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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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Mike's Minute

Egg It On. Easter Sunday is coming! The date for Easter is April 17. Let's all be doing our part to make sure that this is a special day at Fairfield, where much and lasting good is done! What can you do? Pray. Pray that visitors and seekers will decide to come to our building and that they will be drawn to Jesus as we lift Him up in worship. Pray that decisions will be made and destinies will be changed as people respond to Christ's invitation. Pray that the power of the resurrection may be seen and felt during our assembly. Invite at least one person to be our guest for Easter Sunday... and, yes, pray that they will accept the invitation!

VBS Will Be A-OK. Plans for this summer's Vacation Bible School at Fairfield are already underway. Once again, Jennifer Knight has taken the lead in this endeavor... and we are thrilled at her willingness to do so. Vacation Bible School is planned for four Sunday nights in July: the 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st. There are signup sheets in both lobbies of our building for those who would volunteer to help. If you are not available to help every night of the VBS, don't let that stop you from doing something. We will take your involvement however you can give it! Whether you can volunteer one Sunday night or all four, please sign up as soon as possible. Let's all do our part to make this a life-changing July for the youngsters in our congregation and community!

Childlike Or Childish? Jesus commends *childlike* faith (Matthew 18:1-4) but not *childish* faith. Which is yours? Childlike faith is innocent, joyful, and humble. Childish faith is selfish, demanding, and moody. Would an impartial observer describe your Christian walk as childlike or childish? It's worth a moment of reflection to consider that question.

In Christian Love,

Mike





It was good to see **Marlin & Sara Lawson** back at church last Sunday morning after a long absence.

The next Ladies Craft night will be Monday, April 11th in room 104 at 6:00 pm. Jan Hopkins-Campbell will be conducting a class on watercolor painting. You do not have to have previous experience to participate!

Friday, April 15th will be the next "Movie Night" at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after services on Sunday, April 17th. If you can help with this, please contact Teresa Craft.

If you have a loved one on the prayer list and they are now doing better, please let one of the elders know so they can be removed from the list.



Thank you to the Fairfield quilters for the beautiful homemade quilt they gifted us for our wedding. We were both touched by your thoughtful gift.

Love,
Jeremy & Ginger James



We express our sympathy to the family of **Sue Edney** who was the mother of **Glenda Jacobs** and the aunt of **Bettina Horner**. Her funeral was Thursday.

We express our sympathy to the family of **James Lewis, Sr.** of Pinewood, who's funeral was Wednesday.

We also express our sympathy to the family of **Mike Murray**, nephew of **Gerry Hinson** and to the family of **Richard King** who passed away recently.



Members: Donna Pitman (tests), Deborah Peery (Dickson Horizon-ICU), Amy Springer, Lelia Mae Poore, Sherry Breece, Harry Totty, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Derek Hutchings, Dewayne Victory, June Prince, Helen Shanes, Kenneth Chandler, Barbara Chandler, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Christians, missionaries, military personal & people in the Ukraine, Diana Bailey (kidney stones), Dallas Bailey (serious burn on his leg), Greg McCord, Terry Duncan, Randy Pitman (home), Bobby McCoy (father of Tony), Gus Gilreath, Wilma Green (mother of Barbara Edwards), Willie Taylor (cancer), Everett Kelly (St. Thomas West), Vickie Halbrooks, Ray Weatherspoon (Select Specialty Hospital Rehab), Kevin Chandler, Denny Quillen (hospital in Nashville), Jo James, Lucille Morphis, J.B. Brown (St. Thomas West Specialty hospital), Wanda Gilliam Felts, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, Doris & Marjorie Claud, Rebeca Mears, David Dansby, James Coates, Greg Zoller, Seth Williams, Elizabeth Dunn, Kelley Wilson, Glen England, Billie Church, Daniel Spears, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, Donna Gaspard, Evan Boyd, Rita Stacks, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Francis Qualls, Anthony Stacks, Hester Moss

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Barbara Beard, Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF April 3, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	178
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5745
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167



Center Fielders News

“Honesty”

Ananias and Sapphira thought they could get by with a little dishonesty. It didn't work! Lying to the Holy Spirit never works. If it is not punished in this lifetime, it will be in eternity. A dishonest person needs to repent while he has the opportunity. Ananias and Sapphira didn't repent while they had a chance. Instead, they chose to forfeit their salvation. We need to be serious about honesty on a daily basis. Let's take a warning from Ananias and Sapphira. A dishonest person cannot possibly enter the kingdom of Heaven unless he or she repents and changes their ways.

What does honesty mean? What should it mean? Honesty is essential for Christians to practice. If we profess to be followers of Christ but we cannot be trusted, our claim is worthless. We cannot possibly be the “light of the world” if we are known to be dishonest. By deceitfulness we provoke people to blaspheme the name of Christ.

Why is it so tempting for some people to try to get by with less than the truth? Lying does not help a person out of trouble, but only gets them deeper into it! Dishonesty also causes a person to distrust others because they are afraid that they will be exposed.

How honest are we? Are we honest in some things but not in others? We need to be very careful that we do not do what Ananias and Sapphira did and suffer terrible consequences.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



- Apr 10** - Puppet show, during evening service, in Lift-Off
- Apr 17** - Easter Egg Hunt, immediately following Sunday School. We will need candy filled eggs for the kids to hunt and volunteers to help hide eggs and help with the hunt.
- Apr 19** - Middle/HS devo, 6:30-8:30 in the FH
- Apr 24** - 3rd-5th grade devo, during evening service @ FH

MEN TO SERVE APRIL 10

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Mike Breece
Scripture Reading: Wallace Smith
Scripture: Psalm 105:1-4
Preside Lord's Supper: Wayne Prince
Alternates: Chris Wright, Gary Wright
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Woody Woodruff
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Scripture Reading: Robert Graf
Scripture: Galatians 1:6-10
Song Leader: Ronny Pitman
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Lord's Supper: Gerry Hinson, Edwin Wright
Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks
Song Leader: Mike Kelley
Opening Prayer: Gary Wright
Invitation: Rodney Rochelle
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

Oh, give thanks to the LORD!
 Call upon His name;
 Make known His deeds among the peoples!
 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;
 Talk of all His wondrous works!
 Glory in His holy name;
 Let the hearts of those rejoice
 who seek the LORD!
 Seek the LORD and His strength;
 Seek His face evermore!

Psalm 105:1-4

THE BEATITUDES

(seventh in a series)

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. (Matthew 5:9)

The kingdom of God is a kingdom of peace. The citizens of this kingdom are makers of peace. They bring enemies together in peace, they make peace with God, with their fellow believers, and with their personal consciences. These peacemakers are those who love God and attempt to live a life free from strife and war. This includes division in the family and community as well as the church. Even their presence carries the influence that bring people together in peace. This is true because they pattern their lives after the Prince of peace, Jesus. (Isaiah 9:6)

The promise to the peacemakers is that “they shall be called sons of God.” Since God is the author of peace, Christ is the Prince of peace, the gospel is the gospel of peace, and the church is the kingdom of peace, every member of this kingdom naturally becomes a promoter of peace. Add to this idea, the citizens of the kingdom of God are born into God’s peaceful kingdom when they become the children of God.

It has been reported that over the past more than 1000 years, there has never been a period of ten years where there has not been a military conflict of some kind in the world. It proves the fact that peace is impossible among the kingdoms of this world where people rule outside God’s kingdom. Worldly leaders are so involved in their personal pursuits that concern for the people of the world do not control their advances for power.

Peace is only possible when people, including rulers of nations, allow the Word of God to rule their lives and destiny. Nothing can replace the Bible and its influence in making this world a peaceful place to live.

*Bill Hopkins
Ravenna, OH*

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH SUPPORTIVE PEOPLE

The importance of one’s caregiver, often a spouse, cannot be overemphasized. I have tried to include the husbands of three women facing illness, two cancer

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and the other Alzheimer’s, in my daily prayers. They need to have strength to help their wives navigate the daily challenges. These men are exhibiting the love Paul described when he said, “So ought husbands to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church” (Ephesians 5:28-29). I have similarly known women who loved their husbands and children, supporting them as they confronted great physical burdens (Titus 2:3-5).

Submitted by Willie Powers

WHAT THEN?

When all the great plants of our cities,
Have turned out their last finished work;
When the merchants have sold their last yard of silk,
And dismissed their last hired clerk;
When the banks have “raked in” their last dollar,
And paid out their last dividend;
And the Judge of the world says,
“Closed for the night,”
And asks for a balance – **WHAT THEN?**

When the church shall have sung its last anthem,
And the preacher has prayed his last prayer;
When the people have heard their last sermon,
And the sound dies out on the air;
When the Bible lies closed on the altar;
And the pews are all empty of men;
And each one stands facing his record,
And the Great Book is opened – **WHAT THEN?**

Submitted by Willie Powers



Mark your calendars! VBS will be here soon. It will be on Sunday nights (July 10, 17, 24, and 31). The theme this year is “Heroes of Faith.” If you would like to volunteer to teach, there is a sign-up sheet in the educational wing foyer. More information will be given soon.



We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Your presence is an encouragement and you are always welcome. Please fill out an attendance card you will find in the pew rack and leave on the seat. Please stay for a few minutes after the assembly has been dismissed, so that we can greet you personally. Stay in touch with us on social media:

Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ-Field Family

Instagram: fcocfamily