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Shanon Irwin ext.29
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Pulpit Minister:

Mike Kelley ext. 2

Associate Minister:

Rodney Rochelle ext.25

Youth Minister:

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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

Family Line:

931-729-9846

Website:

fairfieldcofc.org



Mike's Minute

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

(Acts 2:41-42)

As a congregation of the Lord's church, we must keep our eyes on both the front door and back door of the church. Our duty and desire is to keep people coming in the front door (baptism, restoration, placing membership) *and* to keep people from going out the back door (leaving our congregation or, worse, leaving the church all together).

In our transient society, where there is less and less commitment to any institution, this dual goal of bringing new people in and holding onto the people we have is quite a challenge.

How can we meet the challenge? We can HARP on church growth. To "harp on" something means to emphasize it. Let's use each letter in the word HARP to refer to a concept that is very important to church growth.

Hospitality. The church must be a happy and hospitable place. It should be, in the words of the old theme song, a place "where everybody knows your name... and they're always glad you came."

Assimilation. We need to assimilate people into the work of the church. We need to find things for members to do. If there is nothing for them, we need to *make* something. We tend to think that if we ask people to do things in the church we may run them off. The reality is much the opposite. If we give people some responsibility in the congregation, they become more invested and are more likely to stay.

Relationship building. A real key to whether new members will stay with a congregation is whether or not they form significant friendships with other members. If we put new members to work by giving them roles and responsibilities *and* they form a few close friendships with members, the odds are very good that we will have those members for life.

Prayer. Do we pray for new members of the church? Do we pray that God will protect them from the temptation to leave and go back to their former way of life? If not, let's fix that. Let's start today!

In Christian Love,

Mike





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.

"Men to Serve" and van driver sheets for August are in both foyers. Please pick one up.

Magi Boxes are available in both foyers. They are to be turned back in by August 31st. This year there will be no shipping fee! A list of suggestions for filling these boxes is available in each foyer as well. If you have questions, please see Randal Halbrooks.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Jennifer Geary** of Arizona. She is the sister of Carrie Crowther who along with her husband, Wes, and daughter, McKensie, have been attending church here the past few weeks.

We also express sympathy to the family of **Ray Lewis** of the Pinewood community.



With special thanks to all of you for the food, cards, calls, offers to help, texts, expressions of care these past few weeks. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. Thanks so very much to all of you!!

Love,
Jewell Prince

Thanks for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Hope you know how very much you're appreciated and what a difference you make. Thank you for the prayers for our family, they were much appreciated.

With love,

Faye & Al Williams



Members: Brenda Stoltz, Stormie Edwards, Barbara Edwards, Tommy McClanahan (kidney transplant on Aug. 18th), Jewell Prince, Yvonna Caillouet, Janey Gilbert, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, Dewayne Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Barbara Meador (will have outpatient back surgery next Wednesday), Geraldine Amos, Helen Smith, Caleb Coates, Judy Hinson, Grayson Gunter, Mike Rhea, Jimmy Loveless, Helen Jerpe, Michael Harvill, Jay Pickard, Mary Spears, Christians, missionaries, military personal & people in the Ukraine, Everett Kelly, J.B. Brown, Nancy Clancy, Gus Gilreath, Willie Taylor, Ray Weatherspoon, Kevin Chandler, Jo James, 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



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

Aug 2 - Middle/High School devotional on Tuesday, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Field house.

Aug 14 - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service @ FH

Aug 16 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 pm @ FH

Aug 21 - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off



Center Fielders News

"Making God a Liar"

To tell an outright lie is a sin. It is also sinful to act, speak, or even remain silent in order to deceive someone. Remember Ananias and Sapphira and the judgement they experienced. Remember also that Peter suffered after he said three times he didn't know Jesus. The ninth of The Ten Commandments states, "Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Colossians 3:9 says, "Lie not to one another."

John said that we make God out to be a liar if we do not believe that God gave His only Son as an atonement for our sins. We, as Christians, know that God cannot lie, but what John is saying is "He who does not believe God has made Him look like a liar."

Romans 1:25 says that when God reveals evidence of Himself to those who reject Him, they change the truth of God into a lie. Making God a liar is done by taking the truth, especially as stated in God's Word, and discrediting it. The truth is the record that God Himself gave us of His Son, Jesus the Christ. In order for people to be saved, they must believe the entire account of Jesus as is told in the Bible. If they deny the story of Jesus, they exclude themselves from the forgiveness of sins today, and from Heaven in the next life. God's character is far higher than that of a liar!!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

5th Sunday

Welcome to fifth Sunday! Our speaker for the day is **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**.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF July 24, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	192
VBS SUNDAY NIGHT	140
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5278
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE JULY 31

SUNDAY MORNING:

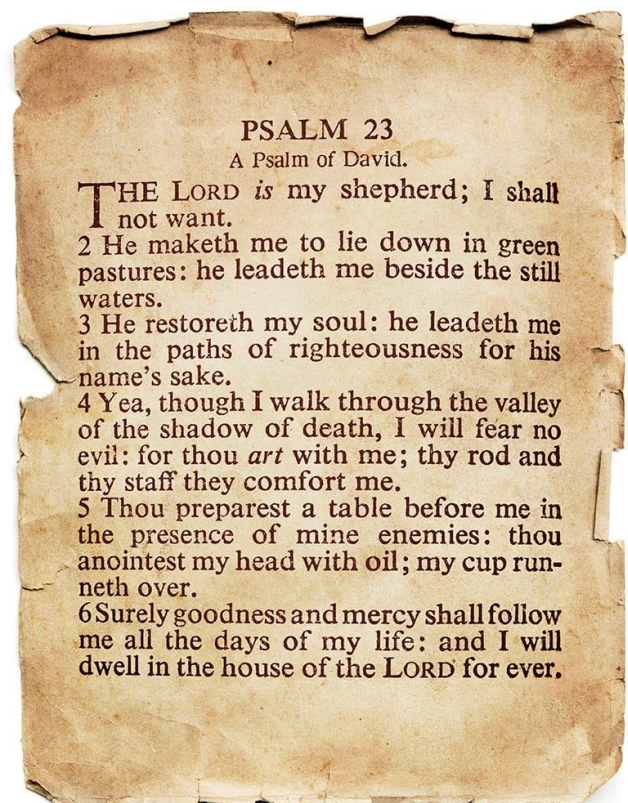
Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Randal Halbrooks
Scripture Reading: Mike Breece
Scripture: Psalm 23:1-6
Preside Lord's Supper: Chris Wright
Alternates: Gerry Hinson, Boyce Cannon
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Adam Jude
Van Driver: Jack Green 931-994-8317

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: no announcements
Scripture Reading: Wallace Smith
Scripture: Matthew 10:27-30
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Willie Powers
Lord's Supper: no LS
Closing Prayer: Boyce Cannon
Van Driver: none

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Song Leader: Jeff Rose
Opening Prayer: Rodney Rochelle
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



PSALM 23

A Psalm of David.

THE LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

BACHELOR COOKING

Two bachelors were talking one day, and their conversation drifted from politics to sports to cooking.

One of them said, "I bought a cookbook one day, but I never could do anything with it."

The other one said, "Too much fancy work in it, huh?"

The first one said, "Yeah, it sure was. Every one of the recipes began the same way – 'First take a clean dish.'"

Our relationship with God is much the same. God says, "Take a clean life," and we go, "Wait a minute, that's a problem." Because "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Our lives are not clean. We're stained by sin.

Making the matter even more difficult is the fact that we do not have the ability to cleanse ourselves: "Who can say, 'I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?'" (Proverbs 20:9). The answer is, "No one."

Fortunately, God offers cleansing through the blood of Christ. "Wash me thoroughly from my sin, and cleanse me from my sin.....Create in me a clean heart, O God." (Psalm 51:2, 10).

May our attitude be such that we are willing to do what God says in order to receive the cleansing he offers. And praise be to God for his willingness to make clean what we cannot!

Alan Smith
Boone, North Carolina



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Instagram: fcocfamily

VBS WEEK #3

