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Mike Kelley ext. 2

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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

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.*

Psalm 129:105

I was preparing for a message recently on pride and found a series of quotes by professional athletes that I found both funny and sad. Here is a sampling:

Alan Minter, boxer: "Sure there have been injuries and deaths in boxing— but none of them serious."

George Rogers, football player: "I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first."

Mike Tyson, boxer, when asked about his retirement plans: "I guess I'm going to fade into Bolivian."

Chad Johnson, football player who wore the jersey number 85: "I'm going to travel to all 51 states to see who can stop number 85."

Greg Norman, golfer: "I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father."

Jerry Rice, football player: "I feel like I'm the best, but you aren't going to get me to say that."

Joe Theisman, football player: "Nobody in the game of football should be called a genius. A genius is somebody like Norman Einstein."

One of the most disturbing trends I see in our culture is deifying the famous, especially professional athletes. The way our world treats athletes really does seem to border on worship.

I know I am painting with a big brush with the above quotes. I know that anyone, including me, can misspeak. I have many times. I know that many athletes are good people and highly intelligent. But, do I want professional athletes to serve as the moral compass for our nation and world? Do I want professional athletes determining public policy? Do I need people whose only qualifications are the abilities to run fast, hit hard, or jump high telling me how to live my life?

I do not. I think I'll just keep looking to the Word of God as my lamp, light and guide.

In Christian Love,

Mike





The next Ladies craft night is Monday night, June 14th at 6:00 pm in room 104. They will be making prayer pockets.

Dad's and their families will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00am on Father's Day, June 20th for "Donuts with Dad" as we celebrate and salute the fathers of this church. Please sign up in either foyer by June 16th if you plan to attend.



I would like to thank you for the wonderful "welcome basket." It really was a thoughtful gesture-and so full of goodies! Also, I'd like to offer a thank you (belated) to those who took time out of their weekend last month to help me move: **Rick & Joyce Bruno, Boyce Cannon, Tom Gosser, Gerry Hinson and Lafayette Spears.**

Sincerely,
Jan Hopkins-Campbell

There are not enough words to fully express my heartfelt thanks for the support, love and sympathy you all have shown to me, my family and my mom during this difficult time. You have no idea how much y'all are appreciated. I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Love,
Denise Hall & family



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



Tennessee Children's Home has several job opportunities that need to be filled immediately. There are 3 positions available with one in Spring Hill. More information is on the bulletin board by the office.



Members: Helen Shanes (staying with her brother and no longer in the nursing home), Bob James (diagnosed with liver cancer), Kenneth Chandler (Maury Regional, pneumonia, fluid on the lungs), Deborah Perry, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Hester Moss, Raymond Stoltz (should be home Saturday), Dewayne Victory, Paul & Noble Victory, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Terry Clayborn, Harley Parker, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Elam, Jean Greer, David Dansby, Neil Jobe, Alice Cagle, Adam Lawson, Mark Plunkett, Evan Boyd (home), 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.

Life Care: Harold Choate, Billie Church

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

Bible Quiz: 2 Peter 2:1-3

1. True or False: Peter says there will not be false teachers like there were in the past.
2. False teachers bring in destructive _____, even _____ the Lord who bought them.
3. "Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this _____, to stir you up by _____ you..."
4. True or False: The Lord showed Peter that he must shortly put off his earthly body.
5. "Moreover, I will be careful to ensure that you always have a _____ of these things after my _____."

(Answers next week)





Center Fielders News

“Nobody as Creator”

Sir Isaac Newton, the famous physicist, believed in God as the Creator. Newton had a working replica of the solar system made in a smaller size. It was a beautiful and complex piece, with a golden sun in the center and with smaller spheres representing the planets revolving around the sun. The model worked in perfect timing.

Newton had a friend who did not believe in God as Creator. Amazed at the beauty of the device, the man said, “Mr. Newton, what a marvelous thing! Who made it?” “Nobody,” Newton replied. “All these balls, cogs, and gears just happened to come together by chance and began revolving in their set orbits with perfect timing.” His friend was speechless! The lesson was clear!

How ridiculous is the idea that life and order came by chance out of a piece of matter that exploded in space, called the Big Bang! How blind people are when they do not want to be accountable to a loving Creator. Paul wrote about such people in Romans 1. Verse 20 explains that the existence of God is clearly seen in His creation. But because people reject God, they become fools, and their hearts and minds are darkened and the result is that God abandons them to their own destruction (verses 21-28).

Genesis 1:1 says, “In the beginning God.....” God is eternal! This belief is the cornerstone of one’s faith. It is one’s foundation to build a life for God’s glory. The greatest proof of God’s existence and power is to see lives of sin and rebellion changed by His Son, Jesus. And this is a solid proof that will last until the end of time!!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF June 6, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP	184
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5005
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE JUNE 13

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Scripture Reading: Andrew Fisher
Scripture: James 1:19-21
Preside Lord’s Supper: Roy McCoy
Alternates: Edwin Wright, Gary Basford
Basement: Rusty Bates, Phillip Coates
Announcements: Mike Batts
Closing Prayer: Gary Bailey
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

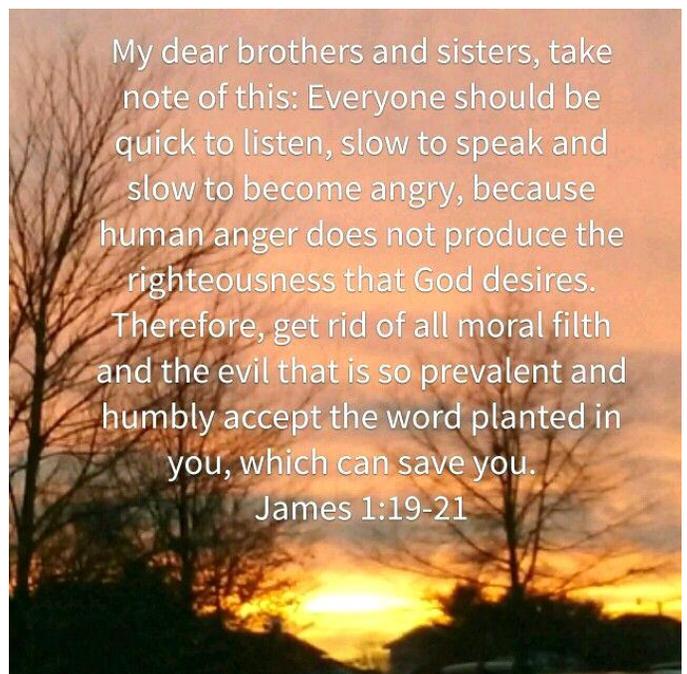
Announcements: Mike Batts
Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates
Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Lord’s Supper: Boyce Cannon, Roy McCoy
Closing Prayer: Gary Basford
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

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

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

James 1:19-21





WHO IS JESUS?

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.” — John Lubbock

“Summer was our best season: it was sleeping on the back screened porch in cots, or trying to sleep in the tree house; summer was everything good to eat; it was a thousand colors in a parched landscape...” — Harper Lee

“I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June.” — L.M. Montgomery

“Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson

“I love summertime more than anything else in the world. That is the only thing that gets me through the winter, knowing that summer is going to be there.” — Jack McBrayer

“Keep your face to the sunshine and you will never see the shadows.” — Helen Keller

“There are enough evidences of supreme skill in the structure of the human hand alone to prove the existence, intelligence and benevolence of God in the face of all the sophistry of infidelity.” — A. B. Simpson

“What can be more foolish than to think that all this rare fabric of heaven and earth could come by chance, when all the skill of art is not able to make an oyster!” — Jeremy Taylor

“God dwells in His creation and is everywhere indivisibly present in all His works. He is transcendent above all His works even while He is immanent within them.” — A. W. Tozer

“The art of being happy lies in the power of extracting happiness from common things.” — Henry Ward Beecher

Divine names are extremely significant and packed full of meaning. Men like Abraham, Jacob, Moses and David received a progressive revelation of the character of God by means of those names. B.F. Westcott once wrote, “Each name authoritatively given to God is, so to speak, a fresh and lasting revelation of his nature. Now in one title and now in another we catch glimpses of his ineffable glory.”

Obviously, if such is true of God when it comes to the Old Testament, such would be true when it comes to divine names in the New Testament. Particularly we learn a great deal about the nature and work of Jesus when we look at the titles ascribed to him. J.M. Boice has noted that by looking at chapter one of John’s Gospel, we see eight such names.

The Word. This indicates (among other things) that Jesus is the Creator. As we read in Genesis 1, God speaks and all things come into being.

The Light. This is the universal image for the illumination of the understanding through revelations. The idea is that God is revealed through Jesus and that men are brought out of darkness by him.

The Lamb of God. Jesus is the sin-bearer, the Passover, the innocent substitute dying in our place. He came to earth to remove our sin by dying in your place as our substitute.

Son of God. While all men who follow God’s Plan of Salvation become “sons of God” (Galatians 3:16; 4:6), this title is reserved for Jesus alone as it makes him entirely unique and divine. It is as the Son of God that Jesus reigns and exercises authority in the lives of those who have come to him.

Rabbi. Simply means “teacher.” He is the one who reveals the will of heaven. He imparts the truth and shows us the way to the Father.

Messiah/Christ. Jesus is the one who fulfills prophecy. In particular, Jesus is the one all Israel had been looking for since the time of Abraham. (Genesis 12:3; 22:18; Galatians 3:16).

King. Jesus reigns supreme as lawgiver and enforcer. From the days of the reign of David, it was known that a king was coming that would rule as no other had done (Matthew 1:17; 2 Samuel 12:7-8; Luke 1:30-33).

Son of Man. More than connecting Jesus to humanity, this title actually marks him as the divine judge of the universe (Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 13:41-43; 24:27,30; 25:31-46).

Some will meet Jesus as their judge and be filled with terror. Others will meet him as the Lamb who has taken away their sin and eternally rejoice. Let us be thankful for the way God has revealed himself in these names and live accordingly.

*Bart Warren
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