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Seniors
Lloyd Rochelle ext.21
Maintenance
Jeff Stacks ext.22
Transportation
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 10:20 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846

Website:

fairfieldcofc.org



Mike's Minute

Busy, Blessed Sunday. What a day Sunday was at Fairfield! It was most definitely busy and blessed. Muffins With Mom, an assembly where God was worshiped and mothers were celebrated, a great crowd and sweet spirit of faith and fellowship, classes of all ages meeting to learn more about Jesus... and that was just in the morning! We finished the day with our Senior Sunday, where eight graduating seniors were honored, a slide show was enjoyed, and a period of food and fellowship finished off the day. A special thanks to our elders and their wives for hosting Muffins with Mom... Steve and Teresa Craft for preparing and presenting Senior Night... Darin Cochran for putting together the Senior slide show... everyone who provided food for the Senior Sunday reception... and you, for being a part of this great day!

Jail Ministry Update. Just when you thought Sunday couldn't be any better, word came of eight baptisms as a result of our local jail ministry. Eight! Congratulations and a big thank you to Gary Basford, Tom Gosser, Rodney Rochelle, and Jeff Rose for leading our jail ministry. They have been planting seeds for many months and those seeds have now produced a harvest! We are thrilled beyond words at this great news!

The Whole Truth. When you first became a Christian, you may have enjoyed a honeymoon period where you experienced greater peace and joy than you had ever known. But, if you have followed Christ for very long, you have learned that discipleship eventually has its costs. Maybe it involves taking an unpopular moral stand... or refusing to cut an ethical corner at work... or walking away from a close relationship with an unbeliever. All Christians have similar experiences from time to time. Take heart! Facing difficulties because of your faith is simply an indication that you are on the right track. The whole truth is that the steps of Jesus lead to a cross. He bore His... and on a much smaller (but still very important) scale, we must bear ours.

In Christian Love,

Mike




Everyone is invited to a 95th birthday celebration for **Hester Moss** in the fellowship hall this Sunday from 1-3 pm. No gifts please but cards appreciated.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Margaret Hudgins**, sister of **Dot Davidson** who passed away last Sunday. Her funeral was Thursday.

THANK YOU!

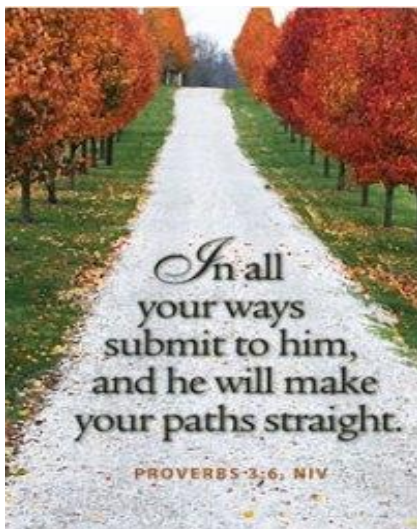
Thanks to all for the cards, calls and prayers I received after my stay in the hospital and a special thanks to Fran Batts.

Love you all,
Janey Gilbert

RESPONDING TO THE LORD'S INVITATION

Chris England and **Rita Beard** came forward Sunday night asking for prayers to help them through personal struggles.

Rodney Rochelle and Tom Gosser baptized the following inmates last Sunday afternoon at the jail: Dwight Halbrooks, Jeffrey Daniels, Joshua Parish, Brandon Gatlin, Cody Bates, Jeremiah Thornton, Mark Sullivan and Ian Baker.



Members: Gary Bailey (knee surgery), Brenda Stoltz, Janey Gilbert, Ralph Givens (Dickson Horizon), Patsy Givens, Butch Sullivan, Deborah Peery, Lelia Mae Poore, Sherry Breece, Harry Totty, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes, Lou Dickens (back surgery on May 16 at St. Thomas Midtown), Paul & Noble & Dewayne Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Jay Pickard (broken hip), Anthony Stacks (home), Mary Spears (mother of Lafayette), James Stoltz (home), Christians, missionaries, military personal & people in the Ukraine, Connie Johnston, Mark Walton, J.B. Brown (home), Nancy Clancy, Cruze Wright, Gus Gilreath, Willie Taylor, Everett Kelly (St. Thomas West), Ray Weatherspoon (Trustpoint Rehab in Murfreesboro), Kevin Chandler, Denny Quillen, 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, 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: Wilma Green, Francis Qualls, Hester Moss

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Barbara Beard, Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page



May 15 - Puppet Show in Lift-Off

May 17 - Middle/High school devo, 6:30-8:30 in FH

May 21 - Middle/High School outing, TN Renaissance Festival

May 22 - 3rd-5th grade devo, during evening service @ FH



Center Fielders News

“Inner Life & Its Expression”

The scriptures set forth two kinds of inner life: carnal and spiritual. These two can be at home in the heart at the same time. For this reason, there is a constant battle, because “the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit is contrary to the flesh: and these are contrary to one another” (Galatians 5:17).

We obtain spiritual life by receiving Christ in faith and repentance. This involves humility, surrender of will, and brokenness before God. It is expressed in love for and obedience to the truth, respect for sacred things, and obedience to the authority set by God. There will be joy, peace, rest, power for pure living, confession of Christ before men, and willingness to suffer for Him. Jesus becomes the reason for our being and doing. This is the abundant life He came to give.

But there is a thief who wants to steal away this life and revive the carnal inner life that we receive by natural birth. Its traits are pride, envy, rebellion, stubbornness, anger, lust, hatred, and bitterness, which dwell naturally in our hearts. Carnal life is expressed in disobedience or eye service, disrespect toward authority and sacred things, mockery of the sincere and conscientious, an unbridled tongue, a casual spirit, self-defense, and self-justification. This kind of inner life destroys peace with God and with others, and it leads to eternal death in the end.

God has given us freedom to choose which kind of inner life will prevail. If it is the first, we are sheep in the fold of Christ---pure, peaceable, gentle, easily entreated, full of mercy and good fruit, and without partiality or hypocrisy. If it is the second, we are wolves in the kingdom of Satan.

Choose this day whom you will serve-----

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 8, 2022

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| MORNING WORSHIP | 221 |
| CONTRIBUTION: | \$5301 |
| 2022 WEEKLY BUDGET | \$4167 |

MEN TO SERVE MAY 15

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Ronny Pitman
Scripture Reading: Skyler Irvin
Scripture: Matthew 16:24-25
Preside Lord's Supper: Lafayette Spears
Alternates: Rick Bruno, Norman George
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Mike Breece
Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Scripture Reading: Mike Batts
Scripture: Matthew 10:27-31
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince
Lord's Supper: Edwin Wright, Gary Wright
Closing Prayer: Willie Powers
Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

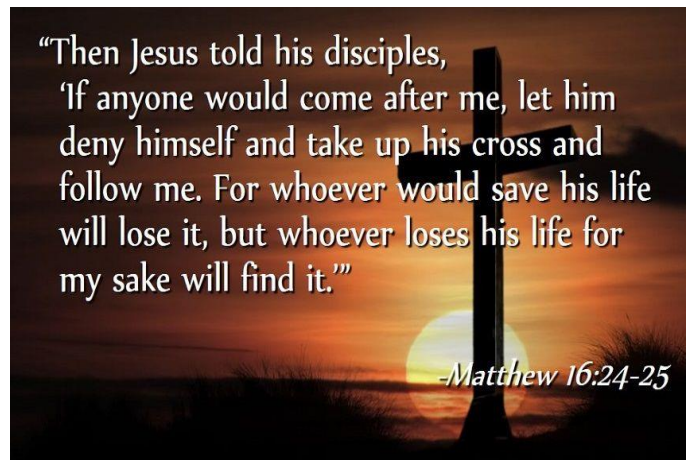
Announcements: Gary Basford
Song Leader: Jeff Rose
Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



If you would like to submit an article or announcements for the bulletin, feel free to hand it to Rick or drop in the box on the office door.

“Then Jesus told his disciples,
 ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.’”

—Matthew 16:24-25





Congratulations to our seniors who received scholarships from the Carl & Floy Cochran fund.



Congratulations to our High School seniors for 2022.

Women are safe
Summer 2022 Wish List

- Standard Pillows
- Square/Rectangle Laundry Baskets
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- Shampoo & Body Wash
- Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Fabric Softener
 - Regular as well as Free & Clear
 - (for those with allergies)
- Dishwashing Liquid (for sink and dishwasher)
- O-Cedar Replacement Mop with Mop Heads
- Vacuum Cleaner (new or used)
- Steam Mop (for Hardwoods – new or used)

All donations can be shipped or delivered to:
131 West End Avenue
Centerville, TN 37033

Congratulations to all of our area college graduates as well.

**Associate's Degree
Maggie Conley**

**Bachelor's Degree
Quincy Cochran
Cade Wilson**

**Lauryn Diamante
Brittany McDonald Gilbert**

**Master's Degree
Elizabeth Longworth Campbell**

(If we missed anyone, please let us know).

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*

