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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

Family Line:

931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

Sensational Sunday. God has blessed us with another sensational Sunday at Fairfield. Last Sunday was such a joy! A good crowd, visitors galore, spiritual singing, heartfelt prayers, a "Table Talk" before the Lord's Supper that was eloquent and inspiring, and a sweet spirit of fellowship. This was followed by a very good Sunday school attendance. Spread the word throughout our community... if you want to grow closer to God and a great group of believers, Fairfield is the place to be!

New Location, Same Great Class. Rodney Rochelle's Sunday morning class (The Centerfielders) has moved from the basement to the fellowship building. The stairs leading to the basement were difficult for some to negotiate and a move to the fellowship building made perfect sense. The class, which has 45 or so in attendance, met in the fellowship building for the first time Sunday and loved the new location. One of the many advantages of the move is this: there is plenty of room now for expansion. Why stop at 45 in attendance? Shoot for 50! Then 55. Then... well, you get the picture. We are praying that the "Centerfielders" continue to grow and glow and go!

The Outfielders 2.0. About seven years ago, I started a class we named The Outfielders. We called it that because it was designed for people who had recently graduated from high school and, thus, the youth group. They were "out" of school and the youth group. We hoped to give these folks a place to continue to belong in our congregation. The class did well for a while but then started to decline. After the time away from worship because of Covid, the class never really recovered. We have decided to "reboot" this class this summer, with Josh Copley leading it. The class is designed for anyone and everyone from high school graduation to the age of 26. It will meet in the upstairs room of the fellowship building, which is a cozy spot where the youth group used to meet. The class will be Biblical, relevant and fun. Be praying that the class will get off to a great start this coming Sunday, May 29.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Josh Copley will begin a new bible class starting this Sunday in the former teen room upstairs in the fellowship hall for high school graduates and college through age 26.

Rodney Rochelle's Sunday morning bible class is now meeting in the fellowship hall on Sunday morning.

This Sunday, May 29th, is our fifth Sunday with a pot luck meal in the fellowship hall following Bible Classes. Our contribution will be going to our building maintenance and our speaker for the day will be our own Rodney Rochelle. Afternoon worship will begin at 12:30 pm.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Bob McClellan** who passed away Wednesday. Bob's wife, Deborah, is a member here. No arrangements have been made at this time.



We want to thank all who came out for mom's 95th birthday party. For all the cards, gifts, well wishes and fellowship, we thank you. She had such a good time and had a big smile for days! Thank you all!

Hester Moss & family

We thank you for the food and kindness that you so freely gave to each of our loved one. The food was delicious and the kindness was felt by all of us. Thanks so much! Joyce Fielder, Minnie Powers, Fran Batts, Jewell Prince, Diane Coates, Joyce Boyd, Sarah Hinson, Roberta Anderson, Kristie Jett, Sharon McCoy, Sandra Harrington, Martha Butler, Ruth Ann Carathers, Floy Cochran and Sheila Brady.

God bless you all,
The family of **Margaret Hudgins**
Cheryl Toy & Family

I want to thank everyone so much that came to my 80th birthday Saturday. Was a great day seeing everyone whether you just dropped by or stayed and eat and visited. Was my best birthday ever and thank you, my Fairfield church family.

Gerry Smith



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Members: Terry Duncan, Willie Powers, Brenda Stoltz, Janey Gilbert, Ralph Givens, Patsy Givens, Butch Sullivan, Deborah Peery, Lelia Mae Poore, Harry Totty, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes, Lou Dickens (is at Stallworth Rehab now for therapy), Paul Victory, Noble Victory (Life Care for rehab), Dewayne Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Jimmy Loveless, Helen Jerpe (grandmother of Dale Dillingham-breast cancer), Michael Harvill (brother of Keith-treatments for leg tumors), Jay Pickard, Anthony Stacks, Mary Spears, James Stoltz, Christians, missionaries, military personal & people in the Ukraine, Connie Johnston, Mark Walton, J.B. Brown, Nancy Clancy, Cruze Wright, Gus Gilreath, Willie Taylor (cancer has returned), Everett Kelly (NHC Dickson for rehab), Ray Weatherspoon (Trustpoint Rehab in Murfreesboro), Kevin Chandler, Jo James, Lucille Morphis, Wanda Gilliam Felts, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, Doris & Marjorie Claud, Rebeca Mears, David Dansby (home on hospice), 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 (fell again), Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page



June 3 - 3rd-5th grade outing

June 7 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH

June 12 - Puppet Show during evening service in Lift-off

June 17 - Middle/High School outing

June 19 - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service @ FH

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



Center Fielders News

“The Price of Freedom”

It seems that people have always been willing to pay the highest price imaginable for what they believe to be freedom. America has been no exception to this rule. During the American Revolution countless lives were lost and those that survived were forever changed. It seemed no price was too high for the independence they sought. Eventually the victory they had battled for was a reality. But this victory was no end in itself for, as we well know, physical liberty is fleeting and it offers no real peace.

Spiritual freedom came with a price tag that far above what any man was able to pay. It cost the life of the dear Son of God, Jesus Christ. The sinless One shed His blood on the cross to atone for the sins of all men. But that is only provisional. Another cost needs to be paid if an individual is to benefit from Christ's sacrifice. It is death to self. As long as we are unwilling to surrender our own self-will, we remain in bondage to it.

Dying to self and believing in Christ for personal redemption spells F-R-E-E-D-O-M. But for continued liberty, there is an ongoing cost. We need to deny ourselves, bear our cross daily, and follow Christ in obedience. We must continually say no to Satan, who desperately wants us to exchange true freedom for his counterfeit. I hope everyone will give thanks to our military this coming weekend for the freedom we have in America, but more importantly, give thanks to God for the Spiritual freedom we have in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 22, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	219
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5265
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE MAY 29

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Norman George
Scripture Reading: Kenneth Jett
Scripture: Romans 8:28
Preside Lord's Supper: Darin Cochran
Alternates: Gary Wright, Zack Harvill
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Boyce Cannon
Van Driver: Jack Green 931-994-8317

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: no announcements
Scripture Reading: Wallace Smith
Scripture: Mark 8:27-30
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
Lord's Supper: no Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer: Gary Bailey
Van Driver: no driver

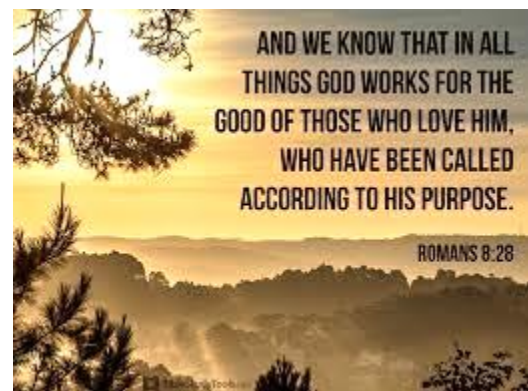
WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Mike Batts
Song Leader: Bobby McCoy
Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

Letter to Tom Gosser and the jail ministry team,

I just want to say thanks to you for taking the time out of your life to help people like me. It gives me hope and joy to know that there are still people on this earth who still cares about another person's soul. God bless you and your family and loved ones. I will continue to keep you in my prayers as I know you will keep me in yours. Again, thanks my brother in Christ.

Sincerely,
Nathan O'Neal Parrish





JUNE

- 1 Kita Wright
Sherry Breece
Butch 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
- 14 Deborah McClellan
- 16 June Prince
Carleigh Liddell
- 17 Harrison Kelley
- 19 Patrick Brady
Jo Ann Totty
- 20 Chris Kimbro
Aiden Liddell
- 22 Brenda Fly
- 24 Chris England
- 25 Bobbie Graf
Kristie Jett
- 26 Connor Pitman



- 2 Wallace & Sue Smith
Harry & Joyce Fielder
- 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
Lonnie & Bettina Horner
- 20 Robert & Crystal Wilson
- 27 Curtis & Barbara Edwards
- 29 Kenneth & Kristy Jett
- 30 Roy & Sharon McCoy

If you would like to send a card to Lou Dickens, the address is:

Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital
2201 Children's Way
Nashville, TN 37212



VICKY WHITE TRAGEDY

The recent events surrounding the prison guard, Vicky White, running away with a prisoner she had developed a relationship with, was both sad and bewildering. She planned their escape, but as they were being apprehended, she took her own life. She was one day away from ending an outstanding career, and poised to enjoy retirement life, and threw it all away for eleven days on the run.

Vicky's distraught mother said, "She would come home after work, eat supper at my house, and pick up her dog. She'd walk her dog and that was her routine every day," Chris Swecker, a former FBI assistant director, stated that this was a case of someone "looking for love in the wrong places."

We will never know what her thoughts were as she sold her house, stashed a get-a-way vehicle, planned an escape, which she must have known would probably have a bad ending. Let this warn all of us to "be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Pe. 5:9). The lonely Mrs. White must have been easy prey. Her daily association with convicts was the devil's bait. Such a sad event. Amos' words ring clear in our ears: "Seek good and not evil, that you may live" (Amos 4:14).

-Dennis Doughty