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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Clay Chandler ext. 6
Benevolence
Darin Cochran ext.11
Worship
Ken Copley ext.17
Education
Steve Craft ext.20
Youth
Randal Halbrooks ext.13
Missions
Shanon Irwin ext.29
Security
O.D. Pratt ext.23
Seniors
Lloyd Rochelle ext.21
Maintenance
Jeff Stacks ext. -
Transportation
Vance Willis ext.26
Finance/IT

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 10:15 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

"The Giant That Slayed David"

You know about the giant that David slayed. You have known about that since your days in Sunday School as a child. The name of the giant is Goliath... and the account of David defeating him is found in 1 Samuel 17. But, have you thought lately about the giant that slayed David? The name of that giant is *lust*. Lust is a giant that has felled many a person. It got David in the events recorded in 2 Samuel 11. This is the story of David committing adultery with the bathing beauty, Bathsheba.

What opened David to the attack?

First, *idleness*. It was the time of year that kings go away to war. King David's army was, in fact, engaged in warfare when lust slayed David. But David didn't go. He didn't accompany his men. Instead he was in the comfort (and boredom) of the palace. On a restless night, David had nothing to do. He was pacing back and forth on his rooftop. That's when he spotted Bathsheba bathing on her roof. He wanted her, he sent for her, and he committed adultery with her. Idle hands really are the devil's workshop. If you don't have anything to do, the devil will gladly give you something!

David's second mistake was *impulsiveness*. He saw Bathsheba and wanted her. He gave no thought to the implications. He gave no thought to the consequences. He thought only about what he wanted now. What if David had taken just a moment to consider the worst-case scenario... about all the things that could go wrong if he did what he wanted to do? "She will become pregnant. I will be forced to order the execution of her husband. The baby will die. I will lose the moral authority to lead my family and my kingdom. My family will dissolve into complete dysfunction. People will be talking about my sin for the next 3,000 year and beyond." All of this ended up happening. David's impulsiveness caused him to skip right over the "consequences" part.

Be on guard against this timeless giant called lust. It is always lurking in the shadows, ready to pounce. Busy yourself doing good things. Busy is best! Consider the possible consequences before you act. You may be free to choose, but you are not free to choose the consequences for your choices. The next time you hear temptation knocking, let Jesus answer the door!

In Christian Love,

Mike



Father's Day breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30am this Sunday.

The Homeless committee will meet Monday night @ 6pm.

The Golden Agers will be going to the Catfish Kitchen on June 27th with the bus leaving the church at 5:30. Sign-up sheets will be out soon.

Please return your MAGI boxes to Randal Halbrooks by June 30th with a \$7.00 check made out to the Fairfield COC or cash to cover the shipping of the box. The MAGI box coordinator asked us if you could focus in on 8-10 and 11 and up year-old boys and girls; they have a greater need for those age groups. Boxes and a paper with suggestions and restrictions for packing the boxes can be found in both foyers.

We are in need of van drivers, please see Jeff Stacks or Gary Basford if you are interested.

There is a Pampered Chef special going on hosted by Sarah Hinson that will benefit Help for the Homeless. Contact Sarah for more information. Here is the link:

<https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/sarahhinson>

*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6a in the basement.

*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1st & 3rd Tues. evenings @ 6p in the basement.

*The Quilters meet every Thurs. morning @ 9:00a in the basement.

*Narcotics Anonymous meets every Thurs. night at 7p in the basement.

RESPONSES:

Deborah McClellan was baptized on Saturday by Mike Kelley here at the building.

Gerry Cannon Loveless Smith placed membership here at Fairfield on Sunday. Welcome Gerry!

Chris England responded Wednesday for prayers.



Sympathy is extended to the family of **Logan Webb**, the 16-year-old son of **Nicole & Bobby Webb** and grandson of **Michael & Anita Johnston**. Anita is the niece of **Joyce Swaw**.



Members: Minnie Powers (double knee replacement), Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, Barbara (Edgar) Beard, Dot Davidson, Mike Breece, Hester Moss, Christina George, James Hassell, Martha Harvill, Tony Halfacre, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Leon Lynn, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Jo Hudgins (St. Thomas West, fell & fractured hip), Annalyn Holt (fell & fractured wrist), Lena Harrell (sister of Fran Batts), Edna Copley, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Janet Basford, Bobby Mack Dunn, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Ray Woodruff, Alyssa Aydelott, Linda Goad, Ronnie Pittman, Adam Lawson, Arica Hinson, Mark Wright, Helen Shanes, Donna Popp, Dorris French, Linda Truett, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jean Greer, Jackson Bates, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash & Jimmy Mathis.

Life Care: Tommy Yokley, Donald Dorton, Mary Carolyn McClanahan, Kitty Halfacre, Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, Georgia Belle Smith, & Jim Wright.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Jo Hudgins, Bill Shanes, Sybil Jenkins, & Gladys Primm.

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR JUNE

June 16 - Puppet show during evening service

June 18 - Middle/HS Devo, 6:30 @ FH

June 30 - 5th Sunday

JAIL MINISTRY NEWS

Summer cookout for the Jail is on June 29th. Fairfield is again in charge of drinks and potato salad. If you can help us it would be appreciated. Give your contribution to Gary Basford or Rodney Rochelle and as always thanks for your help.

The mission committee needs a female volunteer to assist teaching female inmates in the jail ministry. This volunteer would accompany and assist another female experienced in the jail ministry. The jail ministry meets at the Hickman County Jail the first Wednesday of every month from 7 pm to 8 pm. If you are interested, please contact Randal Halbrooks or Kathy Rose.



Center Fielders News

“Be Not Proud”

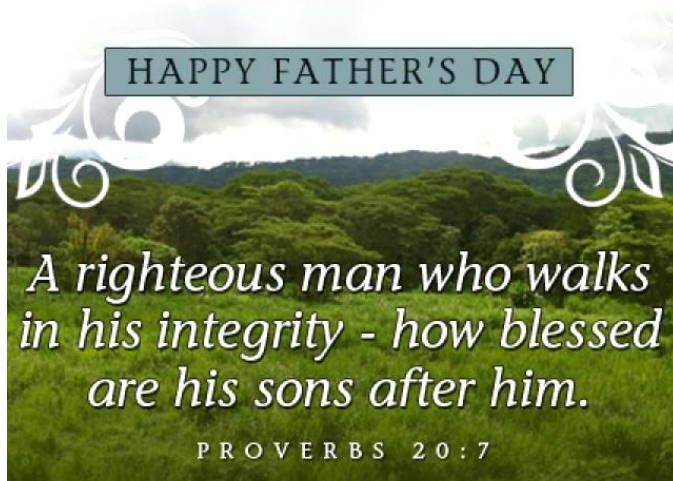
Pride has many ways of showing itself. These include boasting, an arrogant attitude of “I know better than you,” and a rebellious spirit of “I will not submit.” Pride also comes as an angel of light clothed in false humility and self-righteousness that despises others. People display family pride, organizational pride, and national pride because they think their ways of doing things are best. Many say, “I am proud to be an American.” While it is good to appreciate one’s privileges, Americans must also remember that “God opposes the proud.” Many people say they are proud of their children and grandchildren, their success, and even the fact that they are a Christian. Many have become accustomed to using the word “proud” to express great pleasure.

Satan tempts us all with pride of life, with being proud of our wisdom and accomplishments. Pride roots in our hearts with deceit and wickedness. It stirs up strife and contentions, it is not teachable, and it causes anger, raised voices, and hurt feelings. Pride thrives over petty questions and strives to have the last word. It expresses itself in outward appearance through flashy clothes, hair styles, and shoes that draw attention. Many people wear such things to express their individuality or to distinguish themselves.

God’s solution for pride is to humble ourselves before Him and admit He is right and we are wrong. By submitting to God, we will receive more grace to resist the pride the devil offers us. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you and the devil will flee.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



WHY STUDY THE OLD TESTAMENT?

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

The serious Bible student understands the Old Testament was written hundreds of years before the birth of Christ. This means it was written to a people who lived under a law that focused on some commands that had little or nothing to do with the salvation Jesus came to give. While it pointed to the coming of the Messiah, it could only deal with it in prophecy.

The worship as outlined in the Old Testament centered around animal sacrifices and rituals connected with the tabernacle built by Moses in the wilderness shortly after Israel was delivered from the slavery in Egypt some 1500 years before the birth of Christ. Later during the reign of King Solomon and the building of the temple, the faithful people of Israel were required to travel to Jerusalem three times a year for the purpose of worship. All males were circumcised marking them as the people of God.

With the coming of the New Testament, none of this was required. Jesus talked about this change in His conversation with the woman of Samaria. (John 4:21-24) While recognizing true worship during the days of the Jewish dispensation eliminated the worship in Samaria, Jesus revealed that true worship would be observed throughout the world during the Christian dispensation.

Thus, while a study of the Old Testament is a tool to bring us to Christ, (Galatians 3:24) it is very valuable for other reasons. Probably the two greatest reasons for a study of the Old Testament is; (1) It provides ample evidence of inspiration and the accuracy of the Bible. (2) It provides more than 300 prophecies pointing to the coming Messiah. With this evidence, the Bible student can be assured the Bible is reliable and without error. A knowledge of the 66 books of the Bible will give the Christian the assurance of salvation based upon the death, burial, and resurrection of the Son of God, our Savior.

*Bill Hopkins
Ravenna, OH*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

5th Sunday (June 30th) with Matthew Dotson 9 am & 12:30 pm

Potluck after classes

All contribution going to debt retirement

4th Annual Fairfield Singing,

Friday, July 5th here @ 7 pm.

Master of Ceremony: William Tankersley

Refreshments and finger foods after the singing.

MEN TO SERVE JUNE 16**LORD'S TABLE**

Preside: Rodney Rochelle
Left: Rusty Bates **Right:** Stephen Graham
 Mike Worley Raymond Stoltz
 Lloyd Rochelle Keith Harvill
 Rickey Weems Zack Harvill
Alternates: James Swaw, Harry Totty
Basement: Ken Copley, Josh Copley
Sun. P.M.: Gary Basford, Edwin Wright

PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

A.M. Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12
A.M. Opening Prayer: Mike Breece
A.M. Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett
P.M. Scripture Reading: Mathew Wright
Scripture: 1 Peter 4:14-16
P.M. Opening Prayer: Willie Powers
P.M. Closing Prayer: Roy McCoy
Wed. Opening Prayer: Josh Copley
Wed. Invitation: (June 19) Mike Kelley

SONG LEADERS

Sunday A.M. Darin Cochran
Sunday P.M. Jeff Stacks
Wednesday P.M. (June 19) Edgar Clyde Beard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday A.M. Jerrie W Barber
Sunday P.M. Darin Cochran
Wednesday P.M. (June 19) Mike Batts

VAN DRIVERS

Sunday A.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355
Sunday P.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355
Wed. P.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355
 (June 19)

If you are unable to serve in anyway, please call or text Gary Basford at (931)628-0355 or Darin Cochran at (615)418-3148.

FOR THE RECORD**WEEK OF June 9, 2019**

A.M. WORSHIP: 231
CONTRIBUTION: \$4042
2019 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$4167

Father's Day Perspective

Father's Day, what does it mean to you? Its meaning has changed for me over the years. When I was young, it was a day to wear a red rose to church. It was a day to say, "Thanks Dad for all the things you do." Later, when I became a dad, it took on a deeper meaning as I began to realize all the responsibilities that go with the title. Now, being a father and a grandfather, it takes on a special meaning. I look back at the memory of my own father with warm thoughts and understand him better.

I look to the future by looking in the eyes of my son. I see the strength of young manhood and hope and pray that I have been and am being the kind of example, he needs to see to know what being a Christian father is all about. I look into the eyes of my grandson and see the wonder of new things as he learns to explore his world in which there are new things every day. Again, I hope and pray that I am being the example that he needs to see to know what being a Christian grandfather is all about.

Father's Day is a wonderful day to stop and reflect on being a father. It is a time to think of the great privilege that God has granted men to become fathers, and to help shape and mold a young mind and soul. It is a time to think that with this privilege comes great responsibilities, as the apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 6:4, "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition the Lord."

Fathers, notice there are two parts to this verse. One is a negative, "provoke not." This provoking is done by making too many demands, undue severity when disciplining our children. The other part is a positive, "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." This requires instruction, spiritual and moral nurture as well as physical (Matt. 4:4). As the children grow older, then we need to give them admonition, that reasoning for which they should or should not do certain things (Deut. 6:6-9). Fathers, there will be no greater reward than getting to heaven and being surrounded by our families! Have a great Father's Day!

*Brandon Britton
 Lake City church of Christ
 Lake City, FL*

