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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

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from whence shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made the heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

E. Stanley Jones tells the story of a missionary who became lost in an African jungle. Looking around, he saw nothing but bush and a few clearings.

He stumbled through the jungle until he finally came upon a native hut. He asked the native living there if he could lead him out of the jungle and back to the mission camp. The native agreed to help him.

"Thank you!" exclaimed the missionary. "Which way do I go?" The native replied, "Walk." And so they did, hacking their way through the unmarked jungle for more than an hour.

In pausing to rest, the missionary looked around and had the same overwhelming sense that he was lost. As before, all he saw was bush and jungle.

"Are you sure this is the way?" he asked. "I don't see any path."

The native looked at him and replied, "Friend, in this place there is no path. I am the path."

When we have no clue what to do next, we should remember that God is omniscient... all knowing. When we feel alone, we should remember that God is omnipresent... He is everywhere. When we feel weak, we should remember that God is omnipotent... all powerful.

And when we are lost, we should remember that Jesus is the way.

In Christian Love,

Mike





It was wonderful to see **Jo Ann Totty** back to services Sunday night after being out for some time with health issues.

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 sympathy to the family of **Rita Tidwell Cannon**, wife of Robert Cannon and Gerry Loveless' sister-in-law. She passed away Tuesday night. Her Celebration of Life service was Friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL/MAY:

Money Tree Bridal Shower for **Maggie Conley & Gabe Zervas** will be held on April 21st from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the church basement. Maggie is the granddaughter of Sarah and Gerry Hinson.

Bridal shower for **Zach Bentley & Anslee West** on Sunday, April 28th from 2:00-4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Amazon or you may view their page on theknot.com.

Community Wide **Widows' & Widowers' Luncheon** Saturday, May 11th in the Fellowship Hall at 12 noon. There are sign up sheets in both foyers.

Topsy Turvy Tea Party for all ladies Sunday, May 19th in the Fellowship Hall, 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

The **Golden Agers** will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 25th, for a potluck meal. Please bring your favorite covered dish or dishes and join the fellowship.

Senior night is Sunday, May 5th starting with the evening service. We will be celebrating these seniors: **Hannah Irwin, Daveigh Cochran, Connor Liddell, Emery Dotson, Liberty McCauley, Kole Hellman & Tyler Stacks**. Please bring finger foods for fellowship after evening service as we celebrate our young folks.



Members: Sue Smith, Lloyd & Faye Rochelle, Charlene Breece, Floy Cochran, Joyce Bruno, Sharon Burns (home), Carolyn Phillips, Reda Springer, Barbara Chandler, Shanon Irwin, 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: Barbara Beard (Floy Cochran's sister), Edwin Garner, Danny Cagle (brother of Joyce Swaw-Centennial hospital), Chris Chilton, David Stewart, Willie Lawler, Carol Warren (daughter of Toby and Brandy), Gary Gossett, (Janey Gilbert's brother), Braydon Chessor, James Coates (VA Hospital Nashville), Trevor Buchanan, Pam Sullivan, Pam Simmons, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, June Roder, Mary French, Bobby McCoy, Anthony Stacks, David Talley, Billie Lynn Tyler, Cory Patterson (Vanderbilt hospital), James Stoltz, Grayson Gunter, Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer (Jackson General hospital), Jimmie Jenkins, Stephanie Pitman, Jenny Teet, Carolyn Nash, 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.

RESPONSE

Gerry Loveless came forward Sunday morning seeking prayers for forgiveness and changes to help her grow.



April 21 - Puppet Show, during evening service in LiftOff



Center Fielders News

“Honor From Man”

The Pharisees struggled with accepting Jesus as the Son of God, even after He performed miracles never heard of before. Jesus addressed them with strong language and vivid pictures because He knew the hardness of their hearts. He did not attempt to blend their ways with God's ways. He did not cover up or smooth over their inconsistencies. He made it clear where their error was and tried to show them the truth. Sound familiar today?

One of their problems was the master they were serving. While they claimed to be serving God, they were actually serving Satan. They prayed impressive prayers. They tithed to the penny. They fasted frequently. And yes, God wanted them to do these things, but His purpose was that religious observances were to honor Him, not them! Instead, the Pharisees honored themselves and loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Another problem was the approach they used. They tried to be righteous by keeping a bunch of rules and regulations. They missed the whole point of the Law, though they claimed to understand it fully. Instead of keeping the Law to the best of their ability as a way to please God, they wanted to establish their own righteousness, by adding details to the Law and even adding laws of their own. This method eased their conscience to justify a hard heart.

Jesus' approach is to work in people's hearts to bring about change. When people truly love God, they are transformed in a way that rules can never accomplish. Then life revolves around pleasing God, not themselves. We have the choice to follow Jesus' way or the Pharisees' way. Let's seek praise from God not man.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF April 14, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	210
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5731
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5104

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Zack Harvill

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-14

Preside Lord's Supper: Adam Jude

Left: Robert Graf

Right: Norman Moss

Don Beard

Steve Baker

Tony McCoy

Chris Love

Jeff Warren

Mike Worley

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: James Swaw

Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture Reading: Chris Love

Scripture: Luke 3:21-22

Song Leader: Damon McCoy

Opening Prayer: Jeff Stacks

Lord's Supper: Gary Basford, Phillip Coates

Closing Prayer: Gerry Hinson

Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Song Leader: Damon McCoy

Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

BAPTISMS

Last Saturday, the Jail Ministry team baptized 7 people. They are **Michelle Edwards, Samatha Powell, Lauren Coole, Cyrie Osburn, David Sawyer, Jerimah Hinson and Dwayne Lyle**. Let's pray for all these who are new Christians.



Columbia Ave. Church of Christ

April 28, 2024

Guest Speaker: Bro. Jerrick Booker

Pleasant Union Church of Christ

Sunday School @ 10:00 am

Church Service @ 11:00 am

Lunch will be served following service

Evening service @ 2:30 pm

I Know What Love Is...

You may have seen the recent commercial by the Ad Council that tells us love has no limits. It shows people behind an x-ray screen embracing only showing their skeletal outlines. The people emerge from the behind to reveal they are a same sex couple, to a cheering crowd. The scene is redone with people of different races, religions and ages. Each one is accompanied by the text; love has no gender, love has no race, love has no disability, love has no religion, love has no labels. The ad campaign claims to combat what is seen as bias in our world today.

It got me to thinking about how the world is trying to redefine love. We hear the argument in our world today, "How a person can be against two people who love one another? To try to put limits on love is wrong."

But how does the Bible label love?

"Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

Some things stick out to me in this passage are in conflict with the world's definition of love. The world says you should cheer when someone is in sin, but Biblical love does not rejoice in unrighteousness. The world says love can act anyway it wants, but Biblical love never acts unbecomingly. The world says you should be proud of your lifestyle, but Biblical love does not brag. The world says you are offensive and should be shunned if you don't accept what is acceptable, but Biblical love does not take into account a wrong suffered. The world says you should accept any belief no matter if it is valid or not, but Biblical love rejoices with truth.

There is a saying, "He who controls the language, controls the masses." When it comes to love, who makes the definition, God, who is love, or the world who does not know him?

*Barry Haynes
Hope AR*



DON'T QUIT

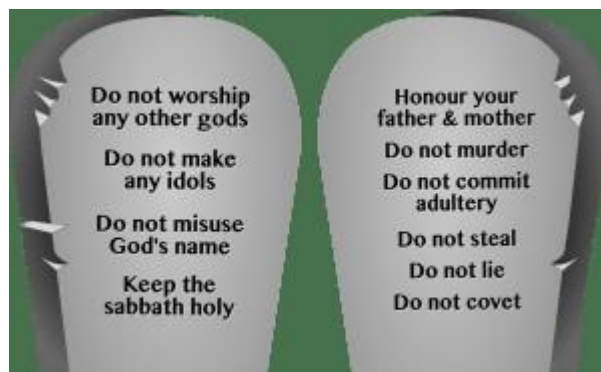
**When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
When you want to smile, but you have to sigh.
When things are dragging you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.**

**Life is strange with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns.
And many a failure has turned about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
So don't give up though the pace seems slow.
You may succeed with one more blow.**

**Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man.
Often the struggler has given up,
When he might have won the victor's cup.
And he learned too late, as night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.**

**Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver lining of the clouds of doubt.
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far.
So, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst
that you must not quit.**

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