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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

Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you nor will I ever forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5

Few people have undergone the trials and difficulties of Alexander Solzhenitsyn. He suffered decades of horrendous hardship as a political exile in the infamous Siberian prison system known as the "gulag."

We can learn from Solzhenitsyn not only because he is a survivor, but also because he has been in a situation that few of us have ever known... an existence of near total deprivation. He has not only lived without luxuries, but without necessities.

Here's what Solzhenitsyn wrote in *The Prison Chronicle*:

"Don't be afraid of misfortune and do not yearn after happiness. It is, after all, all the same. The bitter doesn't last forever, and the sweet never fills the cup to overflowing. It is enough if you don't freeze in the cold and if hunger and thirst don't claw at your sides. If your back isn't broken, if your feet can walk, if both arms work, if both eyes can see, and if both ears can hear, then whom should you envy? And why? Our envy of others devours us most of all. Rub your eyes and purify your heart and prize above all else in the world those who love and wish you well."

The greedy search for money or success will almost always lead men into unhappiness. Why? Because that kind of life makes them depend on things *outside* themselves.

Contentment is an *inside* job!

In Christian Love,

Mike





On Fathers' Day we will honor our fathers with "Donuts with Dad" in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am.

There will be a mission meeting on Wednesday, June 19th at 6:00 pm in room 104.

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.

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

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 16 - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service @ FH

Jun 16 - **Middle/High School Devo, during evening service @ FH**

Jun 30 - Fifth Sunday



Craig Shelton will be our speaker on Sunday, June 30th at 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. We will have a potluck after Bible class in the fellowship hall and all our contribution will go towards our maintenance needs.



Members: Gary Bailey (home), 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: Ryan Edwards (had liver transplant this week), Brian Powers, 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), Elizabeth Dunn, Nicholas Wright, Barbara Beard, Edwin Garner, Chris Chilton, David Stewart, Willie Lawler, James Coates (Dickson Horizon Rehab), Trevor Buchanan, Pam Sullivan, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Mary French, Anthony Stacks, David Talley, Billie Lynn Tyler, Cory Patterson (liver bypass surgery June 18), James Stoltz, Grayson Gunter, Becky Gatewood (hospice), 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



We are so thankful for all of the concern shown us during Gary's surgery and the past few days. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a loving church family. Thanks to everyone for all of the texts, calls, food, and especially the prayers. Continued prayers for healing are appreciated.

We love you all,
Gary & Cindy Bailey

WORRY

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

I have always believed that some of the best psychology ever written is found in Paul's letter to the Philippians. We must remember that this letter was written by Paul while he was imprisoned in Rome and awaiting a trial. One of the themes that recurs throughout the letter is found in the expression, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, rejoice!" (Phil. 4:4). Throughout the letter Paul constantly reminds us to have the mind of Christ, to keep our priorities straight and to press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:14).

One definition given for the word "worry" is to give way to anxiety or unease; allow one's mind to dwell on difficulty or troubles: "he worried about his soldier sons in the war"; a state of anxiety and uncertainty over actual or potential problems: "her son had been a constant source of worry to her;" synonyms: fret · be concerned · be anxious · agonize · overthink.

Many of us may have The Serenity Prayer embroidered on a pillow or hanging on a wall in our house. The Serenity Prayer is the common name for a prayer written by the American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr (1892–1971). The best-known form is:

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
 Courage to change the things I can,
 And wisdom to know the difference.

Niebuhr, who first wrote the prayer for a sermon at Heath Evangelical Union Church in Heath, Massachusetts, used it widely in sermons as early as 1934 and first published it in 1951 in a magazine column. The prayer spread both through Niebuhr's sermons and church groups in the 1930s and 1940s and was later adopted and popularized by Alcoholics Anonymous and other twelve-step programs.

We may also remember a song released twenty-nine years ago. "Don't Worry, Be Happy" is a popular worldwide hit song by musician Bobby McFerrin.
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Released in September 1988, it became the first a cappella song to reach number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, a position it held for two weeks. The song's title is taken from a famous quotation by Meher Baba. The Indian mystic and sage Meher Baba (1894–1969) often used the expression "Don't worry, be happy" when cabling his followers in the West.

The idea of not worrying is not a disguise for ignoring our responsibilities. God expects us to go to work and to provide for our own needs and the needs of our families. However, we can most successfully accomplish this when we remember the words of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matt. 6:33). Don't be anxious. Be thankful and spend much time in prayer to God.

*Scott Gage
 South Hill Church of Christ
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The lion was proud of his mastery of the animal kingdom. One day he decided to make sure all the other animals knew he was the king of the jungle. He was so confident that he by-passed the smaller animals and went straight to the bear. "Who is the king of the jungle?" the lion asked. The bear replied, "Why you are, of course." The lion gave a mighty roar of approval. Next he asked the tiger, "Who is the king of the jungle?" The tiger quickly responded, "Everyone knows that you are, mighty lion."

Next on the list was the elephant. The lion faced the elephant and addressed his question, "Who is the king of the jungle?" The elephant immediately grabbed the lion with his trunk, whirled him around in the air five or six times and slammed him into a tree. Then he pounded him onto the ground several times, dunked him under water in a nearby lake, and finally dumped him out on the shore.

The lion--beaten, bruised, and battered--struggled to his feet. He looked at the elephant through sad and bloody eyes and said, "Look, just because you don't know the answer is no reason to get mean about it!"

Sentence Sermons

Contentment is the secret to life. Be content with who you are but always leave room for improvement.
-Thomas J. Mayberry

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the door forever.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

Prayer—don't give God instructions, just report for duty.

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain.

You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

Wisdom has two parts. Having a lot to say, and not saying it.

I would rather live my life as if there is a God, and die to find out there isn't; than to live my life as if there isn't, and die to find out that there is.

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

The will of God never takes you to where the grace of God can't protect you.

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Rodney Rochelle

Scripture Reading: Chris Love

Scripture: Psalm 103:13-17

Preside Lord's Supper: Roy McCoy

Left: Wallace Smith

Right: Zack Harvill

Damon McCoy

Ronny Pitman

Dwight England

Phillip Coates

Marty England

Robert Graf

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture Reading: Chris Love

Scripture: James 2:14-17

Song Leader: Damon McCoy

Opening Prayer: Buddy Chandler

Lord's Supper: Gary Wright, Edwin Wright

Closing Prayer: James Swaw

Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF June 9, 2024

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| MORNING WORSHIP | 203 |
| CONTRIBUTION: | \$5781 |
| 2024 WEEKLY BUDGET | \$5104 |



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