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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

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me."

Matthew 25:35-36

One day a man said to God, "God, I would like to know what heaven and hell are like."

God showed the man two doors. Inside the first one, in the middle of the room, was a large round table with a large pot of vegetable stew. It smelled delicious and made the man's mouth water, but the people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be starving.

The people were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. God said, "You have seen hell."

Behind the second door, the room appeared exactly the same. There was the large round table and the large pot of vegetable stew that made the man's mouth water. The people had the same long-handled spoons, but they were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The man said, "I don't understand."

God smiled. It is simple, he said. Love only requires one skill. In heaven, we feed one another."

In Christian Love,

Mike





It was good to see **Sharon Burns & Mike Batts** back to worship Sunday morning after being out for several weeks. Mike has been sick and Sharon had surgery.

We are delighted that on Sunday, **Michael, Suzanne and JonMichael Lewis** placed membership with us. Let's give them a warm welcome to our church family!

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 **room 104**.

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 **Ronnie Martin** who passed away on Wednesday. Ronnie had served as Mayor of Centerville several years ago. His funeral was Saturday. To his wife Donna, and sons Brett and Cory we offer our condolences.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY:

Muffins with Mom and her family will commemorate Mothers' Day on May 12th at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Topsy Turvy Tea Party for all ladies Sunday, May 19th in the Fellowship Hall, 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Sign-up sheets are in the **side foyer**. One sheet is for attendance and the other one is for bringing items and/or table decorations.

Ladies' craft night will be Tuesday, May 21st in room 104 at 6:00 pm. We will be making fabric or paper flowers,

The **Golden Agers** will be going to Log Cabin on May 23th. The church van will leave at 5:30. Sign up sheets will be out soon.



Members: Joyce Boyd, Brenda Stoltz, Floy Cochran, Carolyn Phillips, Reda Springer, Shanon Irwin, Kenneth Chandler, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Woody Woodruff, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Paul Harvill, Freda Simmerly (sister of Kenneth & Clay Chandler-Dickson Horizon), Elizabeth Dunn (home), Larry Buttrey (James Swaw's brother-in-law), Nicholas Wright, Barbara Beard, Edwin Garner, Chris Chilton, David Stewart, Willie Lawler, James Coates (Select Specialty hospital Nashville), Trevor Buchanan, Pam Sullivan, Pam Simmons, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, June Roder, Mary French, Anthony Stacks, David Talley, Billie Lynn Tyler, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Grayson Gunter, Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer (hospice), Jimmie Jenkins, Stephanie Pitman, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Roy Harris, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Gethlyn Gardner, Martha Ann McCord, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard.

NHC Hendersonville: Sherry Breece



The Jail Ministry had four baptisms last Saturday. Those baptized were: **Shayna Lopez, Sandy Kee, Lorrie Totty & Dalton West**. Congratulations.



May 18 - Hickman County & East Hickman Graduation

May 19 - Cedar Point Trip Meeting - immediately following Sunday School at the Field House 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service, FH

May 21 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH

May 26 - Puppet Show, during evening service in LO



Center Fielders News

“A Mother’s Day Blessing”

This is the season many stores sell cards, flowers, plants, and gifts for Mother’s Day. As we pause and remember the many things our mothers and acting mothers have done for us, we cannot count the numerous prayers for us that ascended from our faithful mothers and grandmothers as they rocked us to sleep, sent us off to school, and watched us mature in life. They also served as cooks, teachers, nurses, and counselors.

For those who haven’t been blessed with godly mothers or grandmothers, there are special prayers for you as well. Anna was a praying woman, who most likely included others in her prayers. Ruth, the Moabitess had a faithful mother-in-law who led her down the right path. I remember hearing my grandmother pray for many others outside our family, so these prayers include you too!

Jesus himself prayed for all of us! In John 17:20 he said, “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who believe in me through their message.” The bride of Christ, the church, continues to pray for others outside her circle.

Today and every day of the year, let’s remember to “pray without ceasing” for ourselves and others. Let’s also rise to the challenge of living in a way that honors our mothers and grandmothers, whether biological, adoptive, or simply mothers in the faith. “Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised” (Proverbs 31:28-30).

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

A belated happy birthday to **Bill McCoy** who celebrated a birthday on May 5th.

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

- Song Leader:** Darin Cochran
- Opening Prayer:** Buddy Chandler
- Scripture Reading:** Robert Graf
- Scripture:** Proverbs 31:28-29
- Preside Lord’s Supper:** Rodney Rochelle
- Left:** Josh Copley **Right:** Carter Bates
- Quincy Cochran John Irvin
- Ethan Willis Cole Patton
- James Jett Edwin Wright

- Announcements:** Darin Cochran
- Closing Prayer:** Woody Woodruff
- Van Driver:** Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

SUNDAY EVENING:

- Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks
- Scripture Reading:** Gerry Hinson
- Scripture:** John 1:29-34
- Song Leader:** Jeff Stacks
- Opening Prayer:** Willie Powers
- Lord’s Supper:** Phillip Coates, Lafayette Spears
- Closing Prayer:** Rick Bruno
- Van Driver:** Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

- Announcements:** Gary Wright
- Song Leader:** Gary Basford
- Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy
- Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855



Thank you for the birthday cards, calls, visits, flowers and every act of kindness! I’ve been very blessed and humbled by your friendship and every remembrance of me. With love to all.

In Christ,
Hester Moss

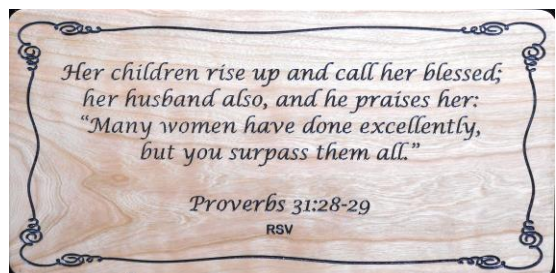
Thank you so much for your prayers and cards during my surgery.

In Christian Love,
Charlene Breece

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 5, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	222
CONTRIBUTION:	\$6648
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5104



OUR 2024 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES



Those receiving the Carl & Floy Cochran family scholarship awards Sunday night were:

Hannah Irwin, Emery Dotson, Daveigh Cochran Kole Hellman, and Tyler Stacks. Congratulations!

Congratulations and best wishes to our 2024 graduating college students. They are **Josh Copley, Harrison Kelley, Maggie Conley, Olivia Craft & Dalton Thomasson.**

RESPONSES

At the Sunday morning service, **Rita Beard** came forward asking for prayers for her cousin, **Gethlyn Gardner**, who is seriously ill and for her to have a better relationship with him.

Joyce Bruno came forward on behalf of her close friend, **Ann Spencer**, who is critically ill and on hospice at this time.

Jan Hopkins-Campbell came forward Wednesday for prayers of thanksgiving regarding her friend, **Pam Simmons**, who had successful surgery and is now "cancer free."



Gospel Meeting at the Jones Valley church of Christ May 19 - May 22 with Rick Warren preaching and James Tidwell leading singing. Sunday school is at 10:00 am, Sunday morning worship is at 10:45 am, Fellowship meal following morning worship and Sunday evening thru Wednesday evening worship is at 7:00 pm.

Honoring Our Mothers

This Sunday is "Mother's Day." It is a day when gratitude is expressed to our mothers. Mother's Day in America began a century ago when Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother and the ladies in her church. Anna was so intent on calling on Americans to honor all mothers, she petitioned Congress and the U.S. President to make Mother's Day an official holiday.

So why do we have Mother's Day? Because everyone needs a godly mother! Paul indicated that the reason Timothy became such a godly man is because of his mother and grandmother who were full of faith (2 Timothy 3:14-15).

In short, the reason we have "Mother's Day" is because most of us understand how great our moms are and we want to thank them for being our mothers, grandmothers and the mothers of our children.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12; see Ephesians 6:1-3).

We can still honor our mothers even if they no longer live on this earth. The greatest way we can honor them is by living the Christian life because we know that in heaven the residents still rejoice whenever we make the right decisions (see Luke 15:7).

*Larry Fitzgerald
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