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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

Super Senior Sunday. This past Sunday we finally had a chance to honor the graduating class of 2020 at Fairfield. What a great day it was! Our period of worship was followed by a meal and reception honoring the graduates. Then we moved back into the auditorium for a slideshow and gift presentations. Three of our graduates were awarded the Cochran Scholarship, in memory of the late Carl Cochran, a stalwart member of our congregation and community. A special thanks to Steve and Teresa Craft, Chris Wright, and Darin Cochran for their work in making the day happen. In typical 2020 fashion, the day started with strong storms, some local flooding, and power outages. Thanks to all of you who braved the wild weather to be a part of this special day. By the way, the day ended with two of our graduates in the pulpit, presenting Sunday evening sermons. Josh Copley spoke at Fairfield and Harrison Kelley spoke at Centerville. We are proud of our graduates... and expect them to do great things in the future.

How's It Growing? In the Sunday morning sermon, we talked about the need for spiritual growth among Christians. God demands that we grow. *But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).* God doesn't want us to just go through life... He wants us to *grow* through life. Jesus compared baptism to being *born again*. Newly baptized believers are baby Christians. It becomes their responsibility to grow up, spiritually. Jesus demonstrates growth. Luke 2:52 is a summary statement, telling what Jesus was up to between the age of 12 and 30. He was growing. *And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and favor with God and man.* The young man Jesus grew mentally, physically, spiritually and socially. Christians are to strive for growth in all those areas. I came across a quote on the subject of growth that I really like. "Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow." What new thing are you trying for God? Are you stepping outside your comfort zone in faith? Are you stretching yourself to acts of greater service? We may make fun of Peter for sinking in the water, but at least he got out of the boat! Will you? The Apostle Paul didn't rest on his former accomplishments, as impressive as they were. Instead, he said, *straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal...* (Philippians 3:13-14). Life is like a downward escalator... if you are standing still, you are heading downward. Let's all be sure we are straining for what is ahead!

In Christian Love,

Mike





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.

You are all invited to a farewell get together on July 25th from 1-4 pm in the fellowship hall for the Bailey family who will be moving to South Carolina at the end of the month.

There will be a bridal shower on July 26th from 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall for **Lizzie Banks**, bride-elect of Dalton Barber. They are registered at Target, Amazon & Wal-Mart.

We now have Mission burgers available for purchase of 10 patties for \$15. Please see Gary Wright if you are interested.

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, there will be NO van service. Rodney will teach Wed. night on Facebook.

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.



Congratulations to **James Jett** who was baptized Tuesday night by Mike Kelley. James is the son of **Kenneth & Kristie Jett** and the grandson of **Raymond & Brenda Stoltz**.

Acts 20:28-31

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. **29** I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; **30** and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. **31** Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears.



Members: Dallas Bailey, Bobbie Baird, Carolyn Phillips, Terry Duncan, Kenneth Chandler, 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: Christopher Jackson & family (minister of Jackson St. CoC- car accident), John Plemmons, Jr. (Life Care Center-931-729-7576), Norman Martin, Randy Hall, 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 12, 2020	
MORNING WORSHIP	131
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3314
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167





Center Fielders News

“Inner Life & Its Expression”

The scriptures set forth two kinds of inner life: carnal and spiritual. These two can be at home in the heart at the same time. For this reason, there is a constant battle, because “the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit is contrary to the flesh: and these are contrary to one another” (Galatians 5:17).

We obtain spiritual life by receiving Christ in faith and repentance. This involves humility, surrender of will, and brokenness before God. It is expressed in love for and obedience to the truth, respect for sacred things, and obedience to the authority set by God. There will be joy, peace, rest, power for pure living, confession of Christ before men, and willingness to suffer for Him. Jesus becomes the reason for our being and doing. This is the abundant life He came to give.

But there is a thief who wants to steal away this life and revive the carnal inner life that we receive by natural birth. Its traits are pride, envy, rebellion, stubbornness, anger, lust, hatred, and bitterness, which dwell naturally in our hearts. Carnal life is expressed in disobedience or eye service, disrespect toward authority and sacred things, mockery of the sincere and conscientious, an unbridled tongue, a casual spirit, self-defense, and self-justification. This kind of inner life destroys peace with God and with others, and it leads to eternal death in the end.

God has given us freedom to choose which kind of inner life will prevail. If it is the first, we are sheep in the fold of Christ---pure, peaceable, gentle, easily entreated, full of mercy and good fruit, and without partiality or hypocrisy. If it is the second, we are wolves in the kingdom of Satan.

Choose this day whom you will serve!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

***Prayer is the most important conversation
you will have all day!***

***“One of the most important
responsibilities in the Christian life is to
care about others, smile at them, and be a
friend to the friendless.” — James Dobson***

MEN TO SERVE JULY 19

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Scripture Reading: Wayne Prince

Scripture: Acts 20:28-31

Opening Prayer: Marvin Truett

Preside Lord’s Supper: Gary Bailey

Alternates: Ken Copley, Josh Copley

Basement: Rusty Bates, Gary Basford

Announcements: Rodney Rochelle

Closing Prayer: Vance Willis

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Edwin Wright

Scripture: Judges 2:10-11

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Mike Kelley

Lord’s Supper: Phillip Coates, Kenneth Jett

Closing Prayer: Mike Batts

NO VAN SERVICE



Carl & Floy Cochran recipients for 2020

Olivia Craft

Wyatt H. Barber

Joshua Copley

Congratulations Seniors!



Not pictured: Wyatt Irwin

Bible Quiz: James 1:1-20

1. To whom did James write this letter?
2. "Count it all ___ when you fall into various trials..."
3. James says the testing of your faith produces ___.
4. What should a Christian do if they lack wisdom?
5. A man that asks God for something but doubts he will receive it is called a ___-___ man.
6. "Let the lowly brother glory in his ___,"
7. "...but the rich in his ___,"
8. James says the rich will pass away like a ___ of the field.
9. "For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it ___ the grass..."
10. "So, the fish man also will fade away in his ___."
11. "Blessed is the man who endures ___."
12. Who is promised the crown of life?
13. God doesn't tempt people, but instead we are tempted when we are drawn away by our own ___.
14. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from ___,"
15. True or False: God is called the "Father of lights" in this section.
16. "So then, my ___ brethren..."
17. "...let every man be ___ to hear..."
18. "...___ to speak..."
19. "...slow to ___..."
20. James says the wrath of man does not produce the ___ of God.

Answers next week!



No Cheap Repentance

Sin has a cost. That's a concept we should be careful not to forget. If we do, committing sin becomes much less of a big deal. (At least in our own minds). I think this is a reason why Israel's law commanded a thief to give back more than he stole. Think about it: if you steal something, but you give it back, then no harm done, right? Well ... except you stole something, and there was a price to that. "The one whom the judges declare guilty must pay back double to his neighbor" (Exodus 22:9). You had to give twice as much as you stole to make it right. In some cases, even more than that.

When you really understand sin has a cost you're done with cheap repentance. Imagine this common scene: one sibling whacks another (accidentally or otherwise) and then mom says: "you tell your brother you're sorry!" So, the offender mumbles out "sorry" and then stomps off. That is really cheap repentance. A child who is con-science-stricken over their offense will take much more time and effort making it right. I'm talking hugs, offers to play whatever the other kid wants, that sort of thing.

Once David did something to offend God. To remedy this wrong he was told to go make an offering on someone else's property. The owner of this property was also very eager to make things right with God, so he offered David a means of cheap repentance. He was willing to give David the land, his oxen, his farming equipment... basically everything he owned. But David refused the offer. He said: "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing" (2 Samuel 24:24). It seems God was pleased with this attitude. That very site later became the location of the temple.

When you do something wrong don't try to get out of the situation as cheaply and painlessly as possible. God gave Jesus to suffer and die for our sin. What a costly sacrifice! How can we try to get away with the minimum when God gave it all? How could we offer to God only what costs us nothing? No, if you wrong someone make every effort to make it right. Give back twice as much as you took. You could even pull a Zacchaeus and give back four times the amount. Then you will be honoring Jesus by acknowledging that sin has a price.

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