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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

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God you will receive what he has promised. For, "In just a little while he who is coming will come and will not delay." And, "But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back." But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved."

Hebrews 10:38-39

Shanon Irwin was buried this past Saturday. Shanon died after a courageous battle with cancer. He leaves behind his wife of nearly thirty years (Sydney), and three children.

As far as we are concerned, Shanon left us too soon. There were not enough years in his life to suit us. But there was so much life in his years!

Marine. National Guard. Chief of Police. Husband. Father. Christian. Deacon. Community leader. Friend.

Shanon's personality can be summed up in something he said during a Bible class I had the privilege of leading. I asked the question, "What are you afraid of?" We went around the room, sharing our answers.

When it was his turn to share, this is what Shanon said...

"I'm afraid someone will need me and I won't get there in time."

That was Shanon's calling. To serve. To protect. To support. People needed him. And he was ready to go when called upon.

Shanon had no "shrink back" in him. He lived with courage and with faith. May his memory live on, inspiring us to do the same.

In Christian Love,

Mike




Just Joshin'

Heartache is an unfortunate reality and is nearly impossible to avoid. Grief is commonplace and there are more causes for it than we'd probably like. I think there are so many times where we're afraid of being sad. We are afraid of the vulnerability that accompanies it. We are afraid of appearing "weak." The Bible tells us that it's okay to hurt. As a matter of fact, the Bible tells us that we WILL hurt. It is one of the costs of being mortal. Thankfully, the Bible also tells us that our pain doesn't have to be permanent. We can look to David, in his time of grief, and the words written in Psalms. Psalm 31:9 reads, "Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is wasting from grief; my soul and my body also." Yes, even the mighty King David, the man after God's own heart, endured his fair share of loss and sadness. So, what did he do? He prayed. We can learn from David's example of calling out to God during our times of sorrow. Jesus Christ, the Son of God Himself, did not go through His life without shedding tears. He wept over loss. He also allowed His relationship with the Father to propel Him forward. It's also important to remember that there is more to living than this life alone. We, as Christians, know there's something more, something greater. We must simply endure and allow God to be our strength. As a closing note, while grief is terrible, we can also count ourselves as blessed to be able to feel it. It means that something or someone meant so much to us that their absence wounds our heart.

To God be the glory,

Josh

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 collection basket or leave it on the seat and it will be picked up.



EVIDENCE OF HIS HANDIWORK: BEES OUTSMART SCIENTISTS

Scientists have long recognized that bees are intelligent creatures. Many believe that this intelligence is the product of millions of years of natural selection. But the extremely fast learning ability of the bee puts in doubt the millions of years and instead shows the hand of the Creator.

Researchers at Princeton University decided to find out whether bees were smart enough to find their food source if it was moved. The researchers moved the prime food source fifty meters farther from the hive. It took the bees less than one minute to locate the moved food source. The men then moved the food source another fifty meters away. The bees still took less than a minute to find the food source. Two more moves, each a precise fifty meters, produced the same results.

However, the bees had also been studying the researchers. Before the researchers could move the food another fifty meters, they found the bees had discovered the pattern and were already waiting at the new location!

God is our Creator and has clearly left evidence of His handiwork—His fingerprints—in the creation itself. For those who have eyes to see, this fills us with wonder, and yes, with love for the Creator God Who first loved us.



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FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 23, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	217
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4936
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5417

**APRIL**

- 1 Olivia Craft
- 4 Emma Borntrager
- 5 Barbara Edwards
Tyler Stacks
- 6 Landon Graham
Kathy Rose
Chase Stanley
- 7 Katie Graham
- 8 Sherry Dunn
Jewell Prince
- 9 Terri Barber
Jackson Peebles
- 10 Renee Halbrooks
- 14 Veronica Brown
Bridgett Choate
Teresa Perry
- 15 Fran Batts
Sharon Burns
Angie Stacks
- 16 Nathaniel Armstrong
- 17 Deneen Clayton
- 18 Brandon James
- 19 Betsy Licciardello
Bob Graf
Caleb Truett
- 21 Nevaeh Wright
- 22 Teresa Purcell
- 23 Isabella Liddell
Joyce Cayce
- 25 Mike Breece
- 26 John Irvin
Sara Lawson
- 27 Roy McCoy
- 29 Hester Moss
- 30 Martha Butler

**APRIL**

- 6 George & Beverly Petty
- 20 John & Kaitlyn Harris
- 22 Jason & Bridgett Choate
- 28 Phillip & Roberta Anderson

MEN TO SERVE**SUNDAY MORNING:****Song Leader:** Darin Cochran**Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright**Scripture Reading:** Wes Crowther**Scripture:** TBA**Preside Lord's Supper:** Jerrie W Barber

Left: Chris Love	Right: Josh Copley
Wes Crowther	Ken Copley
Marty England	Vance Willis
Jeff Warren	Ethan Willis

Announcements: Darin Cochran**Closing Prayer:** Adam Jude**Van Driver:** Jack Green 931-994-8317**SUNDAY AFTERNOON 12:30:****Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates**Scripture:** TBA**Song Leader:** Gary Basford**Opening Prayer:** Ronny Pitman**Closing Prayer:** Wallace Smith**WEDNESDAY NIGHT:****Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks**Song Leader:** Rodney Rochelle**Opening Prayer:** Kenneth Jett**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855**TOP SIX SIGNS YOU'RE GETTING OLDER**

1. You and your teeth don't sleep together.
2. You try to straighten out the wrinkles in your socks and find you aren't wearing any.
3. At the breakfast table you hear snap, crackle, pop and you 're not eating cereal.
4. You wonder how you could be over the hill when you don't even remember being on top of it.
5. When you're on vacation and your energy runs out before your money does.
6. The pharmacist has become your new best friend.



The jail ministry had 2 baptisms on Saturday. **Amy Peden & Teresa Bishop** were baptized into Christ.

A big thank you to all the ladies that came out for our first "Restaurant Meet-Up". We had 19 in attendance. We will plan another meeting in the near future. The waitresses were very appreciative.

There will be bridal shower for **Carlin Cochran**, bride elect of **Dalton Thomasson** on Sunday, April 6 at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall. They are registered on Amazon.

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 and 4th Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in room 104.

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

Ronny Pitman's name has been put before the congregation to be an appointed an elder. If you have a scriptural reason Ronny should not be an elder, please submit your reason to the elders and sign it. If there are no objections, he will become an elder on March 30th



Sympathy to the family of **Hilda Buckingham**, aunt of **Paul Gilbert**. Her services were on Tuesday.

Sympathy to the family of **Daisy Beard**, sister of **Willie Powers** who passed away on Thursday morning. No arrangements have been made yet.

Members: Ronny Pitman (home), Carla Woodruff (home), Rick Bruno (eye surgery Tuesday), Bobby C. McCoy, Tommy McClanahan, Dennis Cannon, Gerry Loveless (home), Billy McCoy, Dot Davidson (swing bed St. Thomas Hickman-rehab), Floy Cochran, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Willie Powers, Rita Sullivan, Marlin Lawson, Randy Prince, Deborah McClellan, Joyce Boyd, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Brenda Smith (sister of Willie Powers-St. Thomas Midtown), Sunny Anglin (3 yr old from Dickson-leukemia), Tanya Rochelle (Centennial-private room), Jett Owsley (nephew of Allison Jett-4 yrs old-brain cancer), Brent Burt (cancer), Janet Barber (home), Mary Morphis, Lois Gilbert (home-rehab), Larry Gilbert, Tony Roder, Glenda Coates, Anthony Stacks (hospice-home), Mildred Rochelle, Amalia Rose Shaw, Edna Copley, B.Y. Peery, Doug True, Davy Baker, Lottie (Terrell) Williams, Mary Sue Sands, Jeff Clark, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, Beverly Smith, Paul Harvill, Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Ronnie Carroll, Judy Baggett, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Willie Lawler, James Coates, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson (home), Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Carolyn Phillips, Joe Qualls, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Sue Davidson, Wilma Green.

Morning Pointe, 2050 Union Pl. Columbia: Hattie Mayberry.



Today is our 5th Sunday and our speaker for the day is **Matthew Dotson**. After Bible class, we will meet in the fellowship hall for a potluck. The afternoon service is at 12:30 pm and no evening service. It will be a great day!