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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

*And let us not grow weary in doing good,
for in due season we will reap,
if we do not give up.*

Galatians 6:9

A cynical author sought to escape big city life by moving to a little house in the country. His house was situated across the street from a farm. He often looked up from his writing and saw, through his library window, his neighbor engaged in a wide variety of jobs that needed doing on the farm.

He watched as the man mended a fence after his cattle had broken through it. He watched as the man replanted a field after a heavy rain washed out a recent planting. He watched as the farmer made repairs to his tractor and removed several large stones from his field after a tractor blade had broken.

The farmer seemed to work from sunup to sundown, doing battle against the elements and facing one problem after another with boundless energy and determination. The author began to wonder about the man's persistence and optimism.

One day the writer strolled from his cottage to talk to the farmer. "You amaze me," he said after greeting his neighbor. "You never seem to lose heart. Do you always hope for the best?"

The farmer considered that for a moment, then answered with a gleam in his eyes, "No, I don't hope for it— I *hop* for it!"

It takes more to plow a field than merely turning it over in your mind.

In Christian Love,

Mike





There will be a short meeting with all ladies involved in Secret Pals after classes on Sunday in room 104.

We are collecting donations for school supplies for the upcoming school year. Please give your monetary donations to Joyce Boyd or one of the elders. The last day for donations will be this Sunday.

The Blood Mobile will be here at the Fellowship Hall on Monday from 12:30 to 5:30pm. Please call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "Centerville19" to schedule an appointment to donate blood.



We are coming to your neighborhood.

Where: **Centerville - Fairfield Church of Christ**
 When: **Thursday, July 22, 2021**
 Pre-registration is required. Call: **1-888-653-6450**

To register for your appointment and to receive a special \$10 discount, please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners

PACKAGE 1

Plaque, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package – 4 tests for only **\$139!**

PACKAGE 2

Add an Osteoporosis Screening for only \$10 more – 5 tests for only **\$149!**
 A **\$181** savings!

The "Christmas in July" ladies' breakfast will be held on July 24th at 9am in the basement. All ladies are invited to attend. Bring an ornament to exchange and if you have a Christmas apron, please wear it or bring it with you. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

The Golden Agers will be going to the Plantation Restaurant in Dickson on Thursday, July 29th. The bus will leave the building at 5:30pm. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

MAGI boxes are available for pick up. Deadline to return the filled boxes along with \$7.00 cash (or check made to Fairfield Church of Christ) to cover shipping is August 29th.

Room 103 in the Educational Wing will now be open during services for use as a nursery for those who wish to use it.

Members: Angie Stacks (home after surgery), Faye Rochelle, Helen Shanes, Bob James, Kenneth Chandler, Deborah Perry, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Raymond Stoltz, Dewayne Victory, Paul & Noble Victory, Elizabeth Tarkington, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Jackson Deas, Daniel Spears, Harley Parker, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Michael Noonan, Doris Elam, Jean Greer, David Dansby, Neil Jobe, Alice Cagle, Adam Lawson, Evan Boyd (home), Donna Gaspard, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, McKinley Moore, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Hester Moss, Harold Choate, Billie Church

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Barbara Beard, Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

WELCOME TO VBS 2021

The theme for this year is "Walk by Faith." **Craig Shelton** is the guest speaker in the auditorium and **Matthew Dotson** is teaching the middle/high school class. We will be having hot dogs and ice cream after services. On August 1, we will be having VBS at the Centerville city pool. Pizza will be served at the pool. We will also be having our regular church service for those that do not wish to attend at the pool.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Marie England**, who passed away on Saturday. She was the mother of **Jennifer Lynn**. Her funeral was on Tuesday.



Center Fielders News

“Should Bow and Shall Bow”

*At the name of Jesus every knee should bow...*Philippians 2:10

*As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow before Me...*Romans 14:11

The word “should” is not as sure as “shall.” We say, “I should do this or that, but I just haven’t found the time to do it.” But when we say “I shall do this or that”, we make every effort to do it. It is in these senses that “should” and “shall” are used in the verses above. When God says “shall” it is a sure thing.

In today’s society, we live in a “should bow” world. No one is forced to yield to God and obey His commandments; the choice is totally up to that person. The Bible offers many invitations to bow before Christ in the here and now. Jesus said in John 7:37, “If any man thirst, let him come to Me and drink.” The Spirit and the Bride says come if he is thirsty” (Revelation 22:17).

Someday every person will come to a time of “shall bow”. Those who bow now will be ready to bow before Christ when He comes. And those who refuse to bow now will be compelled to bow then. As God said, “Every knee shall bow before Me, and every tongue shall confess that Christ is Lord.” But at that time it will be too late. Everyone will have to give an account of himself or herself to God” (Romans 14:12). Bowing today will make a difference on Judgment Day and in eternity--- between heaven and hell. The wise choice is to bow today!!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



July 18 - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service @FH
July 20 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ the FH
July 25 – VBS @ 6:00 pm
July 29-31 – Lifest Concert @ Hideaway Farm, Bon Aqua-
 Need youth volunteers, more details to come

MEN TO SERVE JULY 18

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Mike Breece
Scripture Reading: Keith Harvill
Scripture: John 14:1-3
Preside Lord’s Supper: Ken Copley
Alternates: Willie Powers, Wallace Smith
Announcements: Rodney Rochelle
Closing Prayer: Jerrie W Barber
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Scripture Reading: Edwin Wright
Scripture: Matthew 14:13-20
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Lord’s Supper: Chris Wright, Gary Wright
Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Adam Jude
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

*“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.
² In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³ If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”
 John 14:1-3*

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF July 11, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP	163
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4820
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

Our Hope is Built on Nothing Less

I once read about a teacher who was assigned to visit children in a large city hospital. Her job was to teach the children who were sick & confined to the hospital, so they didn't get behind in their schoolwork. One day, this teacher received a call requesting that she visit a little boy. She took the boy's name & room number & was told by the teacher on the phone, **"We're studying nouns & adverbs in his class now. I'd be grateful if you could help him with his homework, so he doesn't fall behind the others."**

It wasn't until the teacher got to the hospital that she realized the boy's room was located in the burn unit. No one had prepared her to find a young boy horribly burned & in great pain. Upset at the sight of this little boy, she awkwardly stammered, **"I've been sent by your school to help you with nouns & adverbs"**. When the lesson was over, the teacher left.

The next day, a nurse stopped her in the hall & asked, "What did you do to that boy?" The teacher thought maybe she had done something wrong & began to apologize. But the nurse stopped her & said, "No. You don't understand. We've been very worried about that little boy, but ever since your visit yesterday, his whole attitude has changed. He's beginning to fight back; he's beginning to respond to treatment. It's as though he's decided to live. What did you do?"

The teacher really didn't know, but two weeks later, the boy explained that he had completely given up all hope until the teacher arrived. His attitude changed when he came to a simple realization that he expressed: **"They wouldn't send a teacher to work on nouns & adverbs with a dying boy, would they?"**

There is a tremendous power in hope. We especially need hope during those times when everything seems to be crashing in upon us; times when we get the feeling that there seems to be no hope, that things are bad & will only get worse. Without hope, we're left with a feeling of futility, that can even destroy our basic desire to go on living. Hope is as necessary to the human spirit as oxygen is to the physical body. We must all have it, & without it, we begin to die.

*Ralph Weinhold
Danville, AR church of Christ*



This past Wednesday night, these kids were challenged to learn the books of the New Testament and they learned both the Old and the New Testaments. Well done!!

AREA EVENT

There will be a gospel meeting starting Sunday and going thru Wednesday at the Brushy church of Christ. The speaker will be Bill Watkins. Worship will begin at 10:00 am with a potluck to follow. Sunday evening worship is at 7:30 pm. Monday thru Wednesday services will begin at 7:00 pm.

Quotes and Sayings

"The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer." — F.B. Meyer

"I can forgive, but I cannot forget, is only another way of saying, I will not forgive. Forgiveness ought to be like a cancelled note – torn in two, and burned up, so that it never can be shown against one." — Henry Ward Beecher

"Prayer is not a hard requirement – it is the natural duty of a creature to its creator, the simplest homage that human need can pay to divine liberality." — Charles Spurgeon