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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

I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35

When Sidney Poitier was a teenager, he tried out for an acting role at the American Negro Theatre in Harlem. He was talented as an actor but didn't get the role... because he couldn't read.

Feeling that he had failed in his dream of acting, he got a job as a dishwasher. On one occasion, a man he described as an "elderly Jewish waiter" saw Poitier carrying a folded-up newspaper. The man said, "What's new in the paper?" Poitier responded, "I can't tell you what's in the paper because I can't read."

The waiter decided to do something about that. He started teaching Poitier how to read. He learned to read well enough that he got a role at the theatre where he had been rejected earlier.

The rest, as they say, is history. Poitier went on to enjoy a very successful career in acting. He opened the door for other African American actors to follow him.

As he was accepting the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Film Institute some 50 years later, Poitier said, "I must also pay thanks to an elderly Jewish waiter who took time to help a young Black dishwasher learn to read. A little bit of him is in everything I do."

Legacy isn't just what *you* accomplish. Legacy is what *others* accomplish *because of you*. Legacy is growing fruit on other people's trees.

Think of a person you could help. Now, go help them. Remember, it is a blessing to be a blessing!

In Christian Love,

Mike




It was good to see **Yvonna Caillouet** back at services Sunday.

The annual summer cook-out for the jail inmates that is sponsored by the Jail Ministry group will be on June 17th. If you would like to help provide drinks and potato salad for this event, you may donate money to purchase the food with or you may provide either. Please see Gary Basford for more information.

If you would be interested in sponsoring or hosting a devotional for our youth, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the educational wing. You may do this at the Field House or at your home. For more information, please see Teresa Craft.

The Men to Serve and Van Driver 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 have a prayer request, please use a blue card and drop in the wooden box. There is a box in both foyers.

If you enjoy quilting, several ladies meet each Thursday @ 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

RICKY CHANDLER BENEFIT

Saturday, July 8th, has been designated as "Fish for Ricky" day. There will be a benefit at Fairfield Church of Christ Fellowship Hall starting at 2pm. All proceeds will go to benefit Ricky Chandler in his battle with cancer. Catfish plates with hushpuppies, French fries, white beans and coleslaw will be available; chicken tenders and hot dog plates will be available as well.

A silent auction will start at 2 pm also with a LIVE auction to start at 5:30 pm. You may help by donating cakes, pies, cookies or brownies (*please cut and wrap cookies or brownies*); you may donate items for the auctions as well. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Also, there will be a Fishing Tournament starting at 5:30 am at the City Boat Ramp to benefit Ricky. For more information, see Linda or Clay Chandler.



Members: Dorothy Noonan, Daisy Beard (sister of Willie Powers- Maury Regional Hospital in ICU), Lisa Truett, Donnie Fielder, Glenda Jacobs, Floy Cochran, Dana McCaleb, Ruth Ann Carathers, Alice Lynn, Dot Davidson (surgery in June), Donna Pitman, Brenda Scott-Carroll, Tom Gosser, Aletha Martin, Janey Gilbert, Bentley Barber (eye surgery), John Fly, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes, Paul Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Roy Harris, Nell Rochelle (sister-in-law of Lloyd Rochelle-Hospice Care), Joe Van Dyke (cancer), Colton Thompson (rare type of cancer), Ila Faye Jenkins (mother of Bettina Horner), Mike Rhea, Martie Davis, Mary Nell Mayberry, Claude & Glenda Teet, Norma Aymett (hospice), Charlene Chandler, Anthony Stacks, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Harrison, Scott Rushton, Ricky Chandler (cancer treatments), Jimmy Jenkins, Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Memori Grimes, Brenda Smith, Rachel Watts, William McClearn, Bryan Williams, Judy Hinson, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, Rebecca Mears, Kelley Wilson, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Elam, Donna Gaspard, Rita Stacks (hospice), Kathy Swinford Coleman, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Gary Yates, Wilma Green, Francis Qualls, Hester Moss

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey (hospice). Her family asks your prayers for a peaceful transition), Lou Dickens

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry

Please let Rick Bruno or Jewell Prince know of any updates for the prayer list to be added or anyone who can be taken off the list. Email: rick@fairfieldcofc.org.



May 28 - Puppet show, during evening service in Lift-Off
June 4 - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service @ FH



Center Fielders News

“True Contentment”

Contentment can be defined as a state of being satisfied, and in many ways it contributes to happiness, and while wealth does have some positive aspects, true contentment lies in being happy with whatever we have. The apostle Paul said he had learned to be content in any kind of circumstance in Philippians 4:11.

Many people look for contentment in riches and worldly pleasures, but true contentment is not found in material things. Seeking contentment in anything other than godliness is vain. True contentment comes when we walk with our Savior in submission and let Him choose the way. He may lead us through dark valleys of sorrow and steep hills of hardship, but we are always assured of His love as we continue to walk with Him.

What should we do when someone wrongs us or speaks unkind words about us? My answer would be to be content enough to give it to Jesus and let Him guide us in how to respond. True contentment is not easily offended, but responds in godly wisdom. The half-brother of Jesus (James) said that the wisdom from above is pure, peaceable, gentle, considerate, submissive, full of mercy, impartial and sincere (James 3:17).

Contentment means more than being satisfied with little. It also means being content to suffer for our Lord. When we consider how much He suffered for us, how could we not consider otherwise? Jesus gave us an example to follow when He said, “Father forgive them for they know not what they do” Luke 23:34. Godly contentment brings a gentle peace and a spirit of well-being that can never be attained by the pursuit of earthly pleasures or possessions.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 28, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP	170
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4310

MEN TO SERVE JUNE 4

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Vance Willis

Scripture Reading: Skyler Irvin

Scripture: Psalm 150:6

Preside Lord's Supper: Chris Wright

Left: Josh Copley

Right: Matthew Wright

Quincy Cochran

Edwin Wright

Brett Wilson

Carter Bates

James Jett

Ethan Willis

Announcements: Gary Basford

Closing Prayer: John Irvin

Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Song Leader: Norman Moss

Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince

Lord's Supper: Gerry Hinson, Edwin Wright

Closing Prayer: Boyce Cannon

Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



Let everything
that has breath
praise the Lord.
Psalm 150:6

HERE'S A FUNNY

Mrs. Jones goes to the butcher shop to buy a chicken for the Sunday meal. The butcher has only one scrawny chicken left. He puts it on the scale.

"Three pounds," he says.

"That's too scrawny; don't you have something bigger?" Mrs. Jones asks.

He pretends to rummage around, and then puts the same chicken back on the scale, while pressing with his thumb.

"Three and a half pounds," he says.

"That looks better," says Mrs. Jones. "I'll take them both."

What Jesus Offers

On January 6, 1941, Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed Congress about the state of the war in Europe. As he closed, he said that he looked forward to a world founded upon four essential freedoms:

- Freedom of speech
- Freedom of worship
- Freedom from want
- Freedom from fear

Upon consideration, is not this what Jesus offers? He says we can come boldly to the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16); we are priests in God's temple, offering up spiritual sacrifices (1 Peter 2:5, 9); He promises to care for us (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:19); He fills us with courage (Matthew 10:18-20).

Allen Webster

AREA EVENT:

OPERATION: CREATION

Vacation Bible School

Church of Christ at Brushy

June 4-7, 2023

Speakers: John Eglinton – Adult Class

Mike Kelley – Teenage Class

Sunday, June 4

9:00 am 10 am 5:30 pm

Sunday – Wednesday Evening at 7:00 pm

Cookies and ice cream on Wednesday, June 7

Difficult Things

I saw a quote, literally engraved in stone, which read; "ALL THINGS BEFORE THEY WERE EASY WERE DIFFICULT." The quote goes back hundreds of years and is ascribed to many authors. However, its anonymity does not diminish its truth.

Life always starts out difficult. Before walking was easy it was difficult. Before driving a manual shift, auto was easy it was difficult. The first college term paper, the first day on the job, the first at bat, the first day at boot camp; everything that scared us, stressed and challenged us, became easier as we gained skill, knowledge, and experience.

Overcoming certain temptations is difficult at first, but as our faith in Christ grows stronger, we are more easily able to "resist the devil" and see him flee from us (James 4:7). Men, leading that first public prayer, or ladies teaching that first Bible class, it is always difficult before it becomes easy. But never let us fear to do what we think is difficult. "For God gave us not a spirit of fear, but of power, love and discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7). Putting our trust in God, walking by faith, in Christ life becomes easy, when before it was difficult.

-Dennis Doughty



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Website: *fairfieldcofc.org*