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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

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Mike's Minute

And he (Jesus) said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15).

In his short story "The Window," author G. W. Target tells of two seriously-ill men who occupied the same hospital room. The man by the window was propped up for an hour each day to drain fluid from his lungs. The other man spent his entire day on his back. The two men enjoyed one another's company and talked for hours about all different types of subjects.

During the hour that the one man sat up in his bed, he would describe to his bed-fast roommate all the things he saw through the window. Each day, great detail would be given to the activities going on outside. He described the park, with its lovely lake and grand old trees. He would tell of children playing and lovers walking through the park outside their window. One day, a beautiful parade went by. Even though he couldn't hear the music, the man on his back could picture it all as his roommate gave exquisite details.

But it began to feel unfair. Although he enjoyed listening to his friend describe the sights, he began to crave the view for himself. Why should the other man get to enjoy such scenery when he could not? His desire for the bed beside the window became a consuming thought. It even kept him awake at night.

Then, in the darkness of one sleepless night, his roommate began to cough. He was choking on the fluid in his lungs. He desperately groped for the nurse's button to call for help. The covetous roommate could have pushed his own button to summon a nurse... but, instead, he waited and watched the old man die.

The following morning, the nurse discovered the man's death. The standard procedure was carried out and the body was removed. The surviving man then asked to switch beds so he could see out the window. At last, he would have what he deserved.

Painfully and slowly, he struggled to prop himself up for his first look at the park. To his shock, the window looked out to a blank wall.

Fulfillment in life is never achieved with the venom of covetousness.

In Christian Love,

Mike





The ladies of the congregation have an opportunity to meet with the elders this Sunday, April 24th at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

The birthday party for **Burton Winters** has been cancelled by his family due to covid concerns. Let's celebrate him with cards! His address is: 9568 Old Locust Creek Rd., Bon Aqua 37025

The Golden Agers will be going to Legends in Columbia on April 28th. The bus will be leaving at 5:30 and signup sheets are in both foyers.

Senior night is May 1st during evening service. If you are a high school senior and have not turned in your pictures and form, please do so immediately. Please see Teresa Craft for more information. Our seniors for 2022 are: **Lemuel Watson, Anna Green, Daniel Green, Jesse Stacks, Ethan Willis, John Anderson, Michael Bosch** and **Gabe Stone**. We will have a finger food fellowship following the evening service. If any of our seniors has been left out, please let Teresa know as soon as possible.

We still would like a few more volunteers to help with World Bible School. If you are interested, please contact Tom Gosser. The booklets used for WBS are in the basement in the room next to the quilt on the shelf. The newest magazine of WBS is in both foyers. Tom's email is: tom_j57@hotmail.com. As Tom mentioned Wednesday night, there are a number of folks studying who are desiring baptism at this time.

The men to serve and van driver sheets are in both foyers.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Mary England** who passed away recently. She was a local bus driver for many years and was the sister-in-law of **Dwight England**.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all of your acts of kindness and the beautiful Serenity Prayer Wind Chimes. The meal was wonderful.

Gary & Glenda Jacobs



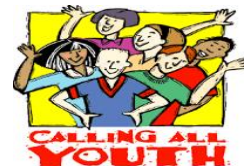
Members: Janey Gilbert, Rodney Rochelle (kidney stones), Margaret Martin (heart procedure on Tuesday), Ralph Givens (Dickson Horizon), Patsy Givens, Butch Sullivan (broken ankle), Ronald Lynn (home), Deborah Peery (home), Lelia Mae Poore, Sherry Breece, Harry Totty, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Dewayne Victory, Helen Shanes, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens (back surgery on May 16 at St. Thomas Midtown), Paul & Noble Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Christians, missionaries, military personal & people in the Ukraine, Wyatt Aydelott (eye surgery, doing well), Mark Walton (heart surgery), J.B. Brown (local hospital-therapy), Nancy Clancy (daughter of Dorothy Noonan-cancer), Cruze Wright (Yvonna C.'s grandson-tests), Greg McCord (St. Thomas West-ICU-pneumonia), Randy Pitman, 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, 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



Apr 24 - 3rd-5th grade devo, during evening service @ FH



Center Fielders News

“The Persevering Bug”

Down on the ground I saw a bug trying hard to crawl up a dirt incline. As it attempted its ascent, the dirt rolled out from under it. Repeatedly the bug started climbing again. At last, it managed to gain enough ground and crawled into a hole. Had this bug not persevered, it would never have reached its destination. It put great effort into climbing and continuing to climb.

In the Christian life, we will not experience victory unless we persevere. Paul told Timothy to “endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ,” and we must do the same. The literal meaning of the Greek word for “endure hardness” is “to suffer evil.”

We must accept hardships as a normal part of the Christian life. Some of these come from within. The devil tempts us severely, trying to get us to fall. He plagues us with thoughts of doubt, discouragement, impurity, jealousy, pride, and selfishness. Other hardships come from without. People may slander us or make fun of our beliefs. In any case, we must endure hardness and faithfully stand for Jesus Christ.

The Bible does not picture the Christian life as something easy; it requires enduring to the end. The prize is not at the halfway mark, nor at the three-quarter mark, but at the finish line. After we fight the good fight of faith and persevere to the end, God will bless us with an eternal home in Heaven. Our trials on earth will seem small compared to that glorious place. Let us continue persevering and keep our eyes on the goal.

If you get tired of persevering, remember that Jesus persevered to die for your sins!!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF April 17, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	291
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5781
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE APRIL 24

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Ronny Pitman
Scripture Reading: Skyler Irvin
Scripture: Ephesians 4:31-32
Preside Lord's Supper: Lafayette Spears
Alternates: Norman George, Edwin Wright
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Adam Jude
Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Scripture Reading: Mike Batts
Scripture: Mark 4:1-9
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince
Lord's Supper: Dale Dillingham, Gary Basford
Closing Prayer: Boyce Cannon
Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Song Leader: Jeff Rose
Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



A Step Too Late

Elisha Gray was almost known as the father of the telephone, but Alexander Graham Bell beat him to the patent office by just a few hours! As Christians, what a reminder to run our race to obtain the prize (1 Cor. 9:24)!



MAY

- 1 Daniel Green
- 2 Rhonda Powers
- 5 Elizabeth Peebles
- 7 Christina George
Levi Holt
- 10 Gary Wright
Rodney Rochelle
Loren Roberts
- 11 Terry Barber
- 12 Shirley Gilbert
- 13 Terry Duncan
Claire Willis
Harper McCrory
- 14 Amy Springer
- 18 Lizzie Barber
- 19 Phillip Anderson
- 23 Jordan Prince
Gerry Smith
- 24 Daveigh Cochran
Kylie Jean Duncan
- 25 Whitney Carroll
- 26 Alison Stanley
- 27 Retha Duncan
Rusty Bates

EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT



MAY

- 3 Jeffrey & Elizabeth Peebles
- 5 Justin & Shelby Bates
- 9 Terry & Retha Duncan
- 14 Paul & Noble Victory
- 15 Dalton & Lizzie Barber
- 18 Gerry & Sarah Hinson
- 20 Ken & Mary Copley
- 22 Kurt & Lisa Hellmann
Ronald & Jennifer Lynn
- 26 Willie & Minnie Powers
- 28 Blake & Katie Graham

Welcome

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



We Enter To Worship

We Leave To Serve