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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

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.

(Matthew 5:9)

After years of research, Indiana University sociologist Dr. Donna Eder identified an important dynamic in gossip. Dr. Eder discovered that the initial negative statement is not the starting point for gossip. The key to gossip is found in the *response* to the initial statement. "He's a real jerk" is not the start of gossip. It's when the hearer of the original statement *agrees* that the gossip fest begins.

Dr. Eder found that the key is whether or not the negative statement is "seconded." If a "second" is provided the gossip ensues... if not, the conversation changes direction.

Dr. Eder summarized her research this way: "No matter how cutting the opening remark, an immediate quibble from a listener could send talk into a less critical direction."

The moral: we can abort gossip-bound conversations by quickly affirming the person being targeted for negative remarks.

Research on the subject of bullying has yielded similar findings. When *witnesses* of bullying get involved, either by challenging the bully or supporting the victim, the episode of bullying is likely to stop.

This research can be helpful to Christians who want to follow their Lord's teaching and be peacemakers. Peacemakers refuse to participate in gossip. Peacemakers challenge bullies and support victims. In doing these things, we promote peace.

In Christian Love,

Mike





It was good to see **Harry Totty** back this morning at services after having been sick for several months and **Kenneth Jett** was back at services this morning after having knee surgery.

Our VBS concludes this Sunday night. Our speaker in the auditorium will be Matthew Dotson.

Golden Agers will be going to The Plantation in Dickson on Thursday, July 28th. The van will leave here at 5:30. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

The annual school supplies drive is under way. Please give your donation to Joyce Boyd or one of the elders. Please make checks payable to Fairfield Church of Christ. We will take donations through July.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Smitty Carter**, brother-in-law of **Faye Williams** who passed away this week in Columbia.



I would like to thank you for the birdfeeder and the seeds. I want to thank everyone for the prayers, thoughts and calls during my sister's (Hootsie) illness and her death. My sister loved everyone of you. You were very special to her. For me, this church holds so many happy memories and love. I have to thank the elders and deacons and of course my church family. I love you all dearly. Thank you for your unconditional support and love you have had for me.

Thank you,
Rita Paulette Beard

P.S. My sister's family thanks you as well from Dorinda, Karen, Jason, Samantha and Jackson.

MEMORIAL

Paul & Noble Victory made a contribution to the church in memory of **James Hassell**.



Members: O.D. Pratt, Barbara Edwards, Tommy McClanahan (kidney transplant on Aug. 18th), Jan Hopkins-Campbell, Jewell Prince, Yvonna Caillouet, Janey Gilbert, Harry Totty, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, Dewayne Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Geraldine Amos (aunt of Boyce Cannon- stage 4 cancer), Helen Smith, Caleb Coates, Judy Hinson, Grayson Gunter, Mike Rhea (Dickson Horizon Hospital), Jimmy Loveless, Helen Jerpe, Michael Harvill, Jay Pickard, Mary Spears, Christians, missionaries, military personal & people in the Ukraine, Everett Kelly (Angie Green's dad is now home), J.B. Brown, Nancy Clancy, Gus Gilreath, Willie Taylor, Ray Weatherspoon, Kevin Chandler, Jo James, Lucille Morphis, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, Doris & Marjorie Claud, Rebeca Mears, Greg Zoller, Seth Williams, Elizabeth Dunn, Kelley Wilson, Billie Church, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, Donna Gaspard, Rita Stacks, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Anthony Stacks, Wilma Green, Francis Qualls, Hester Moss

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

NHC Columbia: Wilma Orton

RED CROSS

There were 27 pints of blood donated last Monday. Thank you.



July 24 - VBS, 6:00-7:00

July 31 - 5th Sunday--End of VBS Celebration, 4:00-6:00p
Inflatables, pizza and Water Fun (wear/bring clothes to get wet in and a towel)



Center Fielders News

“To Bless and Be Blessed”

Every day we are blessed because of God’s compassions and those compassions are new every morning. This is why we can bless anyone when we say, “Good Morning.” It gives us a good start in thankfulness with a sense of sincere gratitude toward God.

To be blessed is to go in the right direction and receive the good things of God. In the Beatitudes it’s understood that, when one experiences these blessings, it is because of God’s favor. God will lead that person further down the right path to receive more of His goodness and love. To receive the ultimate blessing from God one must faithfully put his talent to work for the Lord. This is what the Bible means when it says, “Enter into the joy of the Lord.”

How do we bless God? We bless God by giving Him worship. We bless God by bowing down before Him with adoration and praise. We want Him to receive the entire honor that is due Him! As we bless others, we desire that they honor and fear God as well.

God wants to bless His people. This is not just about feeling good, though it does feel good to be in God’s favor. What would be the difference between joy and feeling good? Joy may come in the form of tribulation where “feeling good” would not. Because after the tribulation, we will receive a blessing from that experience.

To have the peace of God is a blessing. Jesus’ desire for His disciples was “that in Me you might have peace.” Then He said, “In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” The “good cheer” is again a good feeling and a blessing. When looking for a blessing, one doesn’t have to look very far!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF July 17, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	206
VBS SUNDAY NIGHT	145
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4639
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE JULY 24

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Vance Willis

Scripture Reading: Keith Harvill

Scripture:

Preside Lord’s Supper: Norman George

Alternates: Phillip Coates, Gary Bailey

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Jerrie W Barber

Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates

Scripture:

Song Leader: Steve Baker

Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy

Lord’s Supper: Dale Dillingham, Boyce Cannon

Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno

Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Bobby McCoy

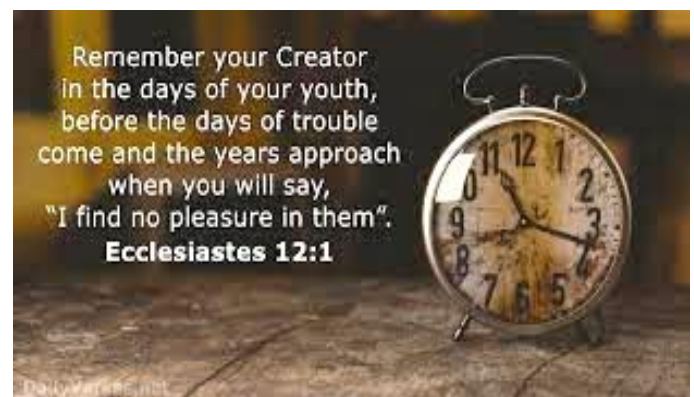
Invitation: Mike Kelley

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

5th Sunday

July 31st brings us to a fifth Sunday! Our speaker for the day will be **Woody Woodruff**. Potluck dinner will follow Bible classes and evening worship will be at 12:30 pm immediately following dinner. Contribution for the day will go towards the purchase of a **church van**.

Ladies’ Bible study will be Monday, July 25th, at 6pm in the basement.





GET READY TO LAUGH!

When I was a kid, I was a fan of Boys Life magazine. I especially liked the joke page at the end of each issue. When my parents invited our new young preacher, Burnice Westbrooks, to our house for Sunday lunch I couldn't wait to try out one of the jokes I had gleaned from the Boys Life magazine on him.

I was waiting in the driveway when he drove up and as he got out of his car I said, "My mother is going to treat you like a god at lunch today." Burnice looked perplexed, and said, "Oh really? What is she going to do?" I grinned as I delivered the punchline; "She's going to serve you burnt offerings!" He seemed to appreciate the joke. My mother was not amused.



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VBS WEEK #2

