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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

*This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118:24

A comic strip by Charles Schultz addresses the need for each of us to make the most of the immediate present in our lives...

Charlie Brown is seen at bat. STRIKE THREE. He has struck out again. He mopes back to the dugout and slumps down on the bench. He says, "Rats! I'll never be a big-league player. I just don't have it! All my life I've dreamed of playing in the big leagues, but I know I'll never make it."

Lucy turns to console him. "Charlie Brown, you're thinking too far ahead. What you need to do is set yourself some more immediate goals."

Charlie Brown looks up and says, "Immediate goals?"

Lucy responds, "Yes. Start with the next inning when you go out to pitch. See if you can walk out to the mound without falling down."

The first step toward walking into any future is the step that you take today. Make it a forward... positive... springy and light-hearted... energetic... well-aimed... purposeful step. The steps you take today become the well-worn path of tomorrow.

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery. We call today the *present* because it is a gift. The best preparation for tomorrow is the right use of today.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Dad's and their families will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00am on Father's Day, for "**Donuts with Dad**" as we celebrate and salute the fathers of this church.

The **Golden Agers** will be going to the Junkyard Dog Steakhouse on June 24th with the bus leaving the building at 5:30. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

We are starting our **MAGI** box drive again this year. Please return your boxes to the church with \$7.00 cash or check made out to the Fairfield CoC to cover the shipping of the box. Boxes & a paper with suggestions and restrictions for packing the boxes can be found in both foyers.



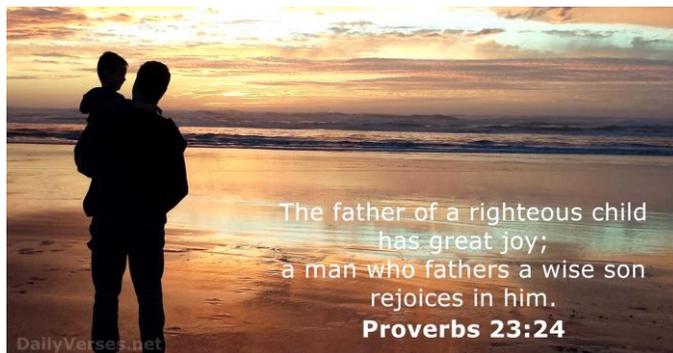
Correction: Gary Basford was left off as one of the helpers who helped move Jan Campbell to Centerville last month.

Thank you for praying for my son, **Michael**. He's some improved. Continued prayers for good diagnosis of the spot on his lungs (a huge concern for me).

Dorothy Noonan

Thanks to you and all the Elders of the Fairfield church of Christ for the great things you do. Carole & I have health issues that do not allow us to travel.

All the Best!
John Whitwell



Members: Faye Rochelle (St. Thomas Hickman), Helen Shanes, Bob James (diagnosed with liver cancer), Kenneth Chandler (Maury Regional), Deborah Perry, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Hester Moss, Raymond Stoltz (home), Dewayne Victory, Paul & Noble Victory, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Daniel Spears (brother of Laff-chemo therapy-cancer), Terry Clayborne (Horizon Medical Center-therapy), Harley Parker, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Michael Noonan, Doris Elam, Jean Greer, David Dansby, Neil Jobe, Alice Cagle, Adam Lawson, Mark Plunkett, Evan Boyd, 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 **heresies**, even **denying** the Lord who bought them.
3. "Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this **tent**, to stir you up by **denying** 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 **reminder** of these things after my **decease**."



Jun 20 - Puppet Show, during evening service, in Lift-Off



Center Fielders News

“Following the Father’s Example”

Every day I see more and more of my earthly father in me. I’ve notice I walk the way he walks and I’ve noticed I talk the way he talks, and I hope that makes him proud. And yes, I am also proud to be his son. He has set for me an example to following life consisting of respect, honesty, integrity, and most of all unconditional love!

The way we think of our Heavenly Father has much to do with the way we were parented. If you are a father, my question to you is, “What image of the Lord are you portraying?” Many earthly fathers struggle with trying to make every decision the right one and trying not to make a mistake, but actually the best thing any parent can do is imitate God the Father.

Jesus, God’s Son, gave us an insight to who God is. Jesus demonstrated God’s attributes while He walked this earth. He was merciful, patient, gentle, compassionate, kind, and full of goodness. He healed the sick, provided for the needs of others, and offered forgiveness to anyone who would accept, but He didn’t hesitate to discipline or correct others when needed.

More than a solid education or material possessions, your child’s greatest need is a role model of devotion to God through prayer, Bible reading, and holy living. If you make knowing and following the Heavenly Father your first priority, you won’t have to worry about what kind of parent you will be!!

Happy Father’s Day!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF June 13, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP	188
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5572
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE JUNE 20

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Vance Willis
Scripture Reading: Zack Harvill
Scripture: Proverbs 23:22-25
Preside Lord’s Supper: Josh Copley
Alternates: Chris Wright, Edwin Wright
Basement: Lafayette Spears, Roy McCoy
Announcements: Jerrie W Barber
Closing Prayer: Gary Bailey
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Wright
Scripture Reading: Edwin Wright
Scripture: Psalm 86:11-12
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Lord’s Supper: Boyce Cannon, Kenneth Jett
Closing Prayer: James Swaw
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mark your calendars! We will be having a VBS this year. It will be on Sunday night July 25th from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Field and on Sunday night August 1st from 6:00-8:00 at the Centerville Pool.

The theme for this year is “Walk by Faith.” If you would like to volunteer to teach, there is a sign-up sheet in the educational wing foyer. There are also sign-up sheets in both foyers if you plan to attend at the city pool. More information will be given soon.



THE INSTRUCTION OF A FATHER



Fathers are important to the development of children. We are thankful for those men who take seriously the command of Ephesians 6:4 by lovingly bringing their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord rather than provoking them to anger. In their interactions with their children, fathers must avoid relating to them in such a way as would discourage them (Col. 3:21). Above all pursuits of making one's children happy, promoting their worldly success, protecting them, or having harmonious relationships with them is the primary responsibility to teach them to follow the Lord's word.

The first thing a man can do to teach his children to love the Lord in obedience is to set the example himself. In Deuteronomy 6:7, the command was given to teach the Lord's words diligently to one's children; however, before this is the greatest command of all: "thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might" (Deut. 6:5). A man must first have God's words treasured in his own heart before he imparts them to others (Deut. 6:6). Children are perceptive enough to know what their parents' value and whether or not those values mesh with what their parents say. If I ask another to do as I say but not as I do, then my teachings will fall flat. Instead, Deuteronomy 6:7 shows how this instruction takes place alongside all of the daily tasks; the Lord's words are to be repeated and applied whether one is sitting at home or walking along a pathway, whether one is preparing to go to bed or arising to meet the day's work.

Deuteronomy 6:8,9 continues the thought with, "And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." A Jewish tradition of phylacteris arose where these verses of the Torah (such as Ex. 13:1-16; Deut. 6:4-9; 11:13-21) were placed in a small box and worn on the forehead and the forearm (Mt. 23:5); however, this tradition seems to be an overly literal application of Deuteronomy 6.

Just as God's words are not literally put on one's physical heart, but in a figurative way etched into the mind through memorization and reflection (Deut. 6:6), so these words were to be formative to the conscience by constantly thinking on them in everything one set out to accomplish. Phylacteries are usually worn only on special occasions of prayer, but God's word is to be with us always. It is not always practical to wear a box, but God's word has application to every facet of life. If fathers follow Deuteronomy 6:5-9, then God's word will be central to their lives. A father who undertakes painstaking efforts to engrave the words of God on the hearts of his children looks forward to this reward—that those words will be there to stay long after the father is gone.

Fathers, take time to be with your children. Love the Lord and cherish His words. Speak those words to your children all throughout the various activities of life. Discipline your children. Instruct them in the Lord's ways. Love them enough to prepare them to live a wise and righteous life here on earth and an eternity in heaven.

*Mark Day
Flatwoods church of Christ
Flatwoods, KY*

WORRY

By Janice Mayberry King

Worry, worry, worry
That's all we ever do
What may or may not happen
What might or might not be true

We worry about the news and weather
We worry all the time
Also, about what we need or want
Or what is or is not mine

We lay awake at night
We toss and we turn
Can not fall to sleep
Won't we ever learn

We worry about tomorrow
What change may lay in store
We worry about
What might be next at our door

"They" say we worry
The right amount of time
But for the wrong things
Seems like no reason or rhyme

Put your faith in Jesus
Be thankful each and every day
Leave it all in His hands
Let life happen as it may