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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Pulpit Minister:

Mike Kelley ext. 2

Associate Minister:

Rodney Rochelle ext.25

Youth Minister:

Chris Wright ext. 3

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

The Wright Stuff. Sunday's worship services highlighted the effectiveness of Fairfield's youth group. Our speaker for morning worship was Harrison Kelley and the speaker for afternoon worship was Josh Copley. Both of these young men are students at Freed-Hardeman University and both are majoring in Bible. Harrison will work this summer as a youth intern for the Centerville congregation and Josh will intern with us at Fairfield. What else do they have in common? They were raised in Fairfield's youth group. After listening to these two, I began reflecting on the effectiveness of our youth program. Year after year, kids in Fairfield's youth group accomplish great things in both school and community. They appear in the Top 10 of their classes at high school. They win awards related to their behavior and citizenship. They assume leadership roles in organizations such as student council, 4-H, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. They achieve recognition and honors in athletics. They graduate high school and go on to college, technical schools, or begin careers. They go on to become servants of God and solid members of society. We sure are thankful for our youth group, and for those who lead it. We are thankful for Chris and Arielle Wright for continuing to take time out of their busy schedules to serve as our youth leaders. We also appreciate Steve and Teresa Craft for their constant involvement and tireless leadership. Last Sunday was a reminder that our youth group definitely has the "Wright Stuff!"

A Drug Problem. A man was telling me recently that the key to his success in life was the "drug problem" he had as a child. He said his parents "drug" him to church... whether he wanted to go or not. They "drug" him to school... and demanded that he behave himself and give a good effort while there. They "drug" him to sporting events, even if he wanted to quit after signing up. He didn't have to sign up next season, but he wasn't going to quit after signing up this season. He would finish what he started. Occasionally, his parents "drug" him outside and spanked him when his behavior was unacceptable. Upon hearing this, I understood why the man turned out successful... and why so many others do not. I hope our children and grandchildren have a "drug problem." If not, let's help them develop one starting today!

Undefeated. We are glad that our friends at the Defeated Creek congregation were able to return to their worship services this past Sunday after having to miss several weeks due to flood damage to their building. Some of the members at Defeated Creek attended Fairfield's services while their building was being repaired. We enjoyed having them and encourage them to come back to see us in the future.

In Christian Love,

Mike





The next mission committee will be meeting this Wednesday at 6:00 pm in room 104.

Members: Joyce Boyd, Deborah Perry, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Hester Moss, Raymond Stoltz (had cancer surgery Sunday and is improving), Dewayne Victory, Kenneth Chandler, Paul & Noble Victory, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.



Thank you for your support during our flooding crisis at Rocky Valley. It is very much appreciated. God bless you.

Rocky Valley church of Christ

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.



- Jun 13** - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service @FH
- Jun 15** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30p @ FH
- Jun 20** - Puppet Show, during evening service, in Lift-Off

- Life Care:** Harold Choate, Billie Church
- St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:** Naomi Bailey, & Helen Shanes.
- Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson:** Martha Page

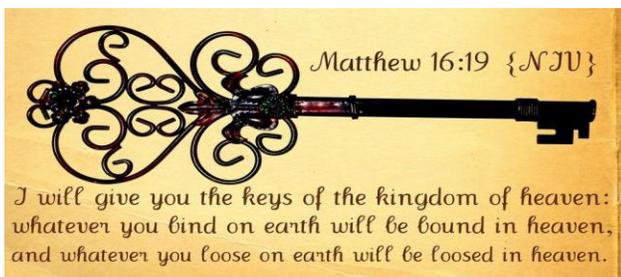
NOTICES ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

There are a couple invitations to **VBS** from the **Brushy** congregation and the **Centerville** congregation. Brushy's starts this Sunday evening and our own **Mike Kelley** will be teaching a class; and Centerville's starts on June 14th. Check the bulletin board for details.



The elders are happy to announce that **Josh Copley** will be our intern for the summer and will be working with the youth.

Devo Tuesday night





Center Fielders News

“GIGO”

Amazing inventions are available today, especially those in the area of electronics. It's amazing what God has allowed man to design. But, there is one big difference between human and electronic devices. I have yet to find an electronic device heal itself when it was scratched or broken. The human body does, though. We take it for granted sometimes, but it is truly marvelous that our body can use energy from the foods we eat to heal most injuries that happen in our everyday life.

By now you are probably wondering why GIGO is the title of this newsletter. There is a way in which humans are very much like electronic devices. These devices may be able to outperform humans at times, but one thing is for sure, and that is what comes out of them was first programmed into them. GIGO stands for Garbage In, Garbage Out. It reminds programmers that if a device puts out garbage, malfunctions, gives wrong answers, etc., it's because of errors programmed into the device. Garbage In, Garbage Out!!

The same is true for us as humans. What is programmed into our hearts and minds comes out in our actions. If garbage has been put in, the circumstances of life will eventually squeeze it out. Jesus said something very similar: “What comes out of a man is what makes him unclean. For from within, out of men's hearts comes evil thoughts, sexual immorality, then murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance, and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man unclean,” Mark 7:20. All of us need to ask ourselves, “What am I putting into my system?” Am I feeding on the Word of God daily and drinking from the fountain of life, or am I feeding on the world's garbage dump and drinking from the world's sewer?

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 30, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP	193
CONTRIBUTION:	\$6173
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE JUNE 6

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince
Scripture Reading: Norman George
Scripture: Joshua 1:7-9
Preside Lord's Supper: Buddy Chandler
Alternates: Phillip Coates, Mike Batts
Basement: Ken Copley, Josh Copley
Announcements: Gary Basford
Closing Prayer: James Swaw
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Scripture Reading: Jeff Stacks
Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20
Song Leader: Jeff Rose
Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
Lord's Supper: Edwin Wright, Gary Wright
Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Song Leader: Rodney Rochelle
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

Joshua 1:7-9

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT GUILT?



Guilt is defined as “a feeling of responsibility or remorse for some offense, crime, wrong, etc.” What is good about this? When sin is committed and guilt follows, it could lead someone to repentance. It is good guilt that burdens the soul to the point that the need of a change is seen. It is even better guilt when the wrong is seen and the need of a change, brings about godly sorrow and produces obedience to the Lord (2 Cor. 7:10). Think of those who have felt the tremendous pressure of guilt:

Saul felt the pain of guilt as he tried to kill David over and over (1 Sam. 17-31), but it was not good guilt because it never led to full repentance.

David felt the guilt of sinful adultery (as pointed out by Nathan the prophet) and confessed, “I have sinned against the Lord” (2 Sam. 12:13). His penitent heart and God’s forgiveness led him to say, “Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered” (Psa. 32:1).

Peter felt guilt when he denied the Lord after having said he would never deny Him. “And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly” (Mat. 26:75). His guilt was good guilt because it led him to true godly sorrow (John 21).

Judas felt crushing guilt after he betrayed the Lord. “Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, what is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself” (Mat. 27:3-5). Unfortunately, his guilt did not produce godly sorrow to the saving of his life and soul (Acts 1:25).

So, guilt can work in a positive way or a negative way. Feeling guilt is often good because it means the heart is still tender and sensitive to the sting of sin (2 Kings 22:19; Rom. 6:23). It means repentance is still

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in reach because the heart has not yet been hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (Heb. 3:12). The challenge for all is to recognize why guilt is felt. Assess if one is truly guilty and, if so, be motivated to change from guilty to guiltless (Jonah 3:8-10; Mat. 21:28,29; Luke 15:10).

*Derrick Coble
West Sparta church of Christ
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“If there is a hypocrite between you and the church, then he is closer to God than you are.”

“Horse sense comes from a stable mind.”

“You’ll never get ahead of the person you try to get even with.”

“Though our feelings come and go, God’s love for us does not.” – C.S. Lewis

“If you believe in a God who controls the big things, you have to believe in a God who controls the little things. It is we, of course, to whom things look ‘little’ or ‘big’.” — Elisabeth Elliot

“The influence of a mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation.” — James E. Faust

“The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time.” — Abraham Lincoln

“If there is anything in my thoughts or style to commend, the credit is due to my parents for instilling in me an early love of the Scriptures.” — Daniel Webster

“The longer you read the Bible, the more you will like it; it will grow sweeter and sweeter; and the more you get into the spirit of it, the more you will get into the spirit of Christ.” — Romaine

