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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Jeff Stacks ext.22
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Mike Kelley ext. 2

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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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fairfieldcofc.org



Mike's Minute

Encourage Your Elders. Our elders here at Fairfield have been under tremendous stress and strain in the last few weeks. They have had to weigh the importance of us assembling together to worship with the warning by health experts of the dangers of group meetings because of the Coronavirus. They have met numerous times. They have prayed. They have consulted wise, godly elders from other congregations. The conclusion they have reached is that the Fairfield congregation will meet online only for the next little while. Let's get behind this decision, knowing that it comes from a heart of love for God and for us on their behalf. As you pray, ask God that He will continue to give our elders wisdom about how to lead us in these unprecedented times. In addition, when you get a chance, let them know that you appreciate their leadership.

Unexpected Opportunities. Our Sunday morning worship at Fairfield is normally experienced and enjoyed by about 220 people. This past Sunday, we put the service on Facebook to allow those who were unable to attend to be a part of it. As of the time of this writing (Monday evening) 731 people have viewed the service! Isn't it amazing that this "detour" the Coronavirus has us on resulted in our worship being witnessed by over 3 times more people than normal? A woman commented that she lives in Comfort, Texas, and her home congregation cancelled worship. She said she was able to worship with us instead. She said she sang along, prayed along, and listened as we presented God's Word. She thanked us for making it possible for her to do so. In case you are wondering, Comfort, Texas, is 929 miles away from Fairfield. The drive takes 13 hours. God really does move in mysterious ways!

A New Angle. A new camera has been installed in the Fairfield auditorium. This camera will greatly enhance our live broadcasts during the Coronavirus pandemic and beyond. More information will be forthcoming, but we plan to stream our worship through YouTube Live. As Darin Cochran mentioned Sunday morning, we are currently "building the plane while we fly it." There will no doubt be some "hiccups" and technical difficulties along the way but this is an exciting new opportunity for us. We are discussing ways to have our ministers, worship leaders, and elders present at these services, so that those at home can truly worship in the most interactive way possible. We are even considering ways that we can offer the invitation at the conclusion of our services, and then be available by phone for those who need prayers or even baptism. As we said above, opportunities really do abound as long as we commit to "grow through what we go through."

In Christian Love,

Mike



Congratulations to Brad & Britney Mushil on the birth of a baby girl, Emelia Douglas, weighing in at 7 lbs. 13 oz. born on March 18th. The proud grandmother is Brenda Burchard.

Ken Copley is needing 1 teacher for the next quarter (April-June) on Sunday mornings.

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque buildup in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on April 22nd at the Fairfield church of Christ. 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**.



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Margie Olson**, who was the mother of **Phillip Anderson**. Graveside service was Thursday. Because of the virus, there was no funeral and no meal.



Thank you so much and much appreciation.

The family of
Linda Fay Redden Barnett

Thank you for the cards, calls, and the delicious food. We have the best cooks and very grateful for the servers. It was very much appreciated. Thank you for the beautiful picture frame. God bless each of you and stay safe.

In Christian love,
Dorothy Weatherspoon, Nancy Baker
and the family of **Linda Fay Barnett**

Thanks so much for the flowers you sent during the loss of my sister. It's nice to have Christian friends like you. It meant so much to me.

In Christian love,
Violet Shelby



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: B.J. Springer, McKinley Moore, Ruby Church, Wayne Winters, Emersyn Lannom, Carolyn Nash, Margaret Anglin, Sandy McFarlin, Glenna Hill, Linda Jones, Randy Hall, Rick Lee, Nancy Coursey, 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, 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

MEMORIALS

A contribution was given in memory of Bert Mathis by Clay & Linda Chandler.

A contribution was given in memory of Linda Faye Barnett by Dorothy Weatherspoon.

A contribution was given in memory of Linda Faye Barnett by Mary Jane Parks.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 22, 2020	
A.M. WORSHIP:	74
CONTRIBUTION:	\$2946
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167



Center Fielders News "20/20 Vision in 2020"

How is your natural eyesight? Do you have 20/20 vision? Many of us depend on eyeglasses to correct our vision. Some have eye surgery to improve their vision without glasses. Others wear contact lenses. By whatever means we have it, good eyesight is a great blessing. Some have lost their vision from glaucoma. Others are blind from various causes that doctors cannot help.

Much more important is our spiritual eyesight. Jesus asked His disciples in Mark 8:18, "Do you have eyes but fail to see?" All people's spiritual vision is poor by nature. Some things that almost everyone saw as wrong in the past, many people today can't see anything wrong with. We need to be "transformed by the renewing of (our) mind" so that we may accurately discern the will of God (Romans 12:2).

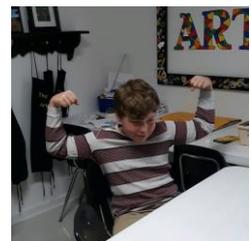
Once we have a new life in Christ and our vision is restored, we are subject to losing our perfect spiritual vision. The believers at Laodicea thought they were rich and needed nothing, but Jesus said they were "poor, blind, and naked" Revelation 3:17. But Jesus also said He had a remedy! He (Jesus) said "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see" Revelation 3:18.

There is no need to go around unable to see things clearly. Jesus will restore your spiritual eyesight if you ask Him in true faith. He is able to cure all manner of vision problems. Let's not be satisfied with anything less than 20/20 spiritual vision as we go through the year 2020!

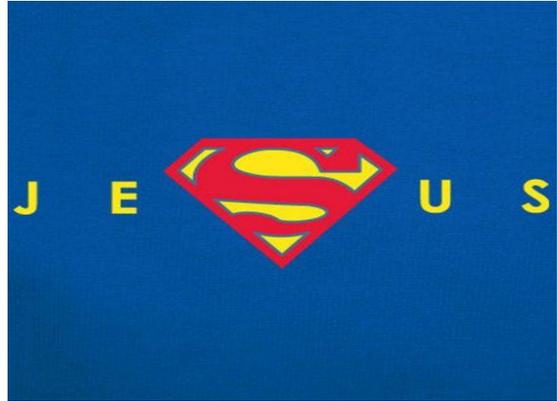
Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

Field Training Classes ---
Samson strong!



Join us for
"SUNDAY NIGHT VBS"
"Heroes of Faith"
at Fairfield Church of Christ



Sunday Nights in July
6:00-7:00 pm
Classes for all ages

Field Training Classes ---
Samson strong!
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FROM THE ELDERS

When discussing civil liberty, Noah Webster wrote in his textbook *History of the United States*:

Almost all the civil liberty now enjoyed in the world owes its origin to the principles of the Christian religion.

It is the sincere desire of the writer that our citizens should early understand that the genuine source of correct leadership principles is the Bible, particularly the New Testament or the Christian religion.

The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and His apostles, which enjoins humility, piety, and benevolence; which acknowledges in every person a brother, or a sister, and a citizen with equal rights. This is genuine Christianity, and to this we owe free constitutions of government.

The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form a basis of all of our civil constitutions and laws... All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible.

First Samuel 15:22 says that God got tired of meaningless sacrifices from His people. Hebrews 10 tells us that God knew that animal sacrifices would never be enough to cleanse His people from their sins once and for all, so He sent His Son, Jesus as the one-time sacrifice for our sins.

Christianity acknowledges that all who submit their lives to Christ are equal in God's eyes. Galatians 3:28-29 tells us that we are all equal in Christ and heirs according to His promise.

Romans 12:9-21 tells us that our Christian duties are to hate evil, be kind, bless those who persecute us, associate with the humble, live peaceably with all men, and do not be vengeful. First Corinthians 10:31 says that we are to "do all for the glory of God." Colossians 3:17 says "do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."

1 John 3:4 says that whoever commits sin commits lawlessness.

Romans 13:1-7 tells us to submit to those in authority over us for this is the will of God.

At this time, Tennessee is requiring the cancellation of all church services in an attempt to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The elders of this congregation met on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the following:

Church services remain on hold until further notice.

On Friday, March 27th between the hours of noon-2 pm, and 4 pm-5:30 pm the Lord's supper and this week's bulletin will be available at the church's mailbox. There will also be a basket available if you want to drop off your contribution (or you can mail it to the church at 1860 Hwy. 100, Centerville, TN 37033).

All of this is subject to change as the situation dictates.

Lafayette, Wayne & Gary

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK FACEBOOK & FAMILY LINE FOR THE LATEST UPDATES TO OUR LIVE STREAM.