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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

*A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest—
and poverty will come on you like a thief
and scarcity like an armed man.*

Proverbs 24:33-34

One day a grandfather told his grandchildren about coming to America. He told of the trains and ship that he took from his home in Eastern Europe. He told of being processed at Ellis Island and how he had gone to a cafeteria in lower Manhattan to get something to eat.

He sat down at an empty table and waited quite some time for someone to take his order. Nobody came. Finally, a woman with a tray full of food sat down opposite him and explained to him how a cafeteria works.

She said, "You start at that end"— pointing to a stack of trays— "and then go along the food line and pick out what you want. At the other end, they will tell you how much you have to pay."

The grandfather reflected a moment and then said, "I soon learned that's how everything works in America. Life's a cafeteria here. You can get anything you want, even very great success, if you are willing to pay the price. But you'll never get what you want if you wait for someone to bring it to you. You have to get up and get it yourself."

Laziness and poverty are cousins. God feeds the birds of the air... but He doesn't drop the food in their nest. They have to go out and scratch for it! The difference between where you are and where you want to be can often be summed up in one word: *work*.

In Christian Love,

Mike





The elders will meet with the men of the congregation this Sunday at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Golden Agers will be going to the Catfish Kitchen in Dickson next Thursday, May 27th. Signup sheets are in both foyers. The bus will leave the building at 5:30 pm.

The next mission meeting committee will be meeting on June 9th at 6:00 pm in room 104.



Thank you for the calls and cards we received for our anniversary. On May 15th we were married 66 years.

With love,
Paul & Noble Victory

Thank you for the windchimes you sent when our mom passed away. Also, thank you to those who helped with the meal after the funeral and for all the cards, visits and calls. We really appreciate all of your thoughtfulness during this difficult time. We are very blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family.

We love you,
The family of **Betty Craft**
Steve, Teresa & Olivia
Jason, Brandie, Alexee, Sara & Andy

I'd like to thank everyone for the prayers when my sister **Jean** passed. Thanks for the cards, calls and the beautiful wind chimes. I've missed everyone and glad to be back.

Love you all and thanks,
Janey Gilbert



May 23 - Puppet Show during evening service



Members: Isabella Liddell, Deborah Perry, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Hester Moss, Raymond Stoltz, Dewayne Victory, Kenneth Chandler, Paul Victory & Noble Victory, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Harley Parker, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Elam, Jean Greer, Tony Duncan, David Dansby, Neil Jobe, Alice Cagle, Adam Lawson, Mark Plunkett, Evan Boyd (Children's Hospital Cincinnati, OH), Benjamin Noonan, Donna Gaspard, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, McKinley Moore, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Tommy Cagle, Mary England, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Harold Choate, Billie Church

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey, & Helen Shanes.

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

PRAYER REQUEST

Tom Gosser has requested that we would be praying for the following 5 people: **Kimbill Siyabulela** in South Africa, who I have been trying to get baptized for about 3 months but has not happened because I am having problems getting someone to go to his area to baptize him; **Hancox Watfula** in Kenya, who is thinking of getting baptized; **Anosha Shahbaz**, who is one of my contacts in Pakistan and Brittany Brown is studying with her; **Raheel Rashid** and his sister **Mehwish**, who I have been studying the Bible by Zoom or by phone call.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 16, 2021	
MORNING WORSHIP	182
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5369
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167



Center Fielders News

“Evidence of God’s Word”

There is an ancient Book called the Bible. While millions of books are printed and eventually become obsolete, the Bible has a timeless, universal message that remains meaningful and useful for us today.

The 66 books of the Bible were written over a span of about 1,600 years by 40 different authors of various backgrounds. But the books all flow together as one perfectly unified text. The Bible is the supernatural writing of God. Through the centuries, the Bible has always stood! Skeptics have tried to destroy it by burning, banning, or burying it. But the Word of God has withstood every attack. The Bible has always proven to be true and without error. For example, no event in history is better documented than the resurrection of Jesus Christ as recorded in scripture. Christ’s resurrection is verified both by historical records and by eyewitnesses.

Another way the Bible confirms it is God’s Word is by its fulfilled prophecies. Only God can accurately predict the future and Bible prophecy has been defined as God writing history in advance. The Bible records many fulfilled prophecies. More than 300 Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled in the life of Christ. The accuracy of the Bible has also been verified by archeology. And while the Bible is not primarily a science book, all its statements about scientific matters are correct. Without a doubt, the Bible is a supernatural Book written by inspired writers of God.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

Baptized Into Moses

The Old testament was "written for our Learning" we are told. We could understand little about the New Testament if we did not have the Old. Take for example Baptism. We learn a lot on the subject from the Old testament writings.

The event of Moses leading the nation of Israel into freedom down into the parted waters of the Red Sea is one of the most dramatic events recorded in scripture. With Pharaoh in chase, and the pillar of the cloud above them providing light overhead, the

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people marched during the night on dry land with the walls of water standing around them. "Thus, the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians" (Exodus 14:30).

Paul reminded the Corinthians "that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea" (1 Cor. 10:1,2). Everyone who was saved from the slavery of Egypt was "baptized into Moses." None stayed on the shore. That is pretty clear.

Now today we are reminded "that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death" (Romans 6:3,4). When we walk down into the water of baptism, we are "baptized into Christ." Israel was saved from the slavery of Pharaoh by the baptism of Moses, and in the same way, we are saved from the slavery of sin by the "baptism of Christ." That is pretty clear also. Have clear also. Have you walked down into the water, or still standing on the shore?

-Dennis Dougherty

MEN TO SERVE MAY 23

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Mike Breece

Scripture Reading: Kenneth Jett

Scripture: Psalm 98:1-3

Preside Lord’s Supper: Ken Copley

Alternates: Willie Powers, Lafayette Spears

Basement: Rusty Bates, Mike Batts

Announcements: Gary Wright

Closing Prayer: Wallace Smith

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

Song Leader: Jeff Stacks

Opening Prayer: Chris Wright

Lord’s Supper: Lafayette Spears, Phillip Coates

Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rodney Rochelle

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Mike Batts

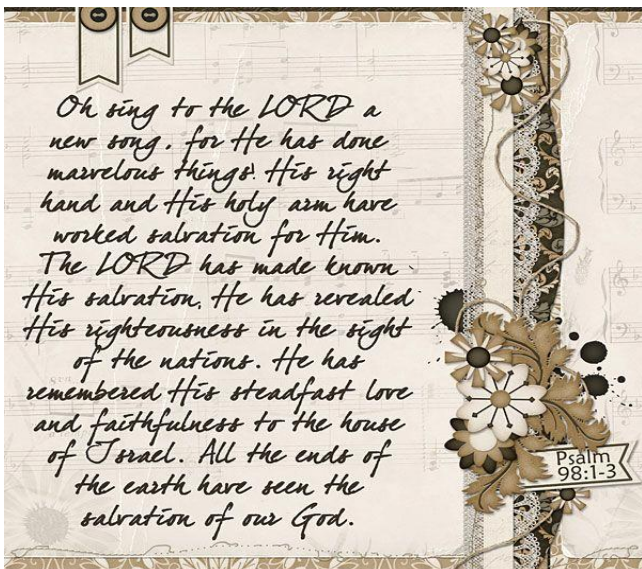
Invitation: Mike Kelley

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL DEVO LAST TUESDAY NIGHT WITH 30 IN ATTENDANCE.



5th
SUNDAY

Please join us next Sunday for our 5th Sunday worship service with **Harrison Kelley** preaching at 9:00 am. After classes, there will be a potluck in the fellowship hall and a short service afterwards at 12:30 pm. There will not be a 6:00 pm service.



JUNE

- 1 Kita Wright
Sherry Breece
Charles Sullivan
Cameron Creech
- 2 Myra Orton
Garland Horner
Hannah Irwin
Wilma Dean Green
- 3 Blake Graham
- 4 Denise McCoy
- 7 Sara Beth McClanahan
- 10 Darin Cochran
- 11 Jett Jacobs
- 12 Glenda Jacobs
Sandra Harrington
Katie Newland
Caleb Copley
- 16 June Prince
Carleigh Liddell
- 17 Harrison Kelley
- 18 Nathan Bates
- 19 Patrick Brady
Jo Ann Totty
- 20 Chris Kimbro
Aiden Liddell
- 22 Brenda Fly
- 24 Chris England
- 25 Bobbie Graf
Kristie Jett



- 2 Wallace & Sue Smith
Harry & Joyce Fielder
Mac & Sherry Breece
- 4 Dustin & Diana Bailey
- 6 Woody & Carla Woodruff
- 8 Nathan & Whitney Carroll
- 11 Rick & Joyce Bruno
- 13 Mike & Amber Kelley
- 14 Kenneth & Barbara Chandler
- 16 Stephen & Deana Graham
- 19 Bobby & Rosa Waynick
Steve & Teresa Craft
- 20 Robert & Crystal Wilson
- 27 Curtis & Barbara Edwards
- 29 Kenneth & Kristy Jett
- 30 Roy & Sharon McCoy