Sometimes we need to appreciate and share the things we already have instead of wanting more. Even if we have little or nothing to our name, we can still lay up treasures in Heaven by sharing a smile, doing deeds of love and kindness, and telling others how Jesus has worked in our lives.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



We missed 2 more birthday’s in March

March 3 – **Joyce Swaw**
March 14 – **James Swaw**

- *Insist on yourself: never imitate. Your own gift you can present every moment with the cumulative force of a whole life’s cultivation: but of the adopted talent of another, you have only an extemporaneous half.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-82)

The Joyful Call To Worship

We fail to appreciate many things until they’re gone. Ethan, the author of Psalm 89, possibly a Levite, writing after the nation of Judah had been desolated and the temple destroyed, remembers.

“Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, Lord” (Psalm 89:15).

Many today hear the call to worship, but would rather follow their own desires, enjoy recreation, sleep late and rest, use the time for self. They do not appreciate the joy which this call contains. For the call to worship is the call to the presence of God. One day, they will wish they could hear that call again.

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Walking With God

Baptism

On Wednesday night after Bible class, Jonathan Horner was baptized by Mike Kelley. Jonathan is the son of Garland Horner. Congratulations.



WOMEN ARE SAFE, INC. SPRING 2019 WISHLIST

Spring will come – if we don’t blow (or wash) away first! Meanwhile, we are wishing for the following items to help serve our clients better:

- **Bath towel sets** (to replenish our “welcome baskets” –Bath s hand, and wash cloths)
- **Individually wrapped bed pillows** (also for the client “welcome basket”)
- **Pillowcases**
- **Twin- and Full-Size sheets sets** (new, please)
- **Laundry detergent** (When our shelters are full, we go throu a LOT of detergent!)
- **Rectangular Laundry Baskets** (to fill with items for our client “welcome” baskets)
- **Spiral Notebooks** (to help our clients stay organized)
- **PJ’s – adult and kid sizes**
- **Socks – adult and kid sizes**
- **Bras/Undies**
- **Trash Bags – Drawstring, 13 gallon & 30 gallon**
- **Casual clothes – new or gently used – for women** (yoga pants, tee shirts, etc.) to offer in our office “clothes closet” (which replaced our thrift store)



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