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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

*One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and **thanked** him— and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."*

(Luke 17:15-19)

I'm writing this article on Memorial Day. I find myself reflecting on the current state of our nation. One of the greatest problems with our modern culture is a lack of gratitude.

Never have a people had so much and appreciated it so little. We live in a land of milk and honey... and all many want to do is complain about calories and cholesterol!

We want all the blessings and benefits that those who have gone before us have left us, but don't want to acknowledge their sacrifices. We disregard all the good that has been done in the past and dwell obsessively on the faults and shortcomings of our forefathers. We have a generation that seems to believe that nothing good happened in this nation or the world until they arrived on the scene. We refuse to admit that, while things certainly aren't perfect in our country, we have come so far in so many ways.

May I hold up *gratitude* as a healthier way of life? Gratitude is good for your mental, emotional, social and spiritual health.

Jesus told the cleansed leper who had come to thank Him that his faith (expressed in his act of thanksgiving) had made him *well*. All 10 of the lepers had been made *physically* well by Jesus... but this leper's gratitude had made him well in every way. Gratitude will make you well. It will bring healing to our fractured, depressed, angry, anxious nation.

Let gratitude ring across our country. May it start here. Now. With Christians leading the way.

In Christian Love,

Mike





The women's ministry team will meet this Sunday at 2:00 pm in the basement.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Marge Gilmer** who passed away. She was an aunt of **Lisa Barber** and a cousin to **Jewell Prince**. Her funeral was Friday.

We also express sympathy to the family of **Don Hinson** of our community.



Joyce Boyd would like to thank everyone for the prayers and concerns for **Evan Boyd** this past year or so. His checkup in Cincinnati shows he is healthy now and does not require any more trips or treatments.

Thank you for the prayers for my daughter, **Nancy Clancy**. She had surgery despite her heart problem. Continue to pray for her recovery.

Dorothy Noonan



To Dana & Junior McCaleb on the birth of their grandson last Wednesday. **Charlie Oaks Freeman** was born to Anna & Trenton Freeman who weighed 6 lbs. 6 ounces and was 18 ½ inches long. Randy & Joni Prince are the great uncle and aunt.



*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 (Stallworth Rehab-therapy), Paul Victory, Dewayne Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Mike Rhea (former minister at Defeated Creek-complications of treatments for cancer), Fairy Winters (friend of Gary Basford), Jimmy Loveless, Helen Jerpe, Michael Harvill, Jay Pickard, Anthony Stacks (St. Thomas West-stroke), 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, Everett Kelly (Horizon-pneumonia), Ray Weatherspoon (Vanderbilt-blood clot), 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, Rita Stacks, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Noble Victory, Wilma Green, Francis Qualls, Hester Moss

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Barbara Beard (hospice), Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page (been in the ER this past week but is some better now).



June 07 - 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

“What Is Inside Your Heart”

God is the only One who can see inside our hearts. Since Jesus is divine, He knew the sinful hearts of the scribes and Pharisees. They understood what the Law said, but they focused mainly on external things while ignoring heavier matters such as judgment, mercy, and faith. Jesus said they should practice these and not leave the external matters undone. He rebuked them in a very strong language and called them hypocrites. “You clean the outside of the cup and platter but don’t clean the inside”. The Greek word for hypocrites means “actors” and refers to those who put on a show rather than doing things sincerely.

Now that was the scribes and Pharisees. What would Jesus say about us? He knows what is going on in our hearts. He also knows whether we are more concerned about what’s on the outside than what is on the inside. We may dress right, speak right, look proper and poised in public, but what is in our heart? Is there any rebellious in there? What about selfishness? Or a better than you attitude, or bitterness, or any other hidden sin. Folks none of these will be in heaven.

Proverbs 23:26 says, “My son, give Me your heart.” God wants to change our heart as we submit ourselves to Him. He can make us a new creature with new desires and a new outlook on life. That is what Jesus called the “New Birth”. If we have experienced the new birth then the fruits of righteousness will come out of our heart and people will see that our heart has been changed and we will also look like the children of God.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

MEN TO SERVE JUNE 5

SUNDAY MORNING:

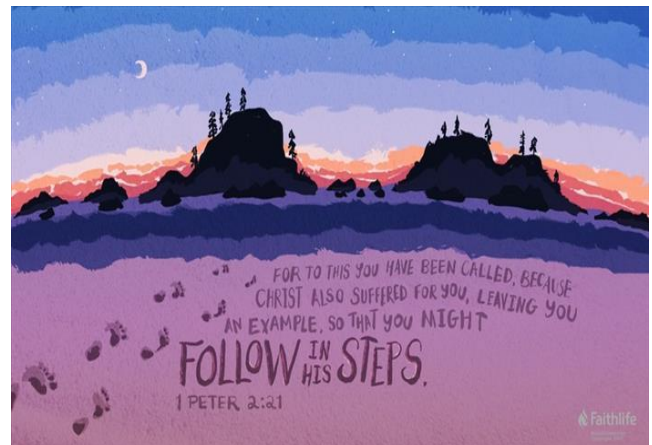
Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Bobby McCoy
Scripture Reading: Wallace Smith
Scripture: 1 Peter 2:21-23
Preside Lord’s Supper: Ronny Pitman
Alternates: Chris Wright, Mike Breece
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Woody Woodruff
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Scripture Reading: Robert Graf
Scripture: John 6:15-21
Song Leader: Ronny Pitman
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Lord’s Supper: Edwin Wright, Gerry Hinson
Closing Prayer: Bobby McCoy
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks
Song Leader: Mike Kelley
Opening Prayer: Gary Wright
Invitation: Rodney Rochelle
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 29, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	171
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5575
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

PLACING MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to announce that 2 have placed membership here at the Field:

Tracy Edwards & Mackenzie Edwards

Welcome to our family here.

The Babes of Sandy Hook

The events of December 14, 2012 at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown Connecticut still remain fresh in our hearts and conscience. The innocent loss of twenty children and six adults in such a senseless shooting is hard to reconcile in our thoughts. How could such evil exist in the heart of a young man?

The sad reality is that the Devil is real and is at work in the lives of men. The concept of evil is a constant theme in man's history. However, evil is not of human origin. It exists separate from man. It is of Satan. It is his infectious disease spread by cunning schemes (Ephesians 6:11). "You are of your father the devil," Jesus proclaimed to the Jews who wanted to kill him (John 8:37, 44).

We might ask, "How could Judas betray his master?" The answer is simple; "And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve" (Luke 22:3). When men have allowed the great evil of Satan to come live in their hearts it has resulted in the loss of many lives, from innocent children to the Son of God.

David wrote in his famous 23rd Psalm, "I will fear no evil for you are with me". The Lord taught us to pray, "Deliver us from the evil one" (Matthew 6:13). Paul wrote that Christ's sacrifice was done to "rescue us from the present evil age" (Galatians 1:4).

Evil is all around us, and in no way can we eradicate it. We cannot rid evil from society. We cannot keep evil from the hearts of our neighbors. When God is taken out of our government, schools, cities and neighborhoods it is replaced with evil, and history is filled with such examples.

On the morning of May 18th, 1927 in Bath Township, Michigan, Andrew Kehoe, 55, murdered his wife with a blow to her head. He then went to the Bath School where he set off a very large amount of explosives, he had planted days before. The first explosion killed 38 elementary school children and six adults. When the school superintendent showed up, he set off a second explosion killing him. He then set off a third explosion in his truck killing himself. No guns were used in this country's worse ever school killing. But the fingerprint of Satan is all over this evil deed.

In Egypt, Pharaoh ordered the killing of any male child born to Jewish women. The babes were thrown into the Nile River and drowned. (Exodus 1:22).

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After Jesus' birth, King Herod killed all the male children in Bethlehem under two years old in an effort to protect his throne (Matthew 2:16). Imagine the government coming into your home and killing your child before your very eyes. Oh, the horror!

Whether it is by explosives, drowning, sword, gun, or the act of betrayal, history has been filled with evil men who, like Judas, had Satan enter into them (John. 13:27). We can easily call to memory evil men, like an Adolf Hitler, who took innocent life with no conscience. (It is interesting that both Judas and Hitler took their own lives, as do many of these mass killers). We must not give in to Satan and his evil ways, but through our faith in Jesus we can "resist the Devil and he will flee from us" (James 4:7). We must "overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21).

Jesus said of little children, "of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). We can take some comfort knowing that around the throne of God the innocent children of Sandy Hook are now with the angel babes of Bethlehem.

-Dennis Doughty

Editor's note: A reminder of the tragic killing of young and innocent children last week in Uvalde, Texas. Prayers continue for the families and people of that town.

Keep It Simple

*I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom.
—1 Corinthians 2:1*

William Boyd Carpenter (1841–1918), a Church of England cleric and Queen Victoria's favorite preacher, was asked if he was nervous when preaching to the Queen. He said he never considered that he was singularly addressing Her Majesty. "Glancing around the Chapel Royal I see, not only the Queen, but the servants, down to the scullery-maid. I then concentrate on the scullery-maid."

The "greatest of these" have no more sensitivity to spiritual matters than the "least of these." The uneducated comprehend and respond to the gospel expressed in understandable language.

Showmanship or scholarship dressed up to impress the erudite obscures God's message. The apostle Paul requested prayers that he might proclaim God's message clearly (Col 4:4). God's message, not Paul's message. God's message, not our message.

*Good News isn't good news when dressed
in un-understandable language.*

-Joe Barnett