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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

Grand Opening. When a business opens its doors for the first time it is often advertised as a “grand opening.” The grandest of all grand openings is coming soon. I’m referring, of course, to the time when our society will open back up. We are particularly anticipating the day when our congregation can once again open the doors to our church building and welcome all who will, to come inside. This opening process is now underway in our state. Businesses are allowed to re-open, with certain restrictions, such as limited capacity. It is only phase one in the opening process, but we are certainly glad that it is here.

Let Us Go Into The House Of The Lord. I’ve noticed that some smaller congregations in our area have announced that they will be opening their doors this Sunday. Fairfield is a larger congregation, so we need to proceed with a little more caution. Please know that your Elders are praying, consulting, and meeting to make decisions that are best for us. They are interested first and foremost in our spiritual health... but they also want to protect our physical health. While spiritual health always comes first, the fact that Jesus and the Apostles healed diseases is proof that our physical health is important to God. We are thankful for our Elders at Fairfield and put our trust in the decisions they will make about when and how to open our doors.

Shelter In Place. The world was in danger. A global disaster was ensuing. He gathered his family, went inside, closed the door, and “sheltered in place” until the danger had passed. He wasn’t living in 2020 and it wasn’t Coronavirus that kept him inside. He lived thousands of years ago and the danger to the world was presented by the Great Flood. His name was Noah. Noah and his family “sheltered in place” before it was cool! They did it on the Ark. What can we learn from Noah’s shelter in place? First, Noah realized that a global disaster could fit in with the plan and purposes of God. The crisis did not diminish his faith, it strengthened it. Second, Noah and his family kept busy doing good things during the shelter in place. Think those animals needed any tending and keeping? Finally, when the storm had passed and Noah could come out in the open again, he was profoundly thankful to God (Genesis 8:20). A pretty good example for us to follow, isn’t it?

In Christian Love,

Mike



Just Read This About Hands

A FOOTBALL in my hands is worth about \$20.
 A football in Peyton Manning's hands is worth about \$15 million.
 It depends on whose hands it's in.

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$25.
 A basketball in Shaquille O'Neal's hands is worth \$30 million.
 It depends on whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands may keep away a wild animal.
 A rod in Moses' hands parted a mighty sea.
 It depends on whose hands it's in.

A sling shot in my hands is just a kid's toy.
 A sling shot in David's hand killed a giant.
 It depends on whose hands it's in.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands will feed me.
 Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God's hands fed thousands.
 It depends on whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might build a birdhouse.
 Nails in Jesus Christ's hands produced Salvation for the world.
 It depends on whose hands it's in.

As you can see ... it depends on whose hands it's in.
 So, let's put our concerns, worries, fears, hopes, dreams, families and relationships in God's hands.
 Because... it ALL depends on whose hands it's in!

Selected



MAY

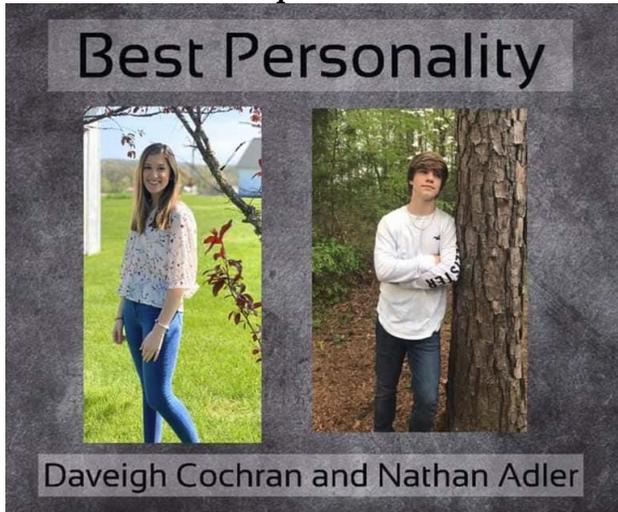
- 2 Rhonda Powers
- 5 Elizabeth Peebles
- 7 Christina George
Levi Holt
- 10 Gary Wright
Rodney Rochelle
Loren Roberts
- 11 Terry Barber
- 12 Shirley Gilbert
- 13 Terry Duncan
Claire Willis
Harper McCrory
- 14 Amy Springer
- 17 Elizabeth Tarkington
- 19 Phillip Anderson
- 23 Jordan Prince
- 24 Daveigh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



MAY

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

HCMS 8th Grade Superlative Award Winners



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Center Fielders News

“Improper Diet”



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

For the past couple of weeks our pets, Cali, our cat, Wilbur and Buster our two Chihuahuas, would have an upset tummy after being outside. Upset, even to the point of throwing up. After further investigation, I noticed they had been eating grass. Apparently, the grass was sweet for the taste, but soon later it was sour to the stomach. Improper diet? This reminded me of the angel and the little scroll in Revelation chapter 10. Verse 10 in chapter 10 says, “It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.

The period of time that we have been quarantined from society, I have noticed how much of an improper diet we had been entertaining. With restaurants closed, we have been grilling our food for supper. Not only has this little trick given us more energy, but has saved us quite a bit of money as well. Improper diet!

An improper spiritual diet will also cause us to become weak. If not remedied, it will lead to eternal death, separation from God and everything good. We cannot expect to feed on earthly trash and keep our relationship with God alive.

So, what shall we feed on? Jesus is the “Bread of life” that satisfies our spiritual hunger. Jesus also said “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled!” Jesus also offers life-giving water to quench our spiritual thirst.

God’s Word is full of rich, nutritious food to feed us spiritually:” Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God.” We cannot eat the trash of the world and expect to remain spiritually healthy. How is your diet?

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

BIRTHDAY WE MISSED:

Happy Birthday to **Jaime Jones** who celebrated a birthday this week on Monday.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF April 26, 2020
CONTRIBUTION: \$3222
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET \$4167

Members: Brenda Stoltz (shingles), Hezekiah Springer, Paul & Noble Victory, Rickey Weems, Angie Stacks, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Naomi Bailey, Raymond Stoltz, Hester Moss, James Hassell (home after falling and breaking his leg), Diane Breece, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Mayzelle Potts (mother of Charlene Breece, critical), Charlie Shelton, Harley Parker, B.J. Springer (Select Specialty Hospital in Nashville for rehab), McKinley Moore, Ruby Church, Wayne Winters, Emersyn Lannom, Carolyn Nash, Margaret Anglin, Sandy McFarlin, Glenna Hill, Linda Jones, Randy Hall, Nancy Coursey, Kim Jenkins, Rachael Bellis, June Bell, Connie Garrett, Len Womack, Jerry Milam, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fagan, Jimmy Cline, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Ron Gossett, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, Adam Lawson, Mark Wright, Donna Popp, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jackson Bates, & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Billie Joe Qualls, Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Willa (Charlene) Arnold (hospice), Bill & Helen Shanes, Jo Hudgins (hospice), & Sybil Jenkins.

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown

NHC Dickson: Dollie Wheeler

Olive Branch Senior Living: Martha Page

HCMS 8th Grade Superlative Award Winners



Anna Cate King and Kole Hellman

FROM THE ELDERS

DO WHAT YOU ARE TOLD

There is an interesting story in 2 Kings, chapter 5, about the great Syrian army commander Naaman. He was a hero and a great leader, but he had a serious problem. He had leprosy, a disease with no known cure. A leper had to avoid people...sound familiar?

Naaman told the king about a prophet in Israel that might heal him. The prophet Elisha would not even come out to see Naaman. A messenger told him that all he had to do was wash in the Jordan River seven times.

Naaman was furious and questioned if the rivers in Damascus were better than all the waters in Israel. He was about to leave, but his servant convinced him to do what he was told to do.

So Naaman went down to the Jordan and dipped seven times, "according to the saying of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean." (2 Kings 5:14)

Today, hundreds of years later, people are still questioning why we are told to do certain things. We all have our own ideas and opinions, but sometimes we just need to do what we have been told to do!

As elders, we do not know when we will be able to meet again as a church family. We do not even know what the service will look like, about Bible classes, etc. When we do get to meet again, we want it to be as safe as possible for everyone. May God be with each and every one of you.

Gary, Lafayette, & Wayne

Mike Kelley will be speaking at 9:00 am via live streaming on Facebook.
Rodney Rochelle will conduct a Bible class on Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

COMMUNION PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 – 2:30 PM AND 4 – 5:30 PM. AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL & CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AS WELL AS THE PAPER COPY OF THE BULLETIN.

