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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

*As we have opportunity, let us do good to all,
especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

Galatians 6:10

God created the church for us to work together to bring others to Him, to reach out, and to serve the world as no other group will.

Some say the church can be compared to a hospital because sick people go there to get better. Jesus would agree. When the Pharisees asked why Jesus ate with sinners, He told them, "Those who are well have no need for a physician, but those who are sick" (Matthew 9:12).

A hospital is a place where you can go to receive medical care, when necessary. When we go to a hospital for surgery, it is because there is no other way to correct our condition.

The lost are in need of spiritual surgery. They need to meet the Great Physician and allow Him to restore them to spiritual health and vitality.

When Paul encourages us to "do good to all," it is a reminder that our "hospital" is open to all for healing. We need to remember to care for those in our church, as well as those who are trying to reach out for Christ.

Remember, the church is not a museum, where perfect saints are on display. It is a hospital, where struggling sinners come for encouragement and care and healing.

If the church would only be the church—
If Christians would only be Christians—
Nothing could halt our onward march.

Vance Havner

In Christian Love,

Mike





Carolyn Phillips was back at services on Sunday morning after being in the hospital recently.

This past Monday, 17 pints of blood were donated to the Red Cross blood drive. Thanks to everyone who participated.

On Fathers' Day we will honor our fathers with "Donuts with Dad" in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers. Please sign up by Wednesday, June 12th if you plan to attend and indicate the number that will be attending with you.

There will be a bridal shower on Sunday, June 23rd for **MacKenzie Edwards & Michael Schommer** in the Fellowship Hall from 2:00-4:00 pm. They are registered at Amazon.

Join us as we celebrate the 70th birthday of John Plemmons, Jr on June 23rd from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Centerville Outreach Center. No gifts but cards appreciated.

Centerville church of Christ VBS, June 10-12 at 9:00 am. Theme: Good Works - Serve, Share, Seek.

Fairfield Relay Team are selling luminana bags for \$5. They will be displayed at Relay For Life in September. See any Relay Team member to order.

The Jail Ministry had five baptisms yesterday. They are: Nicole Arnold, Austin Givens, Triston Parrish, Johnny Gordon and Jerry Anglin.

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.



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



Members: Gary Bailey (surgery Thursday), Joyce Boyd, Brenda Stoltz, Floy Cochran, Carolyn Phillips, 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: Martha Ann McCord (home), Jean Greer (mother of Carla Woodruff-Dickson Horizon), Lou Gann (big toe amputation), Gethlyn Gardner (home), Deborah Johnston (neighbor of Janice King), James Buffington (Gary Bailey's brother-in-law), Freda Simmerly, 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, 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, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard.

NHC Hendersonville: Sherry Breece



Sentence Sermons

Gaining Experience: "The best way to move mountains is to begin with molehills and work your way up."

Complaining and Acting: "Too many of us complain that our days are few while acting as if they will never end."

On Trials: "God promises safe landing, not a calm passage."

Acting on Ideas: "An opportunist is a person who does what you thought about doing."

LET'S GO FISHING

(Luke 5:1-11)

Have you ever wondered why fishing is mentioned so often in the four gospel accounts of the New Testament? Could it be that the activity of fishing is one that most people can relate to in one way or another? Even if you've never fished in your life, you have a general idea of what fishing is all about. A person uses certain tools like hooks, lines, bait, or nets to go into the water and catch fish. There's a great fishing story in Luke 5:1-11 that tells of how Jesus got into a boat with Simon Peter and said, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." (v.4). Peter, being a professional fisherman told Jesus that they had fished all night and caught nothing.

However, because Jesus had commanded it, Peter went fishing anyway. The results were amazing! They caught so many fish that the nets broke, and other boats and fisherman had to come and help with the great catch of fish. As Peter witnessed the miracle he fell to his knees and said to Jesus, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" (v.8). Jesus' response to Peter was both comforting and profound, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." (v.10) I'm not sure Peter completely understood what Jesus meant, but it moved him so that he abandoned all he had and followed the Christ. (v11)

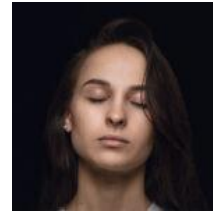
Even though Peter's road to becoming a "fisher of men" (Matt. 4:19) was paved with mistakes and imperfections, he did just as Jesus had commanded. Peter's adventures in evangelism are recorded for us in the book of Acts and the letters of 1st & 2nd Peter and still inspire us to this day. Jesus' instruction to cast out the net of the Gospel was not only meant for Peter and the Apostles, but for us as well. We must be fully equipped with the fishing gear of truth and always be ready to troll the waters of the world for lost souls. So, with that, "Let's go fishing!"

Dustin Bailey

James & Allison Jett's anniversary is Tuesday, June 11th.

Grace is when God gives us good things that we don't deserve. Mercy is when He spares us from bad things we deserve. Blessings are when He is generous with both. Truly, we can never run out of reasons to thank Him. God is good all the time!

THE BLIND GIRL



There was a blind girl who hated herself because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She told her boyfriend, "If I could only see the world, I will marry you."

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend.

He asked her, "Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?" The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She hadn't expected that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him.

Her boyfriend left in tears and days later wrote a note to her saying: "Take good care of your eyes, my dear; for before they were yours, they were mine."



Thank you so very much for the beautiful quilt! We love it and can't wait to use it! We are so grateful to get to worship with such kind and welcoming people. Thanks for remembering us. We love y'all.

Anslee & Zack Bentley

Many thanks for your prayers, love and support during the passing of my husband. Also, for the delicious meal and all of those who contributed to it. Thank you also for the windchimes that we received. It means more than I can express at this time. Thank you for loving and being there for us at such a difficult time. We are very blessed by all of you.

Lynnette, John, Kaitlyn and Adaleigh Harris

Ladies of Fairfield Church of Christ, Thank each of you for the delicious food you prepared for my husband's funeral. I appreciate your kindness, prayers, support and for taking time from your day to prepare the meal. Special thanks to the ladies that set up and served the meal and the men that helped as well. I can't express just how much it meant to me and my family.

Lynnette, John, Kaitlyn and Adaleigh Harris

THE THREE BEARS



Once upon a time, there were three bears... No, no, no—that's the wrong three bears. Far from a fairy tale, the three "bears" listed in Galatians 6 are vital to living a fulfilling Christian life. Of course, you may have already figured out that these are not the furry animals, but the concept of carrying a responsibility. Now, let's look at the three "bears."

Bear One Another's Burdens (v.1-2). This means that we are supposed to help others, especially those in the church (v.10). Life is especially burdensome for some and, as we are able, we should help them carry their load. For ease of remembering, let's call this first bear "Share Bear."

Bear Your Own Burdens (v.3-5). This passage teaches the need for personal responsibility that another cannot carry for us: our personal decisions, the consequences of our actions, our own individual responsibilities, etc. We should not let others bear these for us. The words that follow in v.6-9 are a great admonition to just how individual this concept is. We will name this bear "Aware Bear."

Bear the Marks of Christ in Your Body (v.11-17). Paul bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ (likely physically from beatings, mistreatment, etc.). But there is another indication in the word "marks" in the Greek text. It is the Greek word "stigma" and literally means "a mark pricked or branded upon the body." Paul may very well be saying, I am branded with the mark of Christ—not that he had a tattoo, but that he was totally dedicated to Christ—he was Christ's slave. This is why I believe Paul used the phrase "the Lord Jesus"—Jesus was Paul's Lord and Master (v.14). Thus, we need to be willing to bear the marks (or stigma) that come from faithfully following Christ and telling others about Him. Thus, let's identify this bear as "Declare Bear."

My hope for all of us is what Paul's was for the Galatian Christians: "Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit" (v.18). And let us be
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reminded that it will be so if we bear in our bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus (be a Declare Bear), be responsible with ourselves and our lives (be an Aware Bear), and help others (be a Share Bear).

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MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

Scripture Reading: Robert Graf

Scripture: Psalm 100:1-4

Preside Lord's Supper: Willie Powers

Left: Gary Basford

Right: Kenneth Jett

Norman Moss

James Swaw

Lyle Shepherd

Rodney Rochelle

Rick Bruno

Jeff Warren

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Woody Woodruff

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Boyce Cannon

Scripture: Luke 3:21-22

Song Leader: Steve Baker

Opening Prayer: Ken Copley

Lord's Supper: Phillip Coates, Adam Jude

Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF June 2, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP 207

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