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Jeff Stacks ext.22
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Vance Willis ext.26
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Pulpit Minister:

Mike Kelley ext. 2

Associate Minister:

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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

Family Line:

931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

A New Christian. Last Wednesday night, I had the honor of baptizing Jacob Gunter into Christ. Jacob is the grandson of Joyce Swaw. He is, without question, one of the most sincere young men I have ever encountered. He lives in Maryville, Tennessee, and visits us occasionally. You have made such an impact on him during his visits that he wanted, not just to be baptized, but to be baptized in our building. He drove *four hours*, he studied with Gary Wright, we baptized him, we had prayer, then he drove back home to Maryville! Before I baptized him, he told me to hold him underneath the water an extra long time because he wanted a "good cleansing." Then, after the baptism, he wanted to make a donation to our congregation. He wanted his first contribution as a new Christian to go to Fairfield. What an inspiration! This young man has encouraged me in my faith. I hope hearing about him will encourage you.

Greetings From Centerville. As I write this article, I am once again involved in Vacation Bible School at the Centerville congregation. I say "once again" because my involvement with their VBS goes back 35 years. I've had the honor of teaching their teenage class for the last 23 years. What a great congregation! I was baptized there... men like Paul Rogers, Bill McDonald and Wayne Qualls served as my "fathers in the faith" ... and the Centerville church continues to be a blessing to me to this day. I will always be thankful to them and I appreciate the unity that our congregations enjoy.

Doughnuts With Dad. This Sunday, June 19, is Father's Day. At Fairfield, we are honoring the fathers among us with a special breakfast that we are calling Doughnuts with Dad. We invite all fathers and their children (grown children or young children) to join us in the Fellowship Building beginning at 8:00 am. We have some great Dads in our congregation and we look forward to celebrating and honoring them. Will it be healthy? Not so much. Will it be fun? For sure!

In Christian Love,

Mike





Dads and their families will meet in the Fellowship Hall starting at 8 am on Fathers' Day, June 19th, for Donuts with Dad as we honor our fathers on that day.

The Golden Agers will be going to the Junk Yard Dog in Hohenwald on Thursday, June 23rd. The bus will leave here at 5:30. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

Our Missions Committee will have an outreach luncheon for widows and widowers in the fellowship hall Saturday, June 25th, at noon. Bill McDonald will be guest speaker. Please RSVP to Randal Halbrooks (931-994-9070) by June 22nd if you plan to attend.

Congratulations to **James Jett & Allison Cook** who were married here at the church last Saturday.

Joyce Bruno will be teaching a bi-weekly ladies' Bible class on prayer, starting Monday, June 27th at 6pm in the basement. For those ladies interested, Joyce asks that you ponder two questions before the first class: 1) Why should we pray? And 2) why don't we pray like we should?



We express sympathy to the family of **Bennet James Schmid**, age 4. His parents are Tyler & Rebecca Schmid and his grandparents are Marc & Sonja Schmid & Jimmy & Cathie Copley (of the Centerville congregation). His funeral was Sunday.

RESPONSES

Dale Dillingham came forward this morning asking for prayers as he deals with health issues.

We are happy that **Jacob Gunter**, grandson of **Joyce Gunter Swaw**, was baptized by Mike Kelley Wednesday night. We welcome him to our church!



Members: O.D. Pratt, Kenneth Jett (knee replacement on Monday at Maury Regional), Gary Wright (eye surgery went well), Yvonna Caillouet (foot surgery-home and doing well, Noble Victory (home), Brenda Stoltz (hip surgery went well Thursday), Janey Gilbert, Butch Sullivan, Harry Totty, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes, Lou Dickens (home), Paul Victory, Dewayne Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Grayson Gunter (grandson of Joyce Swaw), Mike Rhea, Jimmy Loveless, Helen Jerpe, Michael Harvill, Jay Pickard, Mary Spears, Christians, missionaries, military personal & people in the Ukraine, Everett Kelly (St. Thomas West-pneumonia), Mark Walton, J.B. Brown, Nancy Clancy, Gus Gilreath, Willie Taylor, Ray Weatherspoon (home), Kevin Chandler, Jo James, Lucille Morphis, Wanda Gilliam Felts, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, Doris & Marjorie Claud, Rebeca Mears, Greg Zoller, Seth Williams, Elizabeth Dunn, Kelley Wilson, Billie Church, Daniel Spears (hospice), Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, Donna Gaspard, Rita Stacks, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Anthony Stacks, Wilma Green, Francis Qualls, Hester Moss

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Barbara Beard (hospice), Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page



June 19 - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service @ FH

June 21 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH



Center Fielders News

“The Thoughts & Intents of the Heart”

Often, we fail to realize how great an impact that thoughts have in our lives. In fact, almost all of our actions result from our thinking (Matthew 15:19). If I repeatedly commit the same sin and it seems I just can't overcome it, I have found that it is because I have given that thing free rein in my thoughts.

A minister once said that if we bump a glass and water spills out, it means there was water in it. By the same token, if someone bumps me and angry words spill out, it means I was harboring angry thoughts. But if I have only kind thoughts, what comes out unintentionally will be kind words.

I used to think that some people just don't struggle much with sin, because hardly anything bad can be seen on the outside. Finally, I realized that they are fighting the battle on the inside, in the mind. Then, because a godly thought pattern has been established, the godly actions that follow just seem to fall in place naturally.

We read that even Christ struggled with His thoughts in the Garden of Gethsemane. Luke says He prayed in such anguish that His sweat was as drops of blood. Christ won the battle there, and then when it came to the actual crucifixion, He went like a Lamb.

We all need to win the battle in our thoughts so that the actions that follow may be what God desires of us. We should also do what Christ did when struggling. Seek support from our fellow men, and above all else, pray earnestly to God.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF June 12, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	177
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4254
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE JUNE 19

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Vance Willis
Scripture Reading: Keith Harvill
Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-4
Preside Lord's Supper: Gary Bailey
Alternates: Phillip Coates, Kenneth Jett
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Jerrie W Barber
Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks
Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates
Scripture: Matthew 8:1-4
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
Lord's Supper: Dale Dillingham, Boyce Cannon
Closing Prayer: James Swaw
Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

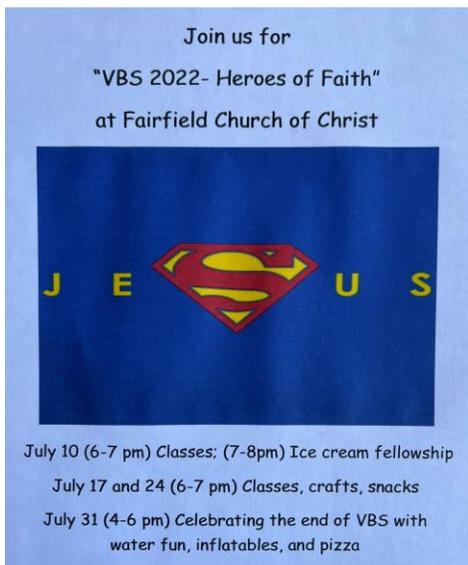
Announcements: Gary Wright
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Bobby McCoy
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



Children, *obey* your parents
 in the **LORD**, for this is *right*.

“Honor your father and mother,”
 which is the first commandment
 with promise: that it may be well
 with you and you may *live long*
 on the earth.”

Ephesians 6:1-3



We need 2 assistant teachers for VBS. A teacher sign-up sheet is in the educational wing foyer. Please sign up or see Jennifer Knight if you can help. T-shirts are available to those who want one; sign up to let us know if you want a shirt AND your size. Please sign up by June 29th. Signup sheets are in both foyers.

WORDS OF WISDOM TO PONDER

Sin is a short word with a long sentence.

As long as you feel pain, you're still alive. As long as you make mistakes, you're still human. And as long as you keep trying, there's still hope.

A person who feels appreciated will always do more than what is expected.

We all have a past. We all made choices that maybe weren't the best ones. None of us are completely innocent, but we get a fresh start every day to be a better person than we were yesterday.

Don't wait for things to get better. Life will always be complicated. Learn to be happy right now, otherwise you'll run out of time.

There's nothing so bad that it couldn't be worse.

"You don't need to go to church" is one of the greatest deceptions our generation has believed.

There is nothing in this world that can trouble you as much as your own thoughts.

BUILD ME A SON

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

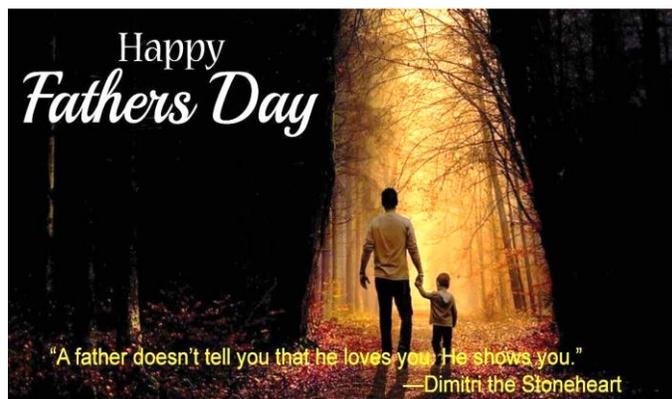
Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know Thee and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge. Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clean, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

Then I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain."

General Douglas MacArthur



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