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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Mike Breece ext.19
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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

Family Line:

931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

It would not be possible for a person to die like Jesus died. Jesus' death was sacrificial, universal, and once-and-for-all. However, we can honor Jesus by living like He died. Consider a few implications of this worthy goal.

Jesus died forgiving others of their wrongs. Who could ever forget those words recorded in Luke 23:34? Who could understand how Jesus could utter them in the situation in which He did? His body wracked with pain... His eyes blinded by his own blood... The very life ebbing from His body... And He used what little breath he had left to pray for those who were killing Him. He said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Jesus died forgiving others. I should honor Him by living a life of forgiveness. Has anyone hurt me more than Jesus was hurt? If He could forgive such an incredible injustice, couldn't I forgive those who wrong me in much smaller ways? I can and I should.

Jesus died recognizing the horrible nature of sin. In Matthew 27:46, Jesus is nearing the end of His earthly life. At that moment, something happened that had never happened before and would never happen again. Jesus had been rejected by His enemies, and He could accept that. He had been rejected by His family, friends, and followers. He could accept that. But, Matthew 27:46 describes a moment where God the Father was forced to turn His back on Jesus. Jesus had become sin on behalf of mankind, and the Father cannot be in the presence of sin. Jesus' holy heart was broken and He cried out, "Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?" How serious is sin? Serious enough to separate God the Father and God the Son. Nothing had ever nor will ever do that again. Sin broke the body and the heart of Jesus. I should shun it at all costs.

Jesus died caring for His mother (John 19:26-27). Jesus wanted to make sure that His mother, Mary, was cared for after He was gone. He entrusted His close friend John with this important task. One of the most disturbing trends in our society is the lack of respect by young people of authority figures. Most of the time, it begins with a lack of respect for parents. Christ modeled something different. He expects something different from His followers.

Dying like Jesus died? I could never do that. Living like Jesus died? I can. I must. I will. I hope you will too.

In Christian Love,

Mike



This year, we will be celebrating our 70th anniversary of the Fairfield church. On October 20th, we will celebrate that day. This Sunday afternoon, at 5 pm in the fellowship hall, there will be a meeting for anyone who would like to help plan for that day. We will need many volunteers.

We will have a breakfast honoring our mothers on Mother's Day, May 12th in the fellowship hall at 7:30 am. All mothers and their family are invited. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet how many will be attending with you so we can prepare the amount of food needed for everyone. Last date to sign up is Wednesday, May 8th. If you miss the sign-up deadline, please call Lafayette Spears to let him know that you plan to attend.

Ladies craft night will be Monday, May 13th at 6 pm in the basement. We will be painting flower pots and planting mosquito repellent plants.

*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.



We want to thank our Fairfield family for the calls, cards and the beautiful wind chimes. The kind words and support mean so much. Thank you all.

In Christian Love,
Kenneth & Barbara
 Clay & Linda
 Chandler

Whatever Works

A woman noticed her husband sucking in his stomach as he was standing on the bathroom scales. Thinking he was trying to weigh less with this maneuver, she said to him, "I really don't think that's going to help."

"Sure, it does," he replied. "It's the only way I can see the numbers."



Members: Barbara (Edgar) Beard, Janice King, Dot Davidson, Mike Breece, Hester Moss, Christina George, James Hassell, Martha Harvill, Tony Halfacre, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Leon Lynn, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Bobby Mack Dunn (hospital in Nashville), Larry Petty (Dickson, G. Basford's friend on hospice), Greg McCord, Faye McClellan, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Ray Woodruff, Alyssa Aydelott (surgery May 7), Linda Goad, Ronnie Pittman, Angie Davis, Adam Lawson, Arica Hinson, Mark Wright, Helen Shanes, Bracey Campbell (hospice), Donna Popp, Dorris French, Linda Truett, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jean Greer, Clare Loughrey, Jackson Bates, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash & Jimmy Mathis.

Life Care: David Talley, 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: Dollie Wheeler, Percy Lancaster

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown

NHC Transitions, Columbia: Willie B. Coates

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR MAY

May 5 - Senior Night 6 pm. Slideshow, finger food in FH.

May 7 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 @ Field House

May 18 - Hickman & East Hickman High School Graduations

May 19 - 3rd-5th Grade Devo, during evening service @ FH

May 21 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 @ Field House

May 26 - Puppet Show, during evening service

**"I have
 hidden ^{YOUR} WORD
 in my heart
 that I might
 not sin
 against you."**

P s a l m 119 : 11



Center Fielders News

“Father, Forgive Them”

Jesus, the sinless Lamb of God, was being crucified and was suffering extreme anguish. In spite of the injustice, He prayed, “Father forgive them for they know not what they do”. Whom was He referring to? The soldiers who performed the crucifixion, the Jewish leaders who condemned Him, or the friends who forsook Him when He needed them most? Probably all of the above and myself as well, for my sins are a part of the reason Jesus endured such suffering.

In the Book of Acts, we find Peter preaching to some of the very people that helped to condemn and crucify Jesus, who by that time was sitting at the right hand of God. As several thousand turned to God for repentance, do you think Jesus was tempted even for a moment to say unforgiving words? For example: “Just a minute Father, this person was determined to have Me crucified. He mocked Me and deeply hurt my feelings.” Or this: “That man spit in My face and beat the thorns into My head. I’m not sure that I’m ready to forgive him just yet.”

How is it with you and me? Can I forgive the ones who hurt me, or do me wrong? Do I ask the Father to extend mercy to them, or do I hope they get what they deserve? Since Jesus does not resent the pain He had to endure because of my sin, should I not freely forgive those who hurt me? Let’s seriously ask ourselves this question; “What if God would forgive me only to the extent that I forgive others?” The sobering answer is that He does.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



Everyone is invited to celebrate the 50th year anniversary of Gerry & Sarah Hinson Sunday, May 19th from 2:00-4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. No gifts please. Your presence is all the gift we need.

SENIOR NIGHT

*May 5th during evening service
Our High School Seniors
for 2019 are:*

- Garrett Cochran*
- Allison Cook*
- Cameron Creech*
- Olivia Dotson*
- Jillian Estes*
- Mason Ward*

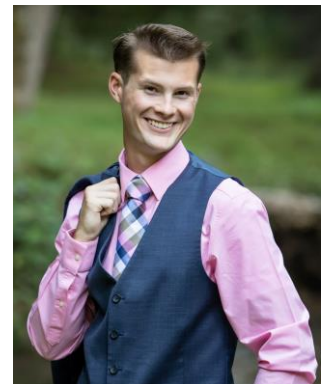
*We would also like to recognize
our college seniors who will be
graduating:*

- Brooke Graham*
- Stephen Halbrooks*
- Tim Halbrooks*
- Zack Harvill*
- Cole Patton*

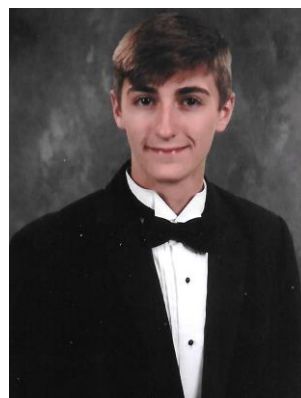
*Slide show & finger food in
the Fellowship Hall
after worship.*



Allison Cook



Garrett Cochran



Cameron Creech



Mason Ward

MEN TO SERVE MAY 3**LORD'S TABLE****Preside:** Ken Copley**Left:** Gary Wright

Mathew Wright

Chris Wright

Edwin Wright

Right: Steve Craft

Steve Baker

Boyce Cannon

Zack Harvill

Alternates: Carl Daugherty, Lee DeWire**Basement:** Rusty Bates, Lafayette Spears**Sun. P.M.:** Phillip Coates, Rick Bruno**A Prior Engagement**

James A. Garfield, the 20th President of the United States, took office on March 4, 1881. On his first Sunday in Washington following his inauguration, a member of the Cabinet insisted that a meeting must be called to discuss a matter that purportedly threatened a national crisis. The President refused, stating that he was already committed to another appointment. The Cabinet member insisted, telling the President that the national matter was of grave importance and that he should break his prior engagement. Still, Mr. Garfield refused to do so.

Obviously appalled, the Cabinet member remarked, "I would be interested to know with whom you have an engagement so important that it cannot be broken."

Mr. Garfield replied, "I will be as frank as you are. My engagement is with the Lord, to meet Him at His house, at His table, at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, and I shall be there."

What an example! May we, too, be so dedicated to the worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that we shall not forget we have a standing "prior engagement" every Sunday morning.

Bulletin Digest

PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE**A.M. Scripture Reading:** Rick Bruno**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 15:9-10**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude**A.M. Closing Prayer:** James Swaw**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates**Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**P.M. Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Darin Cochran**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy**Wed. Invitation:** (May 8) Mike Kelley**SONG LEADERS****Sunday A.M.** Darin Cochran**Sunday P.M.** Jeff Stacks**Wednesday P.M.** (May 8) Steve Baker**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Sunday A.M.** Rodney Rochelle**Sunday P.M.** Gary Wright**Wednesday P.M.** (May 8) Darin Cochran**VAN DRIVERS****Sunday A.M.** Gerry Hinson 931-729-3208

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Sunday P.M. Gerry Hinson 931-729-3208

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Wed. P.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355

(May 8)

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 April 28, 2019****A.M. WORSHIP:** 220**CONTRIBUTION:** \$4113**2019 WEEKLY BUDGET:** \$4167

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May!