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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

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fairfieldcofc.org



Mike's Minute

"Who Held the Ropes"

After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him (Saul), but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night, they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall (Acts 9:23-25).

Who was the U.S. President that was shot on March 31, 1981? Surely, most people reading this would be able to correctly respond, "Ronald Reagan." But what if I were to ask for the name of the Washington D. C. police officer who stepped in front of President Reagan and took a bullet that was intended for the President? Could you tell me his name? I'm guessing that most people would not be able to recall his name.

This is just one example of countless individuals who have made notable differences in the world, but who have all but been forgotten by history. The Bible records one such example in Acts 9:23-25. The Jews in Damascus were so angry with Paul (called "Saul" at the time), they plotted to kill him. The Jews had all the exits to the city watched, day and night, to catch Paul. But, learning of the plot, some nameless brethren let Paul down through the city wall in a large basket. Had these nameless brethren not been willing to hold the ropes for Paul, his ministry may have been snuffed out before it even started.

Then there's your story. You may never be in the limelight. Your name may never become a household name, but you can make an eternal difference in the lives of countless people. You may not be the next "apostle Paul," but you can hold the rope, can't you? May I encourage you to stop focusing on what you can't do and your limitations, and look around you and "grab a rope!"

Steve Higginbotham
MercEmail Devotionals

In Christian Love,

Mike





The Homeless committee will meet at 6 pm in the basement on Monday night.

We have extended the deadline for the MAGI boxes until the end of July. We have now 40 boxes turned in so we want to give you extra time to turn in some more boxes to help with this worthy cause. Please return with a \$7.00 check made out to the Fairfield COC or cash to cover the cost of shipping the box. Boxes and a sheet with suggestions and restrictions for packing the boxes can be found in both foyers. *(the Mission Committee)*

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be here at Fairfield on Monday from 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm. To sign up please go online to redcrossblood.org or contact Margaret Martin with any questions.

There will be a bridal shower for Brooke Graham & Cole Patton on Sunday, July 21st from 2-4 in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Target, Walmart, Amazon & Bed, Bath & Beyond.

The Golden Agers will be going to the Plantation Restaurant on Thursday, July 25th leaving the church building at 5:30 pm. Signup sheets will be out soon.

Fairfield Secret Pal Ladies will be hosting a Christmas in July Ladies breakfast on July 27th at 9:00 am in the basement. This is for all ladies. Please bring a Christmas ornament to exchange & join us for a morning of fellowship. Signup sheets will be out soon.

*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.

AREA EVENTS

You're invited to our Gospel Meeting with Tracy Love on July 14 – 17 at the Brushy church of Christ. Theme is "Encouraging Jesus." Times of services are: 9 am Bible Class, 10 am Worship, a fellowship meal following worship, 7:30 pm Sunday evening, Monday thru Wednesday at 7 pm.

There will be a Gospel Meeting at the Liberty Lincoln church of Christ in Fairview on July 21-26 with speaker Randy Kersey, Sun. Bible study, 9 am; Worship 10 am; Pot luck following worship; Sun-Fri evening at 7:30 pm.



Members: Amber McDonald, Kathy Rose, Minnie Powers, Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, Barbara (Edgar) Beard, Dot Davidson (hip surgery this week), 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: Cooper Parker (newborn son of Alesha Parker, lung issues, premature), Teresa Noonan, Larry Neumann, Dennis Bradburn, Paul Bryant, Grayson Gunter (in ER), Laura Plunkett, Connie Grimes, Annalyn Holt, Lena Harrell, Edna Copley, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Bobby Mack Dunn, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Ray Woodruff, 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: Mary Carolyn McClanahan, Kitty Halfacre, Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, Georgia Belle Smith, & Jim Wright (Horizon).

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

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown

Tommy Yokley is now at home on hospice care.



The family of Donald Dorton would like to thank everyone for the love and support that has been shown to us during this very difficult time. The many acts of kindness to us was greatly appreciated. Thanks so much.

The Donald Dorton family

Thank you for remembering Donald with the gift of the chimes and for over 20 years of fellowship.

*The Family of Donald Dorton
Thelma Stewart, Steve & Daryl Phillips, Paul Dunn,
Diane & David Weatherspoon, Doyle & Dee Dee Dunn,
Cindy Ellis*

Thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls, food and visits when I had my surgery. Your love and concern mean a lot.

*In Christian Love,
Minnie Powers*



Center Fielders News

"The Sent One Sends"

Have you ever been instructed by someone to tell another person to perform a certain task? Galatians 4:4 says "But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son." God had a mission for Jesus. He was to reveal the New Covenant (New Testament) and then seal it with His blood. This He did when He was crucified. During His ministry, Jesus said many times that He had come to do His Father's will, not His own. His Father's will will include calling men to be disciples, instructing them, and sending them to preach the Gospel.

At His ascension, Jesus said that the disciples should go first to Jerusalem, then to all Judea and Samaria, and finally to the uttermost part of the earth. But they needed to wait until the Holy Spirit would be poured out on them.

The Sent One is still sending His followers to witness and testify about the Good News of salvation. He has told us to go into all the world, preaching the Gospel, teaching "all things" that He has commanded, and baptizing those who repent and believe. When the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost, the church was established. Since then, Jesus works through the church to exercise the sending process.

Are you available to be sent? Christ expects us to be witnesses for Him wherever we are. Ask yourself today, will I fulfill the commission to which I am called?

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!

ANGIE LASTER, THE FOUR COUSINS BAND, PAM HINSON, TIM HARTMAN & BOBLAMBERT. PAM

HINSON WILL BE OUR MC.

FOOD FROM THE GRILL & SILENT BAKE SALE & AUCTION

SAT. JULY 13TH 5 - 8 PM

**Fairfield Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall**



Hot Dog, 2 sides & Drink - \$5.00

Burger, 2 sides & Drink - \$6.00

Chicken, 2 sides & Drink - \$7.00

Desserts - \$1.00

**Sides: Potato Salad, Chips, Baked Beans or white beans and slaw
We need baked goods for dessert and for the silent auction.**

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR JULY

July 14 – 3rd – 5th grade Devo, during evening service @ FH

July 16 – Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 pm @ FH

July 21 – Puppet show during evening service

July 30 – Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 pm @ FH

**The Elders will meet with the deacons
on July 28th at 4:30 pm.**



**Who Made
This Road?**

Ever drive down a road and wondered what kind person would design something like this? Well, if you live in New York chances are it was Robert Moses. He was an urban planner that helped to design many of the highways and bridge systems in New York City. His ideas were often controversial and range from the displacement of thousands of people from their homes to his plans that lead to the Dodgers leaving town.

But the oddest thing about the man, the same man that helped create America's Car Culture, the man critics claimed "*loved cars more than people*" is he never learned to drive.

It is an example of how people can be experts in others' business. It is easy to tell others what to do, but it is much harder to make ourselves do the same things. In those times we need to remember Galatians 6:3-5, "*For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. For each one will bear his own*"

*Barry Haynes
Hope church of Christ
Hope, AR*

HELP ME

Help me find somebody today who needs what I have to share: a kind word, a thoughtful deed, a bit of loving care.

Help me to take the time to be an understanding friend to someone who needs a helping hand on which they can depend.

Help me to love as Jesus loves, that same unselfish way. Help me to be like Jesus in all that I do and say.

