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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 my heart rejoiced in all my labor...

Ecclesiastes 2:10

An English newspaper once posed this question to its readers: "Who are the happiest people on earth?" These were selected as the prize-winning answers:

- A craftsman or artist whistling over a job well done.
- A little child building sand castles.
- A mother, after a busy day, bathing her baby.
- A doctor who has finished a difficult and dangerous operation.

Notice that none of these four were billionaires, leaders of nations, or super mega stars. True "fun" in life is found in the course of normal daily events that give a sense of accomplishment and meaning.

As W. Beran Wolfe said...

"If you observe a really happy man you will find him building a boat, writing a symphony, educating his son, growing double dahlias in his garden, or looking for dinosaur eggs in the Gobi desert. He will not be searching for happiness as if it were a collar button that has rolled under the radiator. He will not be striving for it as a goal in itself. He will have become aware that he is happy in the course of living life twenty-four crowded hours of the day."

To love what you do and feel that it matters... how could anything be more fun?

In Christian Love,

Mike





Brenda Stoltz was back to service on Sunday morning after surgery a few weeks ago!

Congratulations to **Zach Bentley & Anslee West** who were married on Saturday. We wish them the very best as they start this chapter of their lives.

There will be a bridal shower on Sunday, June 23rd for **MacKenzie Edwards & Michael Schommer** in the Fellowship Hall from 2 – 4pm. They are registered at Amazon.

A happy anniversary to **James & Allison Jett** on June 11th. They were not on our anniversary list.

Men-to-Serve sheets for June are in both foyers. Please pick one up.

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.

Rodney Rochelle has retired as our associate minister as of May 31st. **Josh Copley** will now be filling that slot in our church work. We are happy to have Josh with us in that capacity!



We express our sympathy to the family of **Roy Harris** of Pinewood who passed away. He was the husband of **Lynette Harris** and the father of **John Harris** (Kaitlyn) who attends here. His funeral was Wednesday, keep this family in your prayers in the weeks to come.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 26, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	185
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4475
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5104



Members: Joyce Boyd, Brenda Stoltz, Floy Cochran, Carolyn Phillips (Dickson Horizon), 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 (Dickson Horizon).

Friends & Family: Deborah Johnston (neighbor of Janice King), James Buffington (Gary Bailey’s brother-in-law-gravely ill in Pennsylvania with a prognosis of about two weeks to live), Freda Simmerly (home), Elizabeth Dunn, Nicholas Wright, Barbara Beard, Edwin Garner, Chris Chilton, David Stewart, Willie Lawler, James Coates (Dickson Horizon Rehab), 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, Jimmie Jenkins, Stephanie Pitman, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell (cancer spreading), 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



“So many people love you. Don’t focus on the people who don’t.”



- Jun 4** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH
- Jun 9** - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift Off
- Jun 16** - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service in FH
- Jun 18** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH
- Jun 30** - Fifth Sunday



Center Fielders News

“Passing the Torch”

The symbolizing of “passing the torch” is the passing on of responsibilities, practice, or knowledge to another. As Moses did to Joshua, and the apostle Paul did to young Timothy, I handed the reins of Associate Minister to Josh Copley this past Sunday morning. It has been a blessing to me to watch this young man grow up with a burning desire and passion to serve the Lord in any way, from the time he was just a little boy.

It has also been another blessing to me to get to teach and preach the Word of God to the family of believers at The Field. I have learned so much from those who have passed on who had a major impact in my ministry, and I just hope that I have done the same. I want to thank our elders for allowing me the opportunity to serve, and especially the support of my church family who has always been an encouragement to me. My greatest supporter would be my wife, Sharon! Many sacrifices were made by her so that I could study and prepare for a sermon or a teaching lesson. I’m sure I will never know how much she sacrificed on my behalf. Thank you, “my love.”

So, what do I pass on to Josh? Humility was always at the top of my list. Satan can use the “pats on the back” as a way to get a person thinking about themselves. I constantly reminded myself that I was just the “newspaper boy,” not the “editor.” Simply be the “messenger.” Also preach the whole Bible. It is not full of holes. And finally, realize that the same sermon that comforts the afflicted can also afflict the comfortable.

Thank you, Fairfield Church of Christ! But the biggest thanks goes to God for all that has happened in my life and for allowing me to share His mercy and grace as a witness and to give my testimony that “nothing is impossible with God.” I was a nobody, telling everybody, about Somebody, that can save anybody, and I hope I fulfilled that role.

Obey God and watch Him work,

*Love to all, **Rodney & Sharon***



MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Willie Powers

Scripture Reading: Lyle Shepherd

Scripture: Psalm 63:1-3

Preside Lord’s Supper: Jerrie W Barber

Left: Roy McCoy **Right:** Gerry Hinson

Lafayette Spears Adam Jude

Steve Baker Wes Crowther

Tommy McClanahan Keith Harvill

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Mike Breece

Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates

Scripture: Matthew 16:21-23

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince

Lord’s Supper: Edwin Wright, Mathew Wright

Closing Prayer: Gary Basford

Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Song Leader: Damon McCoy

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



“The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won’t.”

— Henry Ward Beecher

“I would rather work with five people who really believe in what they are doing rather than five hundred who can’t see the point.” — Patrick Dixon

WHO'S GONNA TO FILL THEIR SHOES?

This past week was Memorial Day, a day when we remember our heroes from the past wars who did not make it home. It got me to thinking about all the great preachers of the past who are gone now. Some who I got to know or hear. I remembered a poem I wrote some time ago; it was inspired by the country song of George Jones called, "Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes." It is still a work in progress, and I do not know what to do with it as there could be some copywrite laws involved. But with our preacher shortage I think the poem pays honored to great preachers of the past, and at the same time asks an important question. I was blessed to know most of them.

Who's Gonna to fill Their Shoes?

You know this 'ol world is full of Christians,
But just a few are chosen,
To touch your heart and preach God's word.
Imagine life without all your gospel heroes,
and the sermons that would have gone unheard.

No there'll never be another
Alexander Campbell,
Gus Nichols or Guy N. Woods.
No more Hardeman Tabernacle sermons,
Or preaching like Bradfield and Keeble could.

Who's gonna to fill their shoes?
Who's gonna stand that tall?
Who's gonna preach the meetings
And answer the gospel's call?
Who's gonna preach their heart out
To get to me and you,
Lord, please tell us,
Who's gonna to fill their shoes?

God bless the men from Texas,
The Winkler's and G.K. Wallace.
Their presence would fill the room.
Johnny Ramsay could quote the verses,
And Eldred Stevens left us too soon.

You know the heart of Pentecost
rang out from Fogerty's tent,
while Jule Miller filmstrips taught many,
And Ira North's fiery preaching
Encouraged thousands to stop sinning.

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-Dennis Doughty

HERES A FUNNY

Born Again

An irate subscriber stormed into a newspaper office waving the current edition, asking to see "whoever wrote the obituary column." After being referred to a young reporter, he stormed, "You can see I'm very much alive, and you've put me in the obituary column. I demand a retraction."

Replied the reporter, "I never retract a story. But I tell you what I'll do. I'll put you in the birth column and give you a fresh start" (Proverbs 17:22).

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Small World

An elderly lady was escorting two little girls around the zoo. While they were looking at the storks, she told them the legend of how the birds were instrumental in bringing the newborn girls to their mothers. The children looked at each other in astonishment and one whispered to the other, "Don't you think maybe we better tell her the truth?"

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Whatever You Say

Customer: "Hey, you gave me the wrong change!"

Cashier: "Sir, you stepped away from the counter. There's nothing I can do about it now."

Customer: "Well, okay. Just thought you would like to know you gave me twenty dollars too much."



Blood Drive Centerville Fairfield Church of Christ

Fellowship Hall
1860 Hwy. 100
Centerville, TN 37033

Monday, June 3, 2024
12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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