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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

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:7-8

Real fellowship is not surface level chit-chat. It is more than discussing the news, the weather, or sports. Real fellowship is genuine, heart-to-heart sharing. It happens when we get honest about who we are and what is happening in our lives. It happens when we reveal our feelings, share our hurts, confess our failures, admit our doubts, and acknowledge our fears.

Genuine fellowship is the polar opposite of what you find in some churches. Instead of an atmosphere of honest and humble sharing, there is pretending, politicking, and superficial kindness. People keep their guard up, wear masks, and pretend that they are "practically perfect people." These attitudes and actions kill true fellowship.

Genuine fellowship requires a big dose of courage and humility. It means facing our fear of exposure, criticism, and rejection. It means risking being hurt.

Why would we take such a risk? Because it is the only way to grow spiritually and become emotionally healthy. "Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed..." (James 5:16).

We only grow by getting outside our comfort zones. We only grow by taking risks. It isn't always comfortable to be honest with yourself and others. But, make no mistake about it. Genuine fellowship is worth the risk!

In Christian Love,

Mike





It was good seeing **Carolyn Phillips** back at service on Sunday after some health issues. It was also good to see **Lloyd & Faye Rochelle** back after being involved in an auto accident as well. We were glad to see **Joyce Bruno** back on Wednesday night after having knee surgery.

Ladies craft night will be on April 16th at 6:00 pm in room 104. Bring a sewing machine if you have one.

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 & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the basement.

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



We express our love and sympathy to the family of **John Fly**, who was the husband of **Brenda**, and dad to **Angie, Becky & Will**, passed away Friday morning, Graveside service is Sunday afternoon but no time set yet. There will be a meal provided for the family after the service.



There is a gospel meeting on April 14-17 at the Clearview church of Christ with Bill McDonald.

Service times are as follows:

Sunday - 9:00 am for Bible Study

Sunday - 10:00 am for Worship Services

Sunday - 6:00 pm for Evening Worship Services

Monday - 7:00 pm Wednesday Evening Worship



Members: Lloyd & Faye Rochelle (home), Lizzie Barber, Charlene Breece (surgery went well), Floy Cochran, Joyce Bruno, Sharon Burns (diagnosed breast cancer), Carolyn Phillips, Reda Springer, Barbara Chandler, Shanon Irwin, Dannie George, Kenneth Chandler, Terry Duncan, June Prince, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb (rehab), Woody Woodruff, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Melissa Harrington (daughter of Ricky Harness), David Stewart (friend of Sharon McCoy & Martha Butler), Willie Lawler (brother-in-law of Al Williams-St. Thomas West-heart condition), Greg Edwards (home), Carol Warren (daughter of Toby and Brandy), Gary Gossett, (Janey Gilbert's brother-Dickson Horizon-kidney infection), Margaret Martin, Braydon Chessor, James Coates (improving, ICU-VA Hospital Nashville), Lester Davidson, James Williams (brother of Al Williams-St. Thomas West), Kim Totty, Trevor Buchanan, Pam Sullivan, Pam Simmons, Mike Avery, Randi Rian Stringer, Pat Garrett, June Roder, Mary French, Bobby McCoy, Anthony Stacks, David Talley, Billie Lynn Tyler, Cory Patterson (Centennial hospital), James Stoltz, Grayson Gunter, Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer, Jimmie Jenkins, Stephanie Pitman, Jenny Teet, Carolyn Nash, Aaron Barnett, Laura DeLong, Roy Harris, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell (lung cancer), Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Martha Ann McCord, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Joyce Boyd, Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard.



April 14 - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service, FH

April 16 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH

April 21 - Puppet Show, during evening service in LO



Center Fielders News

“Inside or Outside”

Is it important to belong to a church? The scriptures liken the church to the human body, which has many members that function together under the direction of the head. The church is a divinely organized body of people called out from the surrounding society, who work together effectively for the welfare of all and for the glory of God.

Jesus is the Head of the church and through His direction, the church has leaders and rules of order. The purpose is that the members may be of service to God and each other, may be strengthened against the evils of the world, and may unite their efforts in the work of winning lost souls. The church is a living body. God has placed each member as it pleases Him, and He expects everyone to work together in harmony for the good of the whole.

The church is also likened to a sheepfold with Jesus as the Door. There is an inside and an outside. Inside the door are the people of God; outside are the people of the ungodly world. Inside are the born again and the Spirit filled; outside are the worldly-minded who live after the flesh. Inside are the sheep; outside are the wolves that want to destroy the flock. Inside is spiritual government that that is open to all nationalities and unites the people of God; outside is an earthly government that fights and divides.

Jesus has given His church authority to form congregations, select leaders, set standards of holy living for her members, and administer biblical discipline on erring members. The church is a body of interconnected parts, not a cluster of disconnected pieces.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 31, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	329
CONTRIBUTION:	\$7849
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5104

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Tom Gosser

Scripture Reading: Carter Bates

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:12-13

Preside Lord's Supper: Roy McCoy

Left: Don Beard

Right: Keith Harvill

Wallace Smith

Rick Bruno

Zack Harvill

Norman George

Rusty Bates

Mike Breece

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Mike Worley

Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates

Scripture: Psalm 100:1-5

Song Leader: Norman Moss

Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince

Lord's Supper: Edwin Wright, Randal Halbrooks

Closing Prayer: Mathew Wright

Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

Josh Copley is preaching Sunday morning.

1 Timothy 4:12-13

Let no man despise your youth; but be an example to those who believe, in word, in your way of life, in love, in spirit, in faith, and in purity. Until I come, pay attention to reading, to exhortation, and to teaching.



HOW THE APOSTLES DIED

1. Matthew: Suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia, and was killed by a sword wound.
2. Mark: Died in Alexandria, Egypt, after being dragged by horses through the streets until he was dead.
3. Luke: Was hanged in Greece as a result of his tremendous preaching to the lost.
4. John: Faced martyrdom when he was boiled in a huge basin of boiling oil during a wave of persecution in Rome. However, he was miraculously delivered from death. John was then sentenced to the mines on the prison Island of Patmos. He wrote his prophetic Book of Revelation on Patmos. The apostle John was later freed and returned to serve as Bishop of Edessa in modern Turkey. He died as an old man, the only apostle to die peacefully
5. Peter: He was crucified upside down on an x shaped cross. According to church tradition it was because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way that Jesus Christ had died.
6. James: The leader of the church in Jerusalem, was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club. This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during the temptation.
7. James: the Son of Zebedee was a fisherman by trade when Jesus called him to a lifetime of ministry. As a strong leader of the church, James was beheaded at Jerusalem. The Roman officer who guarded James watched amazed as James defended his faith at his trial. Later, the officer walked beside James to the place of execution. Overcome by conviction, he declared his new faith to the judge and knelt beside James to accept beheading as a Christian.
8. Bartholomew: Also known as Nathaniel, was a missionary to Asia. He witnessed for our Lord in present day Turkey. Bartholomew was martyred for his preaching in Armenia where he was flayed to death by a whip.
9. Andrew: He was crucified on an x-shaped cross in Patras, Greece. After being whipped severely by seven soldiers they tied his body to the cross with cords to prolong his agony. His followers reported that, when he was led toward the cross, Andrew saluted it in these words, "I have long desired and expected this happy hour. The cross has been consecrated by the body of Christ hanging on it." He continued to preach to his tormentors for two days until he expired.

10. Thomas: He was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church in the Subcontinent.

11. Jude: He Was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.

12. Matthias: The apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot. He was stoned and then beheaded.

13. Paul: He was tortured and then beheaded by the evil Emperor Nero at Rome in A.D. 67. Paul endured a lengthy imprisonment, which allowed him to write his many epistles to the churches he had formed throughout the Roman Empire. These letters, which taught many of the foundational doctrines of Christianity, form a large portion of the New Testament.

Perhaps this is a reminder to us that our sufferings here are indeed minor to compare to the intense persecution and cold cruelty faced by the apostles and disciples during their times for the sake of the Faith.

And you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: But he that endures to the end shall be saved.

Editor's note: These deaths are according to church history and not detailed in the Bible, so don't look for the scriptures for these accounts.



We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us on this Easter Sunday. 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 basket or leave on the seat and it will be picked up.



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