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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Clay Chandler ext. 6
Benevolence
Darin Cochran ext.11
Worship
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

Website:

fairfieldcofc.org



Mike's Minute

Starting this Sunday, April 4, Fairfield will be reopening all our Bible classes. If you met with a class before the pandemic began, feel free to return to that class beginning Sunday. Wednesday night classes will also reopen.

We are very thankful to God that things have improved enough that we can take this step! We are also thankful to our elders for their wise and steady leadership during the pandemic. This situation was new to all of us and there was no playbook to follow. Our elders did an amazing job of keeping us safe and sane throughout the ordeal.

We are also thankful to each member of our church family here at the Field. These have been such trying and divisive times, but you have remained unified. You gave one another the freedom to deal with the pandemic as each individual saw fit. Those who were comfortable coming to worship services were welcomed. Those who were not comfortable were understood and supported. You folks have been absolute heroes throughout this unprecedented time... and I want you to know that your minister could not be more proud of you! What a joy to worship and work with a congregation where "every member is a minister!"

A few things to keep in mind as we reopen:

Buddy Chandler is planning to return and take over the Sunday morning auditorium class. Buddy has been cautious, as have so many others, during the pandemic... but he is comfortable enough now to return and we can't wait to see him!

- I will head back out to the Fellowship Building and begin our Outfielders class on Sunday mornings. Remember, this class is designed for high school graduates and young adults, but those who are in "middle age" are also welcomed. We will spread out chairs in the big fellowship room so we can keep our distance from each other. This class is discussion oriented, with a heavy emphasis on life application of God's Word.
- Rodney Rochelle will continue to teach the Wednesday night auditorium class on the subject of angels. His class, which met in the basement prior to the pandemic, is invited to stay in the auditorium. After the angel study is completed, Rodney will return with his class to the basement and I will begin teaching in the auditorium again. Rodney's Sunday morning class will resume meeting in the basement immediately.

I think that's it. I look forward to seeing you Easter Sunday!

In Christian Love,

Mike





All classes will be available beginning today during Sunday School. Please stay for class.



The Egg Hunt will begin immediately following Sunday school. Please meet in the fellowship hall after classes.



I want to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers for my son-in-law, Randy Hall, the time he was so sick with cancer and the stroke in the hospital. Denise and the kids want to thank you all for cards also. You are a wonderful Christian family.

In Christian Love,
Gerry Smith



Several of our church members are sick at home.

Members: Burton Winters, Emily Copley, Violet Shelby, Brenda Scott, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Hester Moss, Deborah Perry, Raymond Stoltz, Dewayne Victory, Kenneth Chandler, Paul Victory, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Jean Greer, Tony Duncan, David Dansby, Neil Jobe, The Litton Family, Alice Cagle, Adam Lawson, Mark Plunkett, Isaiah Noonan, Evan Boyd, Benjamin Noonan, Donna Gaspard, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, Marshall Carothers, McKinley Moore, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Sandy McFarlin, Elizabeth Dunn, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Tommy Cagle, Mary England, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Harold Choate

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey, & Helen Shanes.

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

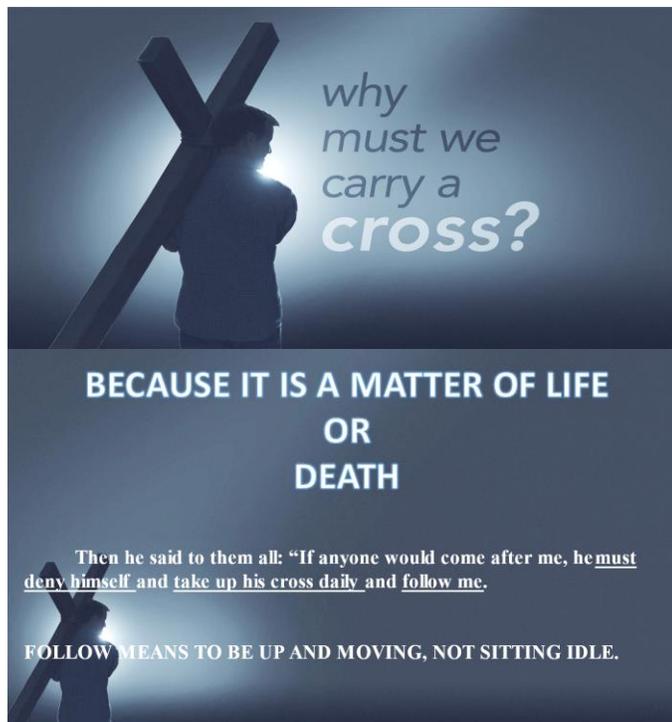
NHC Dickson: Noble Victory



April 6th - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ the FH.
April 11th - 3rd-5th grade devo during evening service & FH
April 18th - Puppet Show, during evening service.
April 20th - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ the FH

LADIES

Ladies' Craft Night will be April 12th at 6:00 in room 104. We will be making pinecone flower wreaths.





Center Fielders News

“Use Your Outside Voice”

1 Peter 2:12 reads like this, “Live such good lives among the pagans, that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.”

There was a billboard that was urging businessmen to advertise on it that said, “Use Your Outside Voice.” Christians are living billboards advertising for God. But to have the outside voice that God wants us to have, we have to listen to the inside voice of the Holy Spirit.

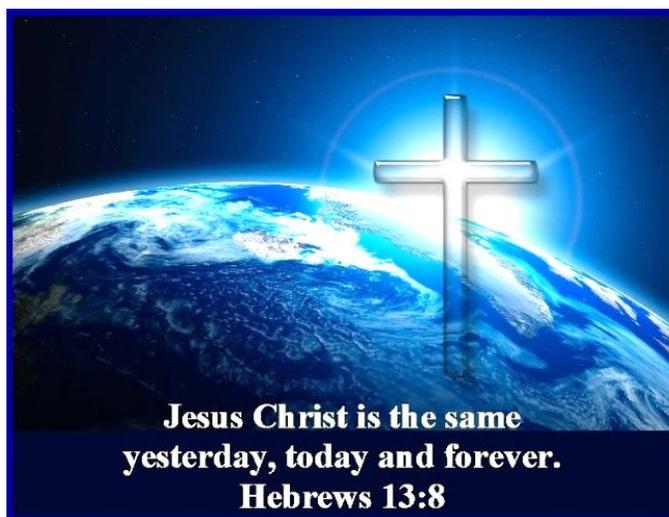
First, to begin with, we had to respond to the conviction of the Holy Spirit telling us to repent of our sins, and take Jesus as our Lord and Savior by being baptized. Our changed heart caused our outside message to change its message. Now instead of words of darkness, we have pure speech of light, and good deeds.

Before Jesus ascended to Heaven, He left us with one simple command that said, “Go and make disciples out of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them everything I have commanded you.” As disciples of Christ today, we carry on the commission. Our outside voice is evidence of what happens when a sinner is transformed into a saint.

With our mouths we proclaim the good news of salvation and invite others to come to Jesus in repentance. If we neglect to use our outside voice to witness for Christ, who is going to do it?

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



MEN TO SERVE APRIL 4

SUNDAY MORNING:

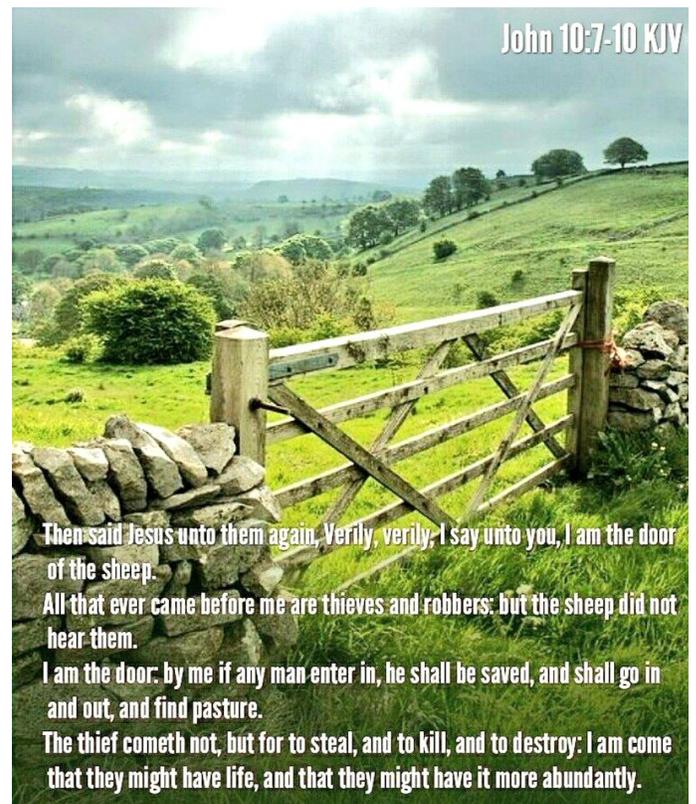
Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Mike Breece
Scripture Reading: Kenneth Jett
Scripture: John 10:7-10
Preside Lord's Supper: Vance Willis
Alternates: Gary Wright, Edwin Wright
Basement: Rusty Bates, Lafayette Spears
Announcements: Rodney Rochelle
Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks
Scripture Reading: Edwin Wright
Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-2
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Kenneth Jett
Lord's Supper: Gary Basford, Gary Wright
Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright
Song Leader: Mike Kelley
Opening Prayer: Jeff Rose
Invitation: Rodney Rochelle



CHRIST IS RISEN

Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

(Mark 16:6)

The death of Christ on the cross was God's way (and ultimately the only way) of dealing with the problem of sin. "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" ([2 Cor 5:21](#)). Without the shedding of blood, there would be no remission of sin ([Heb 9:22](#)). Jesus died because He loved us and desired for us to have fellowship with Him, but we can't have fellowship with God in sin. Because God wanted the fellowship, He provided a means by which sin can be forgiven. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" ([Rom 6:23](#)). This is His grace at work ([Eph 2:8-9](#)).

However, God's plan does not stop only at Jesus' death. In fact, if God's plan ended at the death of Jesus, then we would be miserable people without hope. "But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain... If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied" ([1 Cor 15:12-19](#)). The resurrection, therefore, was critical to God's overall plan.

The completion of God's plan includes those wonderful words: "He is risen!" Paul followed up his point with this: "But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep" ([1 Cor 15:20](#)). Herein lies the message of hope.

Jesus was taken off the cross and buried according to the Jewish custom. They took him to a new tomb which belonged to Joseph, a rich man of Arimathea (see [Isa 53:9](#)). A large stone was rolled in front of the opening, and guards were placed at the tomb due to fears the Jewish leaders had of the disciples stealing the body.

Early on the third day, some of the women who followed Jesus were on their way to the tomb to apply more spices to the body. They were concerned about how to move the stone from the opening. But when they got there, they were amazed to find the stone rolled away from the door. Two "men" in "dazzling clothing" were there. They addressed the women:

"Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' And they remembered His words, and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest" ([Luke 24:5-9](#)).

Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples. The apostle Paul reports, "He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also" ([1 Cor 15:5-8](#)).

The significance of the resurrection cannot be understated. If Jesus was raised from the dead, every Christian has the assurance that we too will be raised. If we are raised from the dead, we will spend eternity with Jesus who was raised. Praise God, who gives us victory over death through Jesus Christ!

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FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 28, 2021	
MORNING WORSHIP	113
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3154
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167