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Youth
Randal Halbrooks ext.13
Missions
Shanon Irwin ext.29
Security
O.D. Pratt ext.23
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

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fairfieldcofc.org



Mike's Minute

Encouragement From Our Elders. What a joy it was to have our elders present for our Facebook Live broadcast this past Sunday. They helped lead us in worship and shared with us their current thinking about when we will begin to assemble for worship at our building again. When will we resume corporate worship? The short answer is... they aren't sure. The elders want to wait until we can ALL safely return. They don't want to segregate the congregation in any way, telling some they can come to worship and others that they cannot. Coach Spears, speaking for the elders, made a profound statement that we should all remember: "We are not commanded to *come* to church, we are commanded to *be* the church." While we will wait a while longer to come to the church building, we can all continually be the church. Let's busy ourselves doing just that!

Finally Friday. Remember to stop by the church building on Fridays from 12:00-2:30 or 4:00-5:30 to pick up bulletins, travel Lord's Supper packets, and leave your contribution. You don't even have to get out of your car. We bring it all to you (tipping is optional). We also really enjoy seeing you for a minute and having a little chat. We will continue this practice until we resume corporate worship in our church building.

Life Is Difficult. One of my favorite secular books is *The Road Less Traveled*, by M. Scott Peck, M.D. The book begins in a very memorable way. I have quoted these words in sermons and Bible classes before, but they seem so relevant to our current situation that I want to repeat them here: "Life is difficult. This is a great truth, one of the greatest truths. It is a great truth because once we truly see this truth, we transcend it. Once we truly know that life is difficult... once we truly understand and accept it... then life is no longer difficult. Because once it is accepted, the fact that life is difficult no longer matters. Most do not see this truth that life is difficult. Instead they moan more or less incessantly, noisily or subtly, about the enormity of their problems, their burdens, and their difficulties as if life were generally easy, as if life *should* be easy. Life is a series of problems. Do we want to moan about them or solve them?"

In Christian Love,

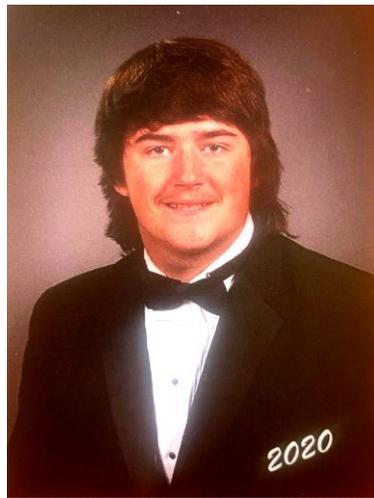
Mike



Our 2020 Hickman County Seniors



Alyssa Aydelott



Wyatt Houston Barber



Joshua Copley



Olivia Craft



Wyatt Irwin



Harrison Kelley

We also want to recognize our college graduates from Fairfield:

Jon Michael Ward

Whitney Carroll



Special Mention:

*Congratulations to **Avery Rochelle**. HCMS just announced she is the 8th grade valedictorian. Assistant principal Ron Puckett showed up on her doorstep with the news. Pretty exciting for a 14-year-old. She's holding her medal & balloons that Ron gave her. Her final grade was 99.55. Her parents are Clint & Ashley Rochelle and the granddaughter of **Brenda Yates**.*



Center Fielders News

“Imitations”



Many products today are crafted to look like the real thing. I have seen ceiling beams with fake grain markings to look like the real timbers. Chrome plated faucets hide some plastic construction. Moldings formed from wood particles look like solid wood casings. Rolls of vinyl flooring simulate authentic hardwood. Artificial flowers are sometimes hard to tell from the real ones. False security cameras are mounted on homes and businesses with real appearances to make people think they are being recorded. These imitations are neither right nor wrong, but some imitations are very wrong.

How can I know I'm a real Christian, and not an imitation? Jesus tells us in Luke 11:34. Jesus gives us two options; good eyes and bad eyes. Jesus is saying only one focus is acceptable to God. Simple obedience is what demonstrates our love toward Him. Popular Christian theology proclaims Jesus as the Savior from sin. That's good, but if I really love Him, He will also be Lord of my life too.

In Matthew 5-7, Jesus tucked many practical teachings into one concise sermon. Real Christians obey Jesus teachings because they love Him. They produce real Spiritual fruit and not imitations. Question: What kind of fruit are you producing? Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control? This is the true test to see if one is a real Christian or an imitation. I hope this is the fruit you are bearing so that others may see the evidence of it.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



Thank you for the chimes and for thinking of me in the time of my loss.

Thank you,
Charlene Brece

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 10, 2020
CONTRIBUTION: \$2765
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 Brece, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Misty Aydelott (gall bladder surgery Wednesday), Trace Warren (4 wheeler accident), Carol Warren (sister of Trace), Amanda Myles & Holly Dickens (daughters of Lou Dickens), Charlie Shelton, Harley Parker, B.J. Springer (is now home), McKinley Moore, Ruby Church, Wayne Winters, Emersyn Lannom, Carolyn Nash, 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

CARDS APPRECIATED

Cards are requested for Trace Warren, son of Toby & Brandy Warren, is currently in Vanderbilt hospital who was injured in a 4-wheeler accident on Sunday. Please send him a card.

Trace Warren
7939 Johnny Crow Road
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FROM THE ELDERS

What day is it??

As we keep pace with the changed routines that the world pandemic of 2020 has brought to us, we may experience a distorted sense of time. For some it may seem that time is flying by while to others, time may seem to have come to a literal crawl. Some may find themselves not being sure just what day it is!

As we experience this collective "time warp", we lose a lot of our chronological cues which are simply regular events that help us orient in time by breaking up the work week or other activities in a normal flow of time.

The pandemic of which we are victim seems to blur our realization of time in such a way that for some, it may be difficult to keep up with actually what day it is. Regularly occurring events (such as attending our regular church services) help us to sort out the time and days. Are the Stay-at-Home guidelines that we are under affecting our spiritual health? Do we remember to give praise and thanks to our God for whatever and where ever he leads us? Are we afraid and scared of what the future may bring.....?

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." **II Timothy 1:7**

Amid this time of pandemic anxiety and time warp for all of, we might just as well embrace social isolation as an opportunity to examine ourselves. It is a scary time; it is an uncertain time regarding the present and the future. Perhaps we can set goals to make more time for daily prayer, study and meditation. So, as we search for answers in these trying days of uncertainty, let us remember..... **"This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."** Psalm 118:24

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.

