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Fairfield Church of Christ

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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

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Mike's Minute

*If anyone forces you to go one mile,
go with them two miles.*

Matthew 5:41

Country music artist Randy Travis and his manager, Lib, remember the lean days of his career... all 3,650 of them. For ten years, Lib did whatever it took to keep her club open long enough for someone to discover Randy's talent. For his part, Randy sang his heart out and, when he wasn't singing, he fried catfish or washed dishes in the kitchen.

Then, it happened. Everything seemed to click for him. He had a hit song titled "On the Other Hand," an album contract, a tour offer, and even a movie deal. He was hot! People started calling him an overnight success.

What people didn't realize, however, is that it took Travis ten years to become an overnight success! He said, "We were turned down more than once by every label in Nashville. But I'm kind of one to believe that if you work at something long enough and keep believing, sooner or later it will happen."

In many instances in life, it's extra effort that makes the difference. Money can buy a house... but loving touches turn it into a home. A sack lunch can become a gourmet meal when a love note is tucked into it. A meal is just food... but with candles and flowers, it's an *occasion*.

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra effort. Do more than is required of you today. Go the extra mile. One thing is for sure: when you go the extra mile, traffic will be light!

In Christian Love,

Mike





On July 19th, we had 33 pints of blood given when the Bloodmobile was here. Well done!

Congratulations to **Craig Shelton** who is the next principal at Hickman County High School. He grew up here at the Field.

MAGI boxes are available for pick up. Deadline to return the filled boxes along with \$7.00 cash (or check made to Fairfield Church of Christ) to cover shipping is August 29th.

Room 103 in the Educational Wing will now be open during services for use as a nursery for those who wish to use it.

The church has a large smoker/grill combination that is mounted on a small trailer. It is no longer practical for our use so the elders have decided to sell it by taking bids for it. ***Fairfield Church of Christ member bids will have first consideration.*** If you are interested, please submit your bid to Gary Wright in **writing with the date, your name and your bid amount by the close of evening worship on 8/1/2021.** The smoker/grill is parked at the side of the Fellowship Hall if you wish to look at it.



Thank you to **Jennifer Knight** for organizing and putting together a fabulous VBS. Thank you to all who helped with setting up and cleaning the fellowship hall and preparing the food. Everything was spectacular. We really appreciate all your hard work.

Also, thanks to **Lisa Hellmann & Beth Baker**, on behalf of the Katie Tournament, for the donation of drinks and snacks. We will be using these items at the Pool VBS on Sunday.

Thanks to the churches and individual support, the school supplies made it to the schools on Tuesday.



Members: Angie Stacks, Helen Shanes, Bob James, Kenneth Chandler, Deborah Perry, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Raymond Stoltz, Dewayne Victory, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

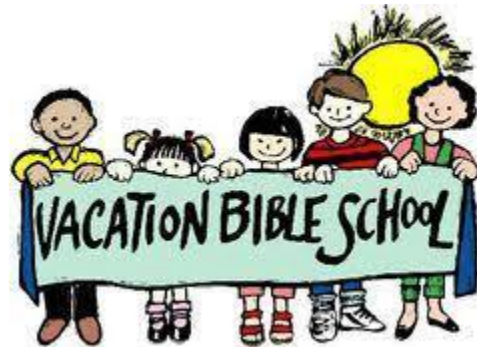
Friends & Family: Ronald Loveless, Jackson Deas, Daniel Spears, Harley Parker, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Michael Noonan, Doris Elam, Jean Greer, David Dansby, Neil Jobe, Alice Cagle, Adam Lawson, Evan Boyd, Donna Gaspard, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, McKinley Moore, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Hester Moss, Harold Choate, Billie Church

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Elizabeth Tarkington, Barbara Beard, Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

NHC Dickson: Faye Rochelle



This coming Sunday, August 1st we will have VBS at the Centerville City Pool from 6:00-8:00 pm. You must wear a t-shirt and shorts to swim. Pizza will be served at the pool. We will also be having our regular church service at the Field for those that do not wish to attend at the pool.



Center Fielders News

“You Have An Appointment”

Here lately, Sharon and I have been keeping the roads busy with getting my parents to their doctor appointments. I do understand that growing older is inevitable, and along with aging comes an increase of doctor appointments. We have appointments with medical doctors, optometrists, hearing clinics, and many others. Sometimes aging brings confusion. Did I take medications today or not? Sometimes we are confused and forget our appointments which can be a little embarrassing.

There is a very important coming for all people. The time of this appointment has been set by God, but we do not know the day or the hour. It is a personal appointment and no one can take our place or reschedule it. “It is appointed unto men once to die, then face judgment” (Hebrews 9:27).

My cousin and his wife had made plans to fly out to Seattle to visit their daughter. They had an appointed departure time, but knew it was important for them to be there in plenty of time to go through security in order that they didn't miss their flight. Our heavenly flight takes forethought if we hope to meet our appointment successfully. A lot of our society seems to focus on material interests and become spiritually careless. I hope we all will do some serious planning and preparing for that appointment. When the door closes to Heaven, it is closed forever. Plan and prepare!!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



- July 29-31** - Lifest Concert @ Hideaway Farm, Bon Aqua
- Aug 1** - VBS pool party 6:00-8:00 pm and pizza
- Aug 3** - Middle/HS Devo, 6:30-8:30 pm at the FH
- Aug 8** - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service at FH
- Aug 15** - Puppet Show, during evening service, in the Lift Off room.
- Aug 17** - Middle/HS Devo, 6:30-8:30 pm at the FH

MEN TO SERVE AUGUST 1

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince
Scripture Reading: Robert Graf
Scripture: Psalm 5:7-8
Preside Lord's Supper: Buddy Chandler
Alternates: Rick Bruno, Mike Batts
Announcements: Gary Basford
Closing Prayer: James Swaw
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno
Scripture: Matthew 19:13-15
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
Lord's Supper: Edwin Wright, Gary Wright
Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Song Leader: Rodney Rochelle
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355



FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF July 25, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP	210
VBS SUNDAY NIGHT	145
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4942
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

Equal Before God



“There is no partiality with God” (Rom. 2:11).
“All men are created equal” (Declaration of Independence).

People are different and life is not fair. No government program can change this. These may be cold hard facts but they are the truth. God did not make everyone the same. He could have made us all with the same color of eyes and hair. He could have made us all with the same height and weight. But each one of us is unique. Everything from our fingerprints to the sound of our voice makes us special.

Life is full of advantages and disadvantages. No one is everything he would like to be. Some are stronger than others. Some are smarter. Some are more attractive. Some have better health and live longer. We can either spend our lives comparing ourselves to others or we can listen to God and be content with who we are.

Men have advantages over women and women have advantages over men. God made us male and female (Gen. 1:27). People can try to change that all they want but they will never succeed regardless of how many laws they pass or how much they protest. Women have babies and men grow beards. Men are better at doing some things and women are better at doing others. If someone says this is unfair then he needs to take up the matter with the Creator.

Never before have we heard so much talk about equality. Most of it is about money. Many people think they are entitled to have what others have. They resent anyone having more than they do. Even if the politicians they trust could give everyone the same level of income, there would still be the haves and the have nots. Some would save their income and others would waste it. Circumstances would help to make some rich and others poor. Jesus said there will always be poor people (Mark 14:7). Marxist politicians promise equality and an end to poverty, but their standard of living is not equal to everyone else's. It is above it.

The Bible says, “You shall not covet...anything that is your neighbor's” (Deut. 5:21). It does not matter if that neighbor is greedy. What he has is his and we have no right to it. That is why another one of the Ten Commandments says, “You shall not steal” (Deut. 5:19). Private property is biblical.

People will never be equal in physical ways. We are equal, however, in the sight of God. That is because we have a soul that is made in the image of God. All men are equal in that all can be saved. “God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him” (Acts 10:34-35). If people would think more about this, they wouldn't be complaining about the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer. Anyone who obeys can have treasures in heaven (Matt. 6:19-21). That is *real* equal opportunity.

Kerry Duke
West End church of Christ
Livingston, TN

AREA EVENTS

You are cordially invited to a “Back to School Special” on Sunday, August 1st at the Brushy church of Christ with **Matthew Dotson** speaking. Bible class is at 9:00 am, Worship is at 10:00 am followed by a fellowship meal and a 1:00 pm evening worship.

The Upper Sinking church of Christ invites you to our Gospel Meeting on August 1 thru August 4 with the speaker, **James Barnes**. Times of service are as follows: 10:00 am Bible Study, 11:00 am preaching follow by a meal, 2:00 evening service. Monday thru Wednesday evening services at 7:00 pm.

On Sunday, August 1st, having a one-day gospel meeting, will be the Columbia Avenue church of Christ with Bro. **Frederick McGee**. Service times: Sunday school at 10:00 am, Worship at 11:00 am and at 2:00 pm. All is welcome.



Harry & JoAnn Totty have an anniversary on August 2nd. This was not on the list last week.