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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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931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

We need a better America. That is one of the few things upon which most Americans currently agree. What can Christians do to help create a better country? I want to mention 5 things. They are all lifted from 1 Timothy 2:1-6.

Pray. *I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone- for kings and all those in authority.* Too many believers treat prayer like a spare tire. We only pull it out in emergencies and when the crisis has passed, we put it back in the trunk. In this text, the Apostle Paul says prayer is not a last resort... it is a first impulse. We can and should do more after we pray, but the first thing we should do is pray.

Peacemaking. In verse 2, Paul goes on to say *that we may live peaceful and quiet lives.* "Peaceful" and "quiet" are synonyms. They mean "without turmoil." Christians are to, as much as possible, avoid turmoil. We are to have the peace that passes understanding in our hearts and share that peace with the world by being peacemakers. Remember, Jesus didn't say *blessed are the troublemakers!*

Piety. Paul says that we should live *in all godliness and holiness.* America needs fewer critics and more models. Let's model for the world the belief and behavior we want to see in the rest of the country. Jesus says believers are the salt of the earth. Let's get out of the salt shaker, into the world, and show people that our way of life works best.

Proclamation. *This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth (vs. 3-4).* The country gets plenty of bad news. Let's give them some good news. God wants everyone to be saved. Could there be better news than that? Let's spread this news with as much fervor and consistency as the national media spreads its bad news.

Preservation. *For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ.* Christians want peace... but not at any cost. It is better to divide over truth than to unite over error. The truth is that there is one God and only one path to that God. The path is Jesus. If people see that truth as narrow minded or bigoted, then so be it. That doesn't make it less true. We must hold on to the tenets of our faith no matter the cost.

What difference would it make in our nation if Christians doubled down on putting the teaching in this passage to work in our lives? Let's try it and see!

In Christian Love,

Mike





Senior Day will be this Sunday following the morning service with a special lesson for seniors. We will have a slide show presentation after worship. Following that we will move to the Fellowship Hall for a finger food meal. If you feel comfortable, please join us. Please make plans to come and help celebrate our great seniors from Fairfield.

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be here on Monday, July 13th from 12:30-5:30 pm. Signup online at redcrossblood.org or see Margaret Martin.

The Christmas in July ladies' breakfast will be held, July 18th at 9:00 am. All ladies are invited – bring an ornament to exchange and enjoy a morning of fun and fellowship. Sign-up sheets are out for the breakfast. Please sign up if you are planning on attending.

Shhhhh...It's a surprise! Celebrating 50 years, Robert & Shirley, hosted by the King family Saturday, July 25th at 5pm at Springer House Events in Centerville. RSVP Corey King at 931-626-0105 by July 17th.

We now have Mission burgers available for purchase of 10 patties for \$15. Please see Randal Halbrooks.

Anyone interested in helping to learn the live streaming of our services, see Jerrie Wayne or Rick.

We will have van service this Sunday for the morning worship only at 9 am & no classes. Sunday evening, at 6:00 pm but with NO van service. Josh Copley will be preaching. Mike Kelley will teach Wed. night.

COMMUNION PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00-4:00 PM AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THOSE WHO WON'T BE ATTENDING ON SUNDAY MORNING.



1 corinthians 13:7-8



Members: Bobbie Baird (chemo started Thursday), Carolyn Phillips, Terry Duncan, Kenneth Chandler (eye surgery doing good), Gerry Hinson, Paul & Noble Victory, Rickey Weems, Angie Stacks, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Raymond Stoltz, Hester Moss, James Hassell, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: John Plemmons, Jr. (ankle surgery Monday), Norman Martin, Randy Hall (son-in-law of Gerry Smith), Chuck Sherrell, Cornelia Chandler, Garry Greer, Rick Lee, Helen Shanes, Jimmy Jenkins, Alan Dickens, Trace Warren, Amanda Myles & Holly Dickens, Charlie Shelton, Harley Parker, B.J. Springer, Ruby Church, Wayne Winters, Carolyn Nash, Sandy McFarlin, Linda Jones, Nancy Coursey, Rachael Bellis, Len Womack, Jerry Milam, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fagan, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Ron Gossett, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, Adam Lawson, Mark Wright, Donna Popp, Tommy Cagle, Jimmy George, Jackson Bates, & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey, Jo Hudgins (hospice), & Sybil Jenkins.

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown

NHC Dickson: Dollie Wheeler

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF July 5, 2020	
MORNING WORSHIP	134
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3693
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167





Center Fielders News

“Sufficient Grace”

Have you ever filled out a resume? After reading it back to yourself does the head swell a little with all the achievements that you listed about yourself? Self-confidence is great but self-promotion should be difficult for a servant of God.

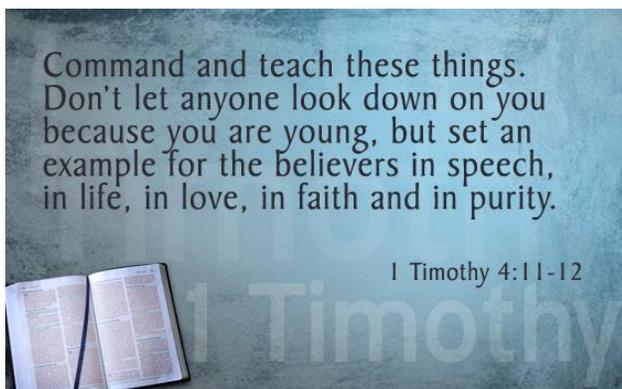
Paul seemed to struggle with this internal battle throughout the book of 2nd Corinthians. His reputation had been tarnished by rumors and his only hope was to give his apostolic resume. That resume comes to a close at the beginning of chapter 12. Paul acknowledged that the discussions made him look foolish, but they were necessary for the Corinthian church.

When reading the chapter, things take an important turn when Paul reveals that God allowed an agonizing struggle be part of his life. The reason? In Paul’s words it was to, “to keep me from becoming conceited.” Paul had an impressive resume and that resume might have become a source of personal pride. Paul repeatedly sought for the removal of this physical hindrance, but God simply responded, “My grace is sufficient for you, My power is made perfect in your weakness.” Paul knew, due to the power of God’s sufficient grace, that he would be able to fulfill his ministry to the Corinthians.

We, as God’s servants today, do well to appreciate this same principal. It might be tempting to pray hard and long, as Paul did, for the removal of every physical trial or every difficult situation in our lives. Yet, God may be using those very things to show His power in our weakness while still providing His grace for our endurance. Man’s words might inflate our egos, but God’s sufficient grace is powerful enough to keep us humble and supply our confidence, all at the same time. Thanks be to God for His sufficient grace.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



MEN TO SERVE JULY 12

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Scripture Reading: Lafayette Spears
Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:11-13
Opening Prayer: Willie Powers
Preside Lord’s Supper: Rodney Rochelle
Alternates: Keith Harvill, Zack Harvill
Basement: Ken Copley, Josh Copley
Announcements: Marvin Truett
Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Marvin Truett
Scripture Reading: Randal Halbrooks
Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Lord’s Supper: Wayne Prince, Mike Batts
Closing Prayer: James Swaw
NO VAN SERVICE

HAPPY 4th of JULY

**WOMEN ARE SAFE, INC
WISHLIST**

- * Bath towel sets-bath size, hand towels and wash cloths (to replenish our “new client welcome baskets”)
- * Laundry Baskets (for “new client welcome baskets”)
- * Cleaning Supplies (General purpose cleaner, kitchen cleaner, floor cleaner, bleach, Clorox wipes)
- * Straight Talk Cell Phone (for clients)
- * Straight Talk Cell Phone Prepaid Minutes Card (for clients)
- * Shelving, clothes racks, shoe racks (for use in our Clothes Closet)
- * Television wall mounts for 42”-46” television
- * First Aid kit for office

Due to the pandemic, we are only accepting “new” items. All donations can be shipped to:
131 West End Avenue
Centerville, TN 37033

WILL GOD BLESS AMERICA?

14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place (2 Chronicles 7:14)

This past weekend our nation celebrated its 244th birthday. In nearly every community, people memorialized the efforts and sacrifices of past generations who labored so diligently to secure freedom and liberty. This nation was founded on biblical principles and because there were more God-fearing people per capita of any other nation in the world, the USA was blessed by God. In those 244 years, America has experienced phenomenal growth. It has advanced beyond any of the nations of the world. The citizens have been able to live a lifestyle of luxury not imagined by the people of most nations.

While the founders of the nation seemed to be God fearing people during these 244 years, some serious mistakes have been made. The civil war marked a time when America was at its lowest point. Especially in the south, people were enslaved in some of the worst and ungodly conditions called involuntary servitude. To eliminate this curse, thousands died. It required years of toil and sacrifice to begin healing the nation. Some feel the problem continues to exist in some communities. The crime rate in some cities only serves to add to the problem.

The Scripture text for the day expresses a solution to the problems still existing in this nation. God was instructing King Solomon what was necessary for his nation to continue. Without God guiding the nation, it would not survive. While this advice was given thousands of years ago, it is still the guide for the nation who has a desire to survive. America must not forget that the future is in God's hands. He is still in control. And only the nation who puts God first will survive. Yes, it is time for a revival in America.

*Bill Hopkins
Ravenna, OH*



Humorous Illustrations on the Tongue

(from a sermon by Adrian Rogers):

One young man was working in the produce department of a supermarket. A lady said, "Young man, I would like to buy ½ a head of lettuce." He said, "Well, ma'am, I don't think we can sell ½ head of lettuce." She said, "Young man, I said I only want ½ head of lettuce. Do you understand?" "Well," he said, "pardon me, let me go check."

So, he went back to the manager of the produce department, & said, "Boss, there's an old lady out there who has a face like a hatchet & is a little odd, & she wants ½ a head of lettuce." He then turned around & the woman was standing right behind him. He quickly added, "and you know, boss, I think we're in luck because this dear lady wants the other half."

After it was over, the boss sat him down & said, "Son, you're a remarkable young man. Your comeback was pretty sharp. Maybe you can go places. By the way, where are you from, son?" He said, "Saginaw, Michigan." The boss asked, "what is it known for?" He said, "great hockey teams & ugly women." "Well," he said, "son, my wife is from Saginaw, Michigan." "Oh," he said, "what team does she play for?" Once again, our tongues can quickly get us into a lot of trouble. As a matter of fact, the words we use & the way we speak is a sign of our spiritual maturity or lack of it.

Zig Zigar told a funny story about Mr. Sparks, a business executive, who'd been to his health club to work out during his lunch hour. Running late to return to his office, he was speeding & was stopped & issued a ticket which highly irritated him. When he got back to the office, he was still irritated so he called in the sales manager & read him the riot act.

Now this steamed the sales manager who went to the secretary & barked: "Why aren't the letters I gave you to finish not done? I want them done now." That made the secretary angry, so she went to the receptionist & said, "Look at all this work I have to do, & you sit there & file your nails. Since you don't have anything to do, why don't you help type these letters? You just sit around here & try to look pretty."

Well this really irritated the receptionist, & when she got home, she walked into the house & saw her 12-year old son watching T.V. with a little hole in his pants. She was so angry she said, "Look at that. You've torn your pants. You go upstairs & no T.V. or dinner for you." The poor, little kid didn't know exactly what had happened. But as he was going upstairs, the cat made a mistake & walked in front of him. So, he kicked the cat & said, "You get out of my way."

Then Zigar asked: wouldn't it have been better if Mr. Sparks had just gone directly from the health club to the switchboard operator's house & kicked the cat himself?

Submitted by Ralph Weinhold; Danville (AR) church of Christ