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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

*You shall march around the city, all you men of war;
you shall go around the city once. This you shall do six days.*

Joshua 6:3

It was a very unorthodox plan. Who ever heard of conquering a city by simply *marching around it?*

Picture the quizzical looks on people's faces as they asked, "Let me get this straight. We are going to walk around Jericho... and the walls are just going to fall down? That's it? That's the plan?"

Sometimes, we don't understand God's plan. One of the hardest things in the Christian life is when God directs you to do something, but you can't figure out why. Our part is to obey God's directions, even if they don't make sense to us.

Maybe God involves us in far-fetched plans so that when they succeed, we can't take the credit. Taking credit on our part leads to pride and independence from God.

Joshua couldn't take the credit for the fall of Jericho. That was a plan only God could create.

Remember that God has some amazing plans for you. Follow His direction. Believe that God has a wonderful purpose and plan for your life.

I love the words of William Cowper...

"God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm."

In Christian Love,

Mike




Thomas Harvill was baptized last Saturday by the local Jail Ministry team.

The Mission Committee will meet next Wednesday, July 17th, at 6:00 pm in Room 104.

The 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. Craig Shelton is the auditorium speaker. VBS is for adults, too.

Christmas in July Ladies Breakfast will be held July 20th at 9:00 am in the basement. Please bring a friend and an ornament to exchange for a good time to be had by all. Signup sheets are in both foyers.

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.

RESPONSE

Joyce Bruno came forward Wednesday evening asking for prayers of peace and patience as she deals with ongoing health issues.



We express our sympathy to **Chastity Moss** and her family on the death of her great aunt, **Peggy Stinson**.

We also express our sympathy to the family of **Tristan James** of the Pinewood Community, who died in an automobile accident Tuesday. He is the son of **Phillip & Misty James**. The funeral was on Friday at McDonald Funeral Home.



Members: Yvonna Caillouet, Brenda Stoltz, Marlin Lawson (reverse shoulder replacement surgery July 18th), Dave Davidson, Kita Wright, Brenda Scott-Carroll, Randy Prince (home), Deborah McClellan, Sherry Breece, Joyce Boyd, Floy Cochran, Carolyn Phillips, Reda Springer (Skyline Medical Center-accident), Shanon Irwin, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Woody Woodruff, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes (hospice in Dickson facility), & Jo Ann Totty (St. Thomas Hickman swing bed).

Friends & Family: Ronnie Carroll (knee replacement July 19), Gail Brown (friend of Barbara Meador-surgery soon), Judy Baggett, Chris Kimbro, David Gossett, Jimmie Jenkins, Ryan Edwards, Brian Powers, Martha Ann McCord, Jean Greer, Lou Gann, Gethlyn Gardner, Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Nicholas Wright, Barbara Beard, Edwin Garner, Chris Chilton, David Stewart, Willie Lawler, James Coates (Clarksville healthcare facility), Trevor Buchanan, Pam Sullivan, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Mary French, Anthony Stacks, David Talley, Billie Lynn Tyler, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Grayson Gunter, Stephanie Pitman, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Dot Davidson (rehab), Kenneth Chandler (therapy), Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard.



July 14 - VBS Ice Cream Social to follow
July 16 - Middle/High School devo, 6:30-8:30, @ FH
July 21 - VBS Popcorn & Candy fellowship to follow
July 28 - VBS Hot Dogs, Inflatables & Games to follow



Just Joshin'

I remember, as a kid, when I would be watching tv in the living room and my parents would yell, "Josh, your room is a mess. Clean it this instant!" The moment I heard those words, I would immediately start another episode of a show as an excuse. I did this in an attempt to flee my responsibility. "I'll do it later, but I really can't right now." What a negative mindset, right? Well, I am almost certain that we have all been in a similar state of mind. We dread being asked to do tedious jobs and chores. Many of us despise being given responsibility for something with which we want nothing to do and will do whatever it takes to avoid doing it. Now I raise a question: do we keep this same mentality with God? Have we found ourselves fleeing from God's commands? If so, why? Is it fear? Pride? Whatever the reason might be, if you answered "Yes," then you are in biblical company.

The prophet, Jonah, found himself faced with the command of going into the wicked city of Nineveh and prophesying to them. Upon hearing this, he ran. He responded to God's command with disobedience. We are so early into this story and we already begin to see reflections of ourselves in Jonah. We, sometimes, are afraid of pursuing the path that God asks us to take. The story of Jonah teaches us very quickly what will happen if we try fleeing from God. Midway through chapter 1 of Jonah, we see that God sent a great storm upon the ship on which Jonah was attempting to escape. This storm would not be settled until Jonah gave himself up. Once he accepted his fate and was cast overboard, the storm quieted, and Jonah was swallowed by a great fish. Within this fish, Jonah went to God in prayer and repented, for he had seen the error of his ways.

Following his repentance, he was spat out by the fish and onto dry land. He used his newfound spiritual strength to press on towards Nineveh where he completed the journey God required of him. He told the city that destruction awaited them if they failed to repent and, much to Jonah's surprise, they did! Jonah 3:10 reads, "When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it." A city was saved because of Jonah's willingness to fulfill God's will,

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even if he fled at first. When we find ourselves turning our backs on God and trying to escape His commands, we should know that God is willing to forgive us. He can make a change in our lives so that we can change the lives of others, just like Jonah.

To God be the Glory,

Josh

GOSPEL MEETING



Liberty Lincoln church of Christ in Fairview on July 21-26 with speaker Michael Crowder. Bible study 9:00 am; Morning worship 10:00 am; Potluck lunch following worship; Sunday evening worship 7:30 pm; Monday thru Friday evening 7:00 pm.

Little Lot church of Christ in Lyles on Sunday July 21st only with speaker Dennis Tidwell. Morning service 10:30 am; Meal after the service and evening service at 2:00 pm.



There will be a bridal shower for **Alyssa Aydelott**, bride elect of **Matthew Cozart**, on Saturday, July 13th in the Fellowship Hall here from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. All ladies are invited. They are registered at Amazon.

REMEMBER TO FORGET

"For their sins and their iniquities, I will remember no more." Hebrews 10:17

Our memory is a wonderful thing,
An important part of life.

But we need sometimes the opposite;
It is good to remember to forget.

Forget the sins which are forgiven,
For Christ's blood forgave all.
Sin unto death is no longer a threat;
So let us remember to forget.

Those mistakes we made in the past,
Can haunt us day by day,
Those sins which have so easily beset;
Unless we remember to forget.

We have the blessing of daily Prayer,
when wrongs can be forgiven.
We can be at peace at each sunset;
If we can remember to forget.

There is always God's grace
where our sins are oft forgotten.
So live with joy and not regret;
Just remember to forget.

-Dennis Doughty

THE CARE GIVER

He holds her hand and strokes her arm
And draws her close to him
To reassure the fading mind
That love will not grow dim.

He shields her from the outside world,
From any kind word;
Responds to endless questions asked,
Whose answers are not heard.

He does for her what she can not
And guides her ev'ry step
With patient, tender quietness
Born of the need to help.

He leads her through the shadows of
A life with meaning gone
And suits his habits to her needs
From dawn till dusk to dawn.

For those who love do ever give
Of self, whate'er the cost
To reassure that fading mind
That all is not yet lost.

And seeing, God will surely bless
Such loving care bestowed,
Give comfort, strength and peace of mind
To him who bears the load.

Ann L. Phoenix, 1990

MEN TO SERVE**SUNDAY MORNING:**

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Ronny Pitman

Scripture Reading: Robert Graf

Scripture: Psalm 63:1-4

Preside Lord's Supper: Gary Bailey

Left: Jeffrey Peebles **Right:** Jerrie W Barber
James Jett Wyatt H Barber

Vance Willis Dalton Barber

Tommy McClanahan Nathan Carroll

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Roy McCoy

Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

SUNDAY EVENING:

Opening Prayer: Rodney Rochelle

Auditorium Speaker: Craig Shelton

Lord's Supper: Adam Jude, Boyce Cannon

Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Willie Powers

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF July 7, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP 220

CONTRIBUTION: \$5898

2024 WEEKLY BUDGET \$5417

Useless But Interesting Information

Beethoven dipped his head in cold water before he composed.

Peter Falk, who played "Columbo," had a glass eye.

There are 45 miles of nerves in the skin of a human being.



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