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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

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me."

Luke 10:38-40

Hard workers (like Martha) beware! Note three potential problems...

First, while asking for help (a legitimate request), you point to your own accomplishments (prideful).

Second, while calling Jesus Lord (certainly appropriate), you question his judgment with implied criticism that he is not directing his team effectively (suggesting you are a better chief than he is).

Third, while acknowledging your relationship to another person (Martha referred to her sister), you criticize that person for failing to follow your lead (imposing your will as right and good just because it's productive).

A better way...

Never assume your own greatness.

- Support others in their special role.
- Ask Jesus for instructions and direction first, then get to work.

Follow that way and you will hear the words spoken of you that Jesus spoke concerning Mary in this text...

"Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her" (verse 42).

In Christian Love,

Mike




We welcomed back **Sherry Breece, Randy Prince & Kita Wright** back to Sunday morning services after sickness and/or surgery. It was great to see them!

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.

The **Golden Agers** will be going to eat at the Beacon Light on Thursday, July 25th. The bus will leave at 5:30 pm. Please sign up in either foyer if you plan to go.

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.

We will have our second week of Sunday night **VBS** this Sunday starting at 6:00 pm. Mickey Mathis will be the auditorium speaker. Invite your friends and neighbors! After classes are dismissed, we will have popcorn together in the Fellowship Hall.

If anyone has a digital camera with a sim card, and would like to take pictures or loan the church the camera for the fall festival, please see Adam Jude.

Our annual **Magi** boxes are now available in both foyers. Please take one and the sheet provided to fill the box. Deadline is September 29th.

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.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Jean Greer**, the mother of **Carla Woodruff**. She passed away last Friday. Funeral was Wednesday.



Members: Donna Pitman, Joyce Bruno (surgery went well), Yvonna Caillouet, Brenda Stoltz, Marlin Lawson (surgery postponed), Dot Davidson, Kita Wright, Brenda Scott-Carroll, Randy Prince, 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: Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Billie Lynn Tyler (Teresa Warren's sister-hospice), 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, Lou Gann, Gethlyn Gardner (Maury Regional-cancer), 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, Anthony Stacks, David Talley, 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: Kenneth Chandler (therapy), Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard.



A contribution was given in memory of **Alice Lynn** by **Phil & Diane Coates**.



July 21 - VBS Popcorn & Candy fellowship to follow
July 28 - VBS Hot Dogs, Inflatables & Games to follow



Just Joshin'

Trials and tribulations are common in our world today. We find our faith being put to the test each time we walk out of the house or every time we open social media. Serving God and being a Christian will not always be the most popular decision by any stretch of the imagination. If you ever find your faith in the face of fire, look no further than to the prophetic book of Daniel chapter 3 and therein lies all the comfort that you need.

Many of us are familiar with this story but I feel it important to review it. Daniel 3 finds three young men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who were friends of David, brought before King Nebuchadnezzar. These men were facing accusations for their faith. Nebuchadnezzar had erected a shrine, representing his power, that he demanded that his people worship. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were devoted to God and refused to praise anything but Him. The king heard of this and was outraged. He put them on trial for treason and gave them the opportunity to deny God and to praise him or else they would be cast into the fiery furnace.

Due to their great faith, they chose death over submitting to the whim of Nebuchadnezzar. In a fit of rage, the king had the three men bound and tossed into the fire. The furnace was heated seven times hotter than usual. However, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were unscathed. How could this be? God was protecting them. We have further proof of this in Daniel 3:25 where it reads, "He answered and said, 'But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.'" Although this fourth figure is still debated, we can safely assume that it is a pre-incarnate Christ that was walking with the three men in the fire. Nebuchadnezzar was amazed and even he, the narcissistic king, began to praise the might of God.

Not only will God watch over you as your faith is being put to the test, but He will walk with you through trials. Thankfully, in the United States we need not fear the persecution that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had to endure. We can worship freely. This does not mean, however, that
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we will not face hardships. We will have times of suffering. We will be scorned and laughed at for our faith. Do not let this discourage you. Stand strong in your faith and trust that God will walk with you through whatever fire you are facing, just as He did with those three young men in the book of Daniel.

To God be the Glory,

Josh



We are grateful for a church family like you. We thank each of you for the love and prayers from you all. It will take time for complete healing but thanks to prayers it is happening.

Randy Prince Family

Thank you so much for the food, calls, texts, beautiful cards and especially the prayers! I'm so thankful to be a member of this church.

Love,
Sherry Breece

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Zack Bentley

Scripture Reading: Wallace Smith

Scripture: Isaiah 25:1

Preside Lord's Supper: Harrison Kelley

Left: Josh Copley **Right:** Chris Love

Quincy Cochran Wes Crowther

Skyler Irvin Lafayette Spears

John Irvin Mike Worley

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Zack Harvill

Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

SUNDAY EVENING:

Opening Prayer: Kenneth Jett

Auditorium Speaker: Mickey Mathis

Lord's Supper: Gary Wright, Gary Basford

Closing Prayer: Willie Powers

Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Song Leader: Damon McCoy

Opening Prayer: Mathew Wright

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

VBS 2024 WEEK 1



FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF July 14, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	220
VBS SUNDAY NIGHT	167
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5898
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5417



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