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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

As the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matthew 24:37

Noah's arks are popping up everywhere. A Dutch builder has a full-size replica on the Maas River in the Netherlands. There is a life-size fiberglass replica in Hong Kong. Another ark is closer to home for us, in Kentucky. And smaller versions of the ark sit here and there on sites around the world.

Hopefully, these replicas of Noah's Ark will remind us that we are living in the days of Noah. Both Jesus and Peter compare the days before the Flood to those preceding the return of Jesus.

Jesus says, "They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all" (Luke 17:27).

Peter says, "The world that then existed perished, being flooded with water." In a similar way, Peter added, the current earth is facing imminent judgment by fire (2 Peter 3:6).

In this age, we are "Noah's" ... preachers of righteousness in an evil age. Noah was in the minority when he got on the ark. But he was in the majority when he got off! Like Noah, we warn others that there is a judgment coming.

Noah persevered in his day, and we must do the same. Let's flood the world with gospel truth! Today is a good day to share the good news!

In Christian Love,

Mike





There will be a bridal shower this 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.

The Golden Agers will have a cookout at the church pavilion at 6:00 pm next Thursday, June 27th. Burgers, hot dogs and chicken will be provided. We ask that you bring side dishes or desserts; please let us know on the sign-up sheet what you plan to bring. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

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.

Mark your calendar now for VBS on July 14, 21, & 28. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers for teachers, volunteers and VBS t-shirts. Shirt sizes are needed by this coming Sunday; if you are unable to sign up by then but you do want a shirt, text Josh Copley at 931-994-3944 no later than June 26th.

We are seeking donations for the annual school supply drive that we sponsor each year. Please give your donation to Joyce Boyd or one of the elders by July 8th.

Chris England came forward Sunday morning asking for prayers to deal with the difficulties of Father's Day.

It was great to having Gary Bailey back to services on Sunday after having had surgery recently.

The Jail Ministry baptized Victoria White last Saturday.

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.



Members: Randy Prince (St. Thomas West), Dot Davidson (broken foot), Deborah McClellan (knee replacement surgery this past week), Sherry Breece, Joyce Boyd, Brenda Stoltz, Floy Cochran, Carolyn Phillips, Reda Springer (Skyline Medical Center-accident), Shanon Irwin (starting a new round of chemo soon), Kenneth Chandler (Maury Regional), 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 & doing well), Brian Powers, Martha Ann McCord, Jean Greer (ICU Dickson Horizon), Lou Gann, Gethlyn Gardner, Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Elizabeth Dunn, Nicholas Wright, Barbara Beard, Edwin Garner, Chris Chilton, David Stewart, Willie Lawler, James Coates (Clarksville healthcare facility-address on the bulletin board), Trevor Buchanan, Pam Sullivan, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Mary French, Anthony Stacks, David Talley, Billie Lynn Tyler, Cory Patterson (had liver bypass surgery this week and is home), James Stoltz, Grayson Gunter, 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.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Becky Gatewood**. She was a well-known teacher in our school system for many years. The funeral is/was Saturday at the Centerville Church of Christ.

Budget sheets for 2024 are in both foyers if you would like to pick one up.



Just Joshin'

I believe that it is safe to say that we live in a very self-serving society. The world will tell us that if we find monetary gain or fame or glory, then we will be successful. The world rewards, and almost praises, those who are selfish. As human beings, we have an intrinsic desire to succeed and to make something of ourselves; however, many of us look in the wrong places. With everything that we do in this life, we must stop and wonder why we do it. As much as the world says otherwise, intent does matter. So, today, let's take a look at what the apostle Paul tells us about intent and where our hearts should be. The passage for today comes from 1 Corinthians 10: 23-33.

In this passage, Paul is telling the Christians in Corinth that they should seek to do good for others instead of self-serving. He teaches this in a very fascinating way, as well. Previously in the chapter, Paul condemns idol worship. Many Christians, at the time, would not even consider eating food if it had been sacrificed to an idol first. Paul is clarifying that food sacrificed to idols is acceptable for consumption, however, if partaking of this specific food would cause another believer to lose faith, then it should be avoided.

Paul is urging his fellow believers to go above and beyond for one another. Even though eating meat sacrificed to idols is not sinful or inherently wrong, Paul wants us to prioritize our brothers and sisters in Christ. This raises a very interesting question for those of us in the church today: how far would we be willing to go for our fellow Christians? I can hardly imagine how strong the church would be if we abided by Paul's words.

It should be noted, doing good for others is not the only message that Paul leaves for us. In verse 31, Paul says, "...whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." I mentioned earlier that we live in a selfish world but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't work for a living to provide for ourselves and family. Unfortunately, there are many instances where our careers and hobbies can come between us and God. The work that we do can be done to further the kingdom of God and to give back to those around us. It all circles back to the idea of "intent." Are we working to give glory to God? Are we putting others before ourselves? Only by doing so will we see growth, strength, and unity in the church.

Josh

HOLD YOUR PEACE

The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace and remain and rest. Exodus 14:14

One time in scripture, when the Israelites were facing an impossible situation, God told them, "Hold your peace. Remain at rest, and I will fight your battles." Notice there was a condition, something the Israelites had to do. It's the same for us today. Hold your peace. That indicates something is trying to take it away—thoughts of worry, fear, anxiety. You might think, "What if it doesn't happen? What am I going to do?" If you will just stay in peace, the Creator of the universe, the Most High God will go to work on your behalf. Remember, nothing can stand against our God. He has all power. He stopped the sun for Joshua. He closed the mouths of hungry lions for Daniel. Whatever you face in life, if you will just hold your peace and remain at rest, God promises He will fight your battles and lead you into everlasting victory!

FORGIVENESS QUOTES

I never knew how strong I was until I had to forgive someone who wasn't sorry, and accept an apology I never received.

I can have peace of mind only when I forgive rather than judge.

Forgiveness does not excuse their behavior. Forgiveness prevents their behavior from destroying your heart.

Forgive others as quickly as you expect God to forgive you.

There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.
- Ephesians 4:32



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. There will be no 6:00 pm service.



JULY

- 1 George Petty, Jr.
- 4 Roberta Anderson
Derek Hutchings
- 6 Jan Choate
- 7 Meredith Kelley
- 9 Kaitlyn Harris
- 11 Clay Chandler
- 12 Keith Plunkett
- 13 Ella Truett
- 14 Daisy Marie Beard
Miranda England
- 15 Charlie McCoy
Melissa Plunkett
- 16 Dawn Mayberry
- 17 Don Beard
Dwight England
Adam Jude
- 18 Hudson Bates
- 19 Joni Prince
- 22 Paulette Baker
- 23 Barbara Chandler
Ryan Brady
- 25 Jeffrey Peebles
- 27 Buddy Chandler
Donnie Fielder
Harry Totty
- 29 Chastity Moss
- 30 Lisa Barber

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Woody Woodruff
Scripture Reading: Wes Crowther
Scripture: Revelation 4:11
Preside Lord's Supper: Harrison Kelley
Left: Phillip Coates **Right:** Don Beard
 Vance Willis Rusty Bates
 Boyce Cannon Chris Wright
 Norman George Tony McCoy
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett
Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson
Scripture: Matthew 7:12
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Adam Jude
Lord's Supper: Ken Copley, Boyce Cannon
Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno
Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright
Song Leader: Damon McCoy
Opening Prayer: Rodney Rochelle
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



JULY

- 1 John & Carol Anderson
- 7 Adam & Sarah Jude
- 10 Tony & Denise McCoy
- 12 Adam & Charlie Lawson
- 14 Lafayette & Liz Spears
- 15 Rodney & Sharon Rochelle
- 16 Chris & Teresa Kimbro
- 18 Marlin & Barbara Lawson
- 20 Darin & Lori Cochran
- 23 Randal & Renee Halbrooks
- 24 Edward & Melinda Sullivan
- 27 Gary & Janet Basford
- 28 Bob & Bobbie Graf
- 31 David & Tina Johnson
Dwight & Reba England

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