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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 Traits Of Troublemakers

This past Sunday, I spoke on what I believe is a very important and timely subject... troublemakers. We have lots of troublemakers in the world these days. Have you noticed? We also have troublemakers in the church. Paul tells us the traits of troublemakers in 1 Timothy 1:3-7. Let's notice a few of these traits.

Troublemakers emphasize today over tradition. Troublemakers in the church in Ephesus were teaching things that were new and different than what the apostle Paul had taught during his 3 years of ministry there. Paul was determined to know nothing but Christ and him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2). The troublemakers in Ephesus thought this traditional message needed a little updating. Paul's message about Jesus was fine, in their way of thinking, but things had to be added, changed, and brought up to modern standards. This is how troublemakers think. If it's old, it's out. If it's traditional, it's trash. Many in the current generation seem to believe that no one knew anything until they arrived... that everything done before they arrived in this world was wrong and must be written out of history. Some in the church have decided that the simple gospel (the death, burial, resurrection, and return of Jesus) isn't enough anymore. It is. The *methods* we use to send out the gospel message may be updated (streaming our worship so that it can be seen online is an example) but the *message* must never change.

Troublemakers emphasize argument over action. We don't know the precise nature of the false teaching in Ephesus. We know it was related to the Old Testament Law and involved the genealogies found in the Law. Beyond this, we aren't sure of the content. However, we do know the result of the troublemakers' teaching. The result was *controversial speculations* and *meaningless talk*. In society in general and in church, we talk too much and do too little. We preach more than we practice. When all is said and done, there is a lot more said than done! Why? Because it is easier to debate it than do it. It is easier to tweet about change than it is to try to be the change that you want to see in others. It is easier to rage on social media about social injustices than to simply be nice to the person in front of you. It is easier to whine about being a victim than it is to work to be a victor. Elvis Presley had it right. What we need in church and country is "a little less conversation and a little more action."

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

The school supplies drive is going on now. Please give your donations to Joyce Boyd.

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. Mike 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 **Allison Cook** who was baptized into Christ on Tuesday by Mike Kelley. She attends worship with the Jett family.

Romans 8:1-4

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.** ³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, **God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,** ⁴ **that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled** in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.



Members: Diane Coates, Mac Breece (light stroke, now home from the hospital), 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: Michelle Gilbert, Angela Tipton, Christopher Jackson & family, 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, 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, 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 19, 2020	
MORNING WORSHIP	132
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3683
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167





Center Fielders News

“Father Abraham Had Many Sons”

From the days of youth ministry and vacation Bible school, the words of the song above echoed through my mind as Sharon and I laid on the beach in Gulf Shores a week ago for our anniversary. Although I didn't do the hand motions and body movements (ha-ha), the words of scripture were imbedded in my mind.” Father Abraham had many sons and many sons had Father Abraham. I am one of them and so are you. So, let's just praise the Lord.”

Each day we lay on our beach chairs, we watched the waves come in and out. The water would carry sand onto the shore, and carry it back out again. Genesis 22:17 was a constant reminder of God's marvelous plan. God said to Abraham, “I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the grains of sand on the seashore.”

As far as the human eye could see there was nothing but water. In order to fully grasp the descendants of Abraham as numerous as grains of sand on a beach, requires faith. Living by faith in Jesus is the key. Abraham had faith before Jesus came and we have faith after His time on earth. Either way, we are all saved by faith in Him.

So here is the question. Where do you put your faith? Is it in “something” or “someone?” I hope it is in the person, power and promises of Jesus Christ. If it is, do your best to be obedient to your Lord and Master, Jesus, and remind yourself that living by faith is the only way to be an heir of that great promise. If your faith is not in Jesus, let's change that today, so that when eternity begins, it will begin where there are no more tears, sorrow or pain. If you desire to make that change, call the church building now.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



MEN TO SERVE JULY 26

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Mike Breece
Scripture Reading: Vance Willis
Scripture: Romans 8:1-4
Preside Lord's Supper: Rick Bruno
Alternates: Ken Copley, Josh Copley
Basement: Rusty Bates, Gary Basford
Announcements: Gary Wright
Closing Prayer: Marvin Truett
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Wright
Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates
Scripture: Hebrews 11:39-40
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Lord's Supper: Boyce Cannon, Mike Batts
Closing Prayer: Wayne Prince
NO VAN SERVICE

Mike's Minute *(continued from page 1)*

Troublemakers emphasize haughtiness over humility. Paul says the troublemakers in Ephesus *do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.* Sounds like a modern commentary on what is being said in pulpits, newsrooms, and political rallies all over our world! Those who declare that they are “in the know” don't know! There is being wrong... and then there is being loudly and confidently wrong. We see the latter everywhere we look. Mark Twain is often credited with saying “It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so.” There are many who are arrogantly spouting what they know. Trouble is, what they know *just ain't* so. Take everything you hear from “experts” with a grain of salt. Filter everything you hear through the Word of God and see how it lines up. And, for heaven's sake, let's model a little humility for the world!

In Christian Love,

Mike



Bible Quiz: James 1:1-20

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

NOTE: Question 10 has been corrected from last week. It should have read from the "rich" man. Sorry for the error.



AUGUST

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| 1 | Mike Worley |
| 2 | Maggie Conley |
| 4 | Gary Bailey
Deana Graham
Zane Carroll |
| 6 | Janey Gilbert |
| 8 | Lelia Mai Poore |
| 9 | Jennifer Knight
Kay Story
Bentley Barber
Dorothy Noonan |
| 10 | Gary Jacobs
Brenda Yates |
| 11 | Faye Williams
Sydney Irwin
Rick Bruno
Justin Bates |
| 12 | Joshua Copley
Jeff Stacks |
| 13 | Charlene Breece |
| 14 | Dorothy Weatherspoon |
| 17 | Bobby Waynick
Rosa Waynick |
| 21 | Jesse Stacks |
| 22 | Korie Cochran
Dot Davidson
Mark Licciardello |
| 27 | Carol Anderson |
| 29 | Darla McClanahan
Aletha Martin |
| 31 | Jerrie Wayne Barber |



AUGUST

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| 14 | Gary & Cindy Bailey |
| 15 | Shirley & Janey Gilbert |



teach me, teach me
to walk in His light

with God,
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE