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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

The Sign Of The Times. We often get positive comments about the messages on the sign in the front of our building. We recently had someone from another congregation tell us that they should start copying what we do because ours is so good. What if I told you our sign is changed by teenagers? It's true! We want to give a special thanks to Josh Copley, Carlin Cochran, and Quincy Cochran (when he's home from college) for coming up with such great messages and taking the time to put them on the sign. Take this article as a *sign* that you should complement them and thank them when you get a chance.

The Judge Who Is Our Friend. The following story appeared recently on People.com:

"A judge who sentenced a fellow veteran to jail was so concerned about the decorated soldier's wellbeing that he served the man's sentence right alongside him. Gulf War veteran Lou Olivera, a district court judge who presides over the Veterans Treatment Court in Cumberland County, North Carolina, sentenced retired Green Beret Joe Serna to spend the night in jail for a probation violation earlier this month. Without telling Serna what he planned to do, Olivera personally drove Serna to neighboring Robeson County. There, Olivera consulted jail administrator George Kenworthy (another veteran) and told him he wanted to spend the night in lockup with Serna. As his mind went into dark places, Serna heard his cell door rattle. He looked up and, to his shock, saw the smiling face of Judge Olivera. 'I said, 'Judge, what are you doing?' He said, 'We're in the foxhole together.' 'I was at peace,' Serna says. 'When he came in, I knew everything was going to be okay.' The two spent the night talking about their service, their families and their lives. 'He is a judge, but that night, he was my battle buddy,' Serna says. 'He knew what I was going through. As a warrior, he connected.'"

It would be difficult for a Christian to read that inspiring story without thinking of Jesus. John tells us that "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14). Jesus knew that humanity had been imprisoned by sin. He decided to leave heaven, come to earth, and "lock Himself in the cell with us." He never sinned, but He can sympathize with those of us who do. We are so thankful that Jesus is not only a Judge, but also a Friend.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Thank you, Mom

“Honor your father and mother—which is the first commandment with a promise—that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth” (Eph 6:2-3).

In a little town in Taylor County, West Virginia, Anna Jarvis in 1907 began a campaign to establish a national Mother’s Day. The special day would fall on the anniversary of her mother’s death. So, on May 10, 1908 the day was observed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where Jarvis had recently moved. It wasn’t until 1914 that president Woodrow Wilson made the official announcement to the nation that every second Sunday of May would be a national day of observance.

Mother’s Day is a special day in which we take a moment to honor the women who make a difference in our lives. In my years of Christian service, I had the privilege of interviewing senior statesmen, great community leaders and church leaders who are making a difference in all of our lives. In our first few weeks after moving to Logansport, Indiana, I was given a personal invitation to meet with Mayor Michael Fincher. Mayor Fincher impressed me as he spoke in tears about his mother. I am convinced that the world is a better place because of all mothers that were readers, teachers and fitting examples. Dedicated mothers produce determined children. We all know that it takes a considerable amount of determination to make a difference in today’s world.

So, take some time this Mother’s Day to remember Mom. The apostle Paul reminds his “son in the faith” (Timothy) where his personal faith originated. “I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.” (2 Tim. 1:5)

This is dedicated to my Mom who has made many sacrifices and uttered many prayers that have made a tremendous difference in many of my major decisions in life. Thank you, Mom.

*Rick Woodall
BulletinDigest.com*

God Is Still In Charge

By
Janice M. King

Don't have the virus
Don't have any woes
Feeling pretty good
From my head to my toes.

Can't go anywhere
Six feet apart for our folks
Can't see anyone
Scary time not a joke.

The sun is out
The leaves are green
Having a good hair day
That can't be seen.

Better days ahead
The newsman said
Coming soon
Better than sick or dead

Be brave, have faith, and pray
Follow the rules at large
Have positive thoughts
God is still in charge.

Lockdown Lament



Alone and then, lonely – two different words,
So alike and yet standing apart;
One speaks of location, of not “being there,”
The other, of bruising the heart.

We may be at distance while we are confined,
Unable to share the same space;
Though love remains still and our hearts remain joined,
How we ache for that sweet face to face.

*Dalton Key
Tulsa, OK*



Center Fielders News

“Do Not Neglect Your Spiritual Gift”

1 Timothy 4:12-16

Every Christian is given at least one spiritual gift with which to serve the Lord and build up the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:7). But many believers neglect this special empowerment of the Spirit. Although Timothy had some good reasons to forsake his calling from God, Paul advised him to “Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress (vs 15). As you look at Timothy, ask yourself if either of the following situations are hindering you from fully serving the Lord.

AGE: No matter how old we are, the Lord wants us to use our spiritual gifts. Because Timothy was young, he could easily have been intimidated by those with more experience. However, youth isn’t our only excuse. Some believers think they’re too old to serve the Lord. Even though our areas of ministry may change over the years, we’re never called into spiritual retirement.

INADEQUACY: Have you ever avoided a service opportunity simply because you felt totally unqualified? That’s probably how Timothy felt about leading the church at Ephesus. Our spiritual gifts rarely come to us fully developed. God often requires that we step out in faith and trust Him to work in and through us. Over time, as we obey and serve Him in our areas of giftedness, He increases the effectiveness of our ministry.

Is anything keeping you from using your spiritual gifts? Though given to us, these abilities aren’t for us, they’re for the church. To neglect them would only deprive fellow believers but also rob ourselves. There is joy and blessings in serving others and doing the work God has designated for us.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 3, 2020	
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3793
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167



Members: 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, Diane Breece, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Amanda Myles (came home from the hospital Thursday) & Holly Dickens (both daughters of Lou Dickens who both had a tree fall on them and were injured during a recent storm), 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



We express our sympathy to the family of **Richard Martin**, brother-in-law of **Butch & Ed Sullivan** who passed away this week and funeral was on Wednesday.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of **Maizelle Potts**, the mother of **Charlene Breece** who passed away last week. Her funeral was Sunday.

FROM THE ELDERS

Mother's Day 2020

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mother's in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world. Sunday May 10 we will be celebrating our mother's.

For God said, "Honor your father and mother and anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death." Matthew 15:4

Being a mother & wife is probably the hardest and most fulfilling role in the world. A mother who is loved - loves well!

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

We hope and pray that everyone has a wonderful Mother's Day and we pray we will be able to worship "live" together before much longer until then we will meet on Facebook.

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 on Facebook.

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.

