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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
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 10:15 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

Horsing Around. In a horse-pulling contest at a county fair the first-place horse moved a sled weighing 4,500 pounds. The runner-up pulled 4,000 pounds. The owners of the two horses wondered how much the animals could pull if they worked together. So, they hitched them up and loaded the sled. To everyone's surprise, the horses were able to pull 12,000 pounds. Sometimes in the Lord's work we try to pull the weight of the job all by ourselves. However, when we team up with others, we work with greater efficiency and can accomplish so much more. I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth, and hath not another to lift him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth; but how can one be warm alone? And if a man prevails against him that is alone, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

-Glenn Hitchcock

Remember To Forget. Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross, was a gracious lady, and on one occasion was reminded by a friend of hers of what someone had said about her that was so awful, so slanderous. Miss Barton said, "I don't know what you're talking about." The friend said, "Oh come on, the papers covered it, and everybody was talking about it." She went on three or four minutes. Finally, Clara Barton interrupted and said, "Oh, oh, oh that. I distinctly remember forgetting that." You know we don't really forget, but we can make a conscious choice to not let it affect the way we treat that person or anyone related to it.

-Whit Sasser

In Christian Love,

Mike



This Sunday, there will be a bridal shower for Kaitlyn Rochelle & John Harris from 2 – 4 pm in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Target, Walmart, Bed Bath & Beyond & Pampered Chef. They will be moving to Florida after their marriage and will be needing to purchase a washer & dryer, if you would prefer a money gift.

This coming Monday night at 6 pm will be Arts & Craft in the basement. They will be making bunnies.

There will be a drop off bridal shower for **Rachel Gosser**. Please leave your gift on the table in the front foyer by April 14th. The church is invited to her wedding in Arkansas. The invitation is on the bulletin board.

Ken is still needing a teacher and 3 field guides. The new quarter starts this Sunday, the 7th.

*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.

AREA EVENTS

Ladies Day Saturday, April 13 at the Charlotte Heights church of Christ in Nashville. Speaker: Leanne W. Smith and the theme: "What's in Your Hand." 8:30 am. Light breakfast & registration with the program at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided.

Ladies Day Saturday, April 13 at the Centerville church of Christ. Speaker: Janie Jones and the theme: "Being A-Z." Light breakfast & registration at 9 am and the program at 9:20 am. Lunch will be provided.

Ladies Day Saturday, April 13 at the East Main church of Christ in Murfreesboro. Speaker: Pam Walker and the topic: "Sisters in Christ." Light breakfast & registration at 8:15 am with the program at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided.

More information on the bulletin board.



St. Thomas West: Greg McCord (moved to a regular room, no visitors)

Members: Connor Peebles, Dot Davidson, Brenda Scott, Daisy Beard, 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, James Coates, Glenda Coates, Jo Ann Totty & Sarah Brown (*Magnolia Place, Waverly*).

Friends & Family: David Talley (Dickson Horizon hospital, bronchitis), Ray Woodruff, Lester Davidson, Alyssa Aydelott (surgery soon), Mary Spears, Willie B. Coates (NHC Transitions, Columbia), Ronnie Pittman, Angie Davis (surgery scheduled soon), Lonnie Qualls, Adam Lawson, Wallace Harvill, Sandra Bagwell, Joyce Bates, Arica Hinson, Mark Wright, Linda Goad, 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, Jean Greer, Tommy Cagle, Clare Loughrey, Linda Truett, Kathy Brown, Jackson Bates, 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

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR APRIL

April 14 - 3rd - 5th grade Devo, during evening service & Field House

April 16 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 @ Field House

April 19 - No school

April 21 - Egg Hunt following Sunday school. We need individually wrapped candy or filled eggs. See Teresa if you need some eggs.

April 21 - Puppet show during evening service.

April 30 - Desserts & Devo, 6:30 – 8:00 @ the Field House



Sympathy to the family of **Janet King**, sister of **Willie Powers** and **Daisy Beard**, who passed away this week. Her funeral is/was Saturday.



Center Fielders News

"Do Not Fool Yourself"

There is a lot of self-deception in the world today. When we stand before God, we are in a courtroom where no lies will survive. God is not mocked! No one will put his hand on the Bible and promise to tell the truth, and then slip in a few lies. In God's courtroom, the truth will be visible. There will be no shadow, for the light will be so glorious, that it will shine through every person's heart and mind revealing every sin.

I always wondered about when a person swears to tell the truth, that they are admitting that they are not truthful at all times. Self-deception is hard to detect, because it happens in our mind. We will not admit our dishonesty, and as a result we try to convince ourselves that we have not done what our conscience has condemned us for. Self-deception can also make a person or a church make changes in their worship to fit what the world desires. I realize that changes are a part of life to a certain degree. I am also very happy that our God never changes. His love for His people does not allow Him to change the standard of truth. God's promises have conditions that must not be disregarded. His people depart from them at their own loss. We need to remember that we will always find God where we departed from Him.

God has no room for improvement. We can't upgrade God's righteousness, His mercy, His judgment, or His creation. Could any of us be His counselor? How could we possibly make God better when we know so little about Him? God allows no room for manipulating the truth. A person may say, "I don't like it that things are this way, let's try something different." It doesn't take long to see that the effort to change the truth will fail. What the Bible calls sin is still sin.

God allows no neutral ground, and there is no grey area. We are in a battle to the finish. Choose today whom you will serve and how you will serve. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord! Joshua 24:15

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY:

Boyce Cannon: 931-219-7080

Jeff Rose: 931-994-3371

SENIOR NIGHT

May 5th during evening service.

Our Seniors for 2019 are:

Olivia Dotson

Garrett Cochran

Cameron Creech

Allison Cook

Please let Teresa know if she has missed someone.

The ABC's of Bible Class

Attendance: No one can learn anything from Bible class if they are not there. Constant attendance will help reinforce the lessons being repeated each week. Attendance not only means being there every time but also on time. Not a minute of instruction time should be missed if you want the child to receive the full effect of Bible class.

Bible: No student is complete in Bible class without a Bible. From the moment a child can read they should have their own Bible that they can study from. Select a translation that they can understand, but don't sacrifice readability for accuracy. A fancy cover may be pleasing to the eye, but a Bible they can find scripture in and read from themselves is far better for them. A Bible left in the car or a home is the same as having no Bible at all.

Concerned Parents: A Bible lesson is soon forgotten if not followed up on. Ask your child about what they learned in Bible class. Re-read the text from class to them during the week. When your child sees you interested in Bible class, it will help them become interested.

*Barry Haynes
Hope church of Christ
Hope, AR*



MEN TO SERVE APR. 5**LORD'S TABLE****Preside:** Ken Copley

Left: Gary Bailey	Right: Dustin Bailey
Mike Worley	Steve Craft
Lloyd Rochelle	Rusty Bates
Norman George	Chris Kimbro

Alternates: Dwight England, Donnie Fielder**Basement:** Steve Baker, Vance Willis**Sun. P.M.:** Steve Craft, Mathew Wright**PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE****A.M. Scripture Reading:** Gerry Hinson**Scripture:** James 1:19-21**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Dustin Bailey**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Ken Copley**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Mike Batts**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:22-23**P.M. Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Harry Totty**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Paul Victory**Wed. Invitation:** (Apr 10) Mike Kelley**SONG LEADERS****Sunday A.M.** Darin Cochran**Sunday P.M.** Jeff Rose**Wednesday P.M.** (Apr 10) Rodney Rochelle**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Sunday A.M.** Rodney Rochelle**Sunday P.M.** Marvin Truett**Wednesday P.M.** (Apr 10) Gary Wright**VAN DRIVERS****Sunday A.M.** Gerry Hinson 931-729-3208
931-623-2043**Sunday P.M.** Gerry Hinson 931-729-3208
931-623-3208**Wed. P.M.** Gary Basford 931-628-0355
(Apr 10)

If you are unable to serve in anyway, please
call or text Gary Basford at (931)628-0355
or Darin Cochran at (615)418-3148.

FOR THE RECORD**WEEK OF March 31, 2019**

A.M. WORSHIP:	205
CONTRIBUTION:	\$6412

**DID BUGS BUNNY CORRUPT
THE SCRIPTURES?**

If I called you a Nimrod, how would you feel? If you are like most people you would probably feel insulted. The popular definition for a nimrod is an inept person, an oaf, a moron, an ignoramus. The original name Nimrod really meant to be a skillful mighty hunter. Its origin is found in Genesis 10:8-9:

“Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore, it is said, “Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.”

How did the mighty hunter become an inept oaf? Well, it's all Bugs Bunny's fault.

Ok, maybe not all his fault. You see in the popular cartoon featuring Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd, Bugs often times will refer to Elmer Fudd as a “little Nimrod”, a sarcastic reference to the mighty hunter of the Old Testament. The writers might have gotten the joke but the general public didn't. They assumed, in their ignorance, the word was an insult and began to use it as such and the new meaning took over.

This doesn't just happen in cartoons, there are numerous examples of people taking Biblical words and concepts and flipping their meaning till the point that more people accept the new definition rather than the Bible one. Words like pastor, grace, and baptism have been corrupted from the biblical meaning to a popular one. Pastors are not the Biblical group of overseers but a single preacher (Acts 20:28). Grace is made into a license to sin (Jude 1:4). Baptism has gone from a complete immersive burial in water to pouring or just sprinkling (Colossians 3:12).

Words have meaning. If we change that meaning we might as well change the word. Don't fool yourself into thinking you are biblical if you still use a Bible word yet have a different definition than the Bible has. If we truly want to be biblical, we must hunt thru the Scripture to see if the things we are taught are really the things that are in Scriptures (Acts 17:11).

When it comes to what the Bible says, we need to be a Nimrod, not a nimrod.

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