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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

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Mike's Minute

More Good News. I am beyond thrilled to tell you that Allison Cook was baptized into Christ last week at Fairfield. Allison attends our worship services with the Jett family. She is preparing for a career as a hair stylist and currently works at Owen's Corner Market. Allison is a great young lady. I hope you will make it a point to congratulate and encourage her on her decision to follow Christ.

Take The Name Of Jesus With You. Dustin, Diana, Virginia and Dallas Bailey will be leaving us soon. They are moving to South Carolina. The move makes sense for them. Dustin has a new job and Diana has friends and family in the area. The Bailey family has been a tremendous blessing to our congregation and community for many years. Dustin grew up at the Field and has been a quiet force for good here all of his life. Diana has been right in the middle of our women's activities and has taken the lead in many important service projects and fundraisers. We are happy for their new opportunities... but we will miss them dearly. Please be praying that the Bailey's will have a safe journey to South Carolina... and a happy, healthy and holy life there.

Pray For Schools. I am about to enter the 18th year in my career in education. I can tell you for sure that I have never begun a new school like we are beginning this one. Not even close. Plans, plans, and more plans have been made. Precautions have been taken. Opinions have been shared. Teachers have begun their in-service training and, the Good Lord willing and Covid doesn't rise, students will report next week. Some parents have chosen remote learning for their children, which means the school will teach the students though the children will stay at home. This will be done mainly through the use of technology. I would ask you, as Darin did during Sunday morning worship, to pray for our schools. Pray for a safe, successful, serene school year. Pray also that teachers would use the unique opportunity provided by these trying times to teach children more than how to make a living one day... but that we will also teach children how to *live* each day.

In Christian Love,

Mike




The school supplies drive is in need of supplies and donations. Please give to **Joyce Boyd** very soon.

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 missed adding a Happy Birthday to **Glenda Newsom** to the list who will celebrate one on August 30th.

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. Rodney will teach Wed. night this coming week 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.



We want to thank everyone for all of the well wishes & prayers as we begin this new chapter in our lives. We will miss everyone dearly & will look forward to visiting. Thank you to all who came out & spent time with us on Saturday. We love you all!

In Christian love,
The **Bailey Family**
Dustin, Diana, Virginia & Dallas

Thank you to the Garden Club who gave a donation to the Quilters in memory of **Carolyn Simpson**.

AREA EVENT

There will be a Gospel Meeting with Larry Spicer at the Five Points church of Christ in Bon Aqua on August 9 - 12.

Bible class at - 9 am
Morning Worship - 11 am
Fellowship meal - 11-1 pm
Evening Worship - 1 pm



Members: Gary & Cindy Bailey, Dewayne Victory (Vanderbilt-heart attack), Mac Breece (home), Dallas Bailey, 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: Christopher Jackson & family, John Plemmons, Jr. (Life Care Center-931-729-7576), Norman Martin, Randy Hall (son-in-law of Gerry Smith-cancer diagnosed, chemo), Chuck Sherrell, Cornelia Chandler, Garry Greer, Rick Lee, Helen Shanes, Jimmy Jenkins, Trace Warren, Amanda Myles, Charlie Shelton, Harley Parker, B.J. Springer, Ruby Church (sister of Jewell Prince-currently on radiation treatments), 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, 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 26, 2020	
MORNING WORSHIP	120
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3846
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167





Center Fielders News

“Good Stewardship”

Good Christian stewardship is clearly taught in the Bible. We are stewards (not owners) of our earthly possessions, and we should use them to support our families, help the poor, and extend the Kingdom of God. On Judgment Day, the faithful believers will hear those precious words of Jesus, “Come, you who are blessed by My Father. Take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world” (Matthew 25:34). Those will be the people who used their resources to help others instead of indulging themselves.

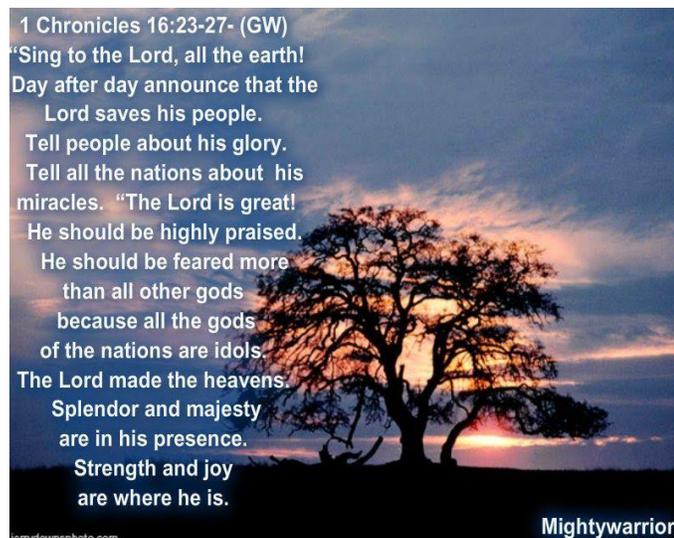
The rich man in Luke 12 planned to hoard his goods and enjoy years of ease and pleasure. But God told him, “You Fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you” (verse 20). One must realize that extravagance in any form is not consistent with Scripture. It is very important that we refrain from useless and wasteful spending of our stewardship.

God has given us physical desires that are normal and right in their place. But if we let them rule, those desires will accomplish our ruin. In a society in which we live that is devoted to pleasure, we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus. The key to good stewardship is to have a willing mind, willing to hear God’s voice, and use His resources as He directs.

The poorest education that teaches self-denial is better than the best education that neglects it.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



MEN TO SERVE AUGUST 2

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber
Scripture Reading: Ken Copley
Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:23-27
Preside Lord’s Supper: Wayne Prince
Alternates: Gary Basford, Rusty Bates
Basement: Ken Copley, Josh Copley
Announcements: Mike Batts
Closing Prayer: Chris Wright
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Mike Batts
Scripture Reading: Mathew Wright
Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:7-8
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Marvin Truett
Lord’s Supper: Edwin Wright, Mathew Wright
Closing Prayer: Ken Copley
NO VAN SERVICE

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

By Janice Mayberry King

**Each day I watch the news
 It tells of destruction and sadness
 Full of what evil men does to each other
 Stories of all of the madness.**

**Each day seems worse
 Than the day before
 How much when enough is enough
 Not to take anymore.**

**No remorse in the deeds they do
 No sorrow or shame
 No wonder what’s next
 No one ever wants to take the blame.**

**We are all more alike than different
 We most all need the same
 Food when hungry, safe place to lay our head
 For someone to know if we’re alive or dead.**

**We all make our mark on earth, bad or good
 For someone to know we have been here
 Try to stop the hate
 Maybe we can change as we should.**

**Love one another
 Forgive and love your fellow man
 As God would have us to
 Do the very best that you can.**

Are You Throwing Jesus Out of Church?

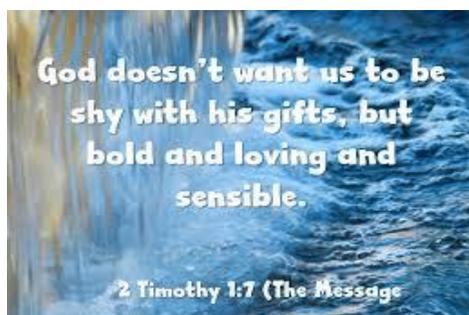


When Jesus came home to Nazareth and taught in the synagogue his message so provoked the people that they threw him out of church (Luke 4:16-30). He had read the prophet Isaiah and said that he was the Servant of the Lord empowered by the Spirit who ministered to the poor, the captives, the blind and the oppressed. Some of the people criticized him because he was a hometown boy, nothing more than a local carpenter. Jesus compared them to apostate Israel in the time of Elijah and Elisha when God worked miracles for foreigners. His comparison so incensed the worshippers that they grabbed Jesus, threw him out of church and tried to kill him. Jesus escaped from them and never went back to Nazareth.

The mission and message of Jesus calls us to minister to everyone. If a Muslim family moves into the neighborhood, how are you going to treat them? If a person of a minority race wants to sit with you in church, what are you going to do? If a poorer family needs food for their five children, are you going to serve them? If a gay or lesbian person comes to church, are you going to welcome them with the love of Jesus? If a homeless person knocks on your door and asks for something to eat, are you going to show mercy? If an alcoholic wants to talk, will you listen and point them to a greater friend than Jim Beam or Jack Daniels? When you see families who are not in church on Sunday mornings, do you pray for them? Do you share love and friendship with those confined in hospitals, nursing homes or jails?

Is Jesus determining your mission and your message? Are you sharing God's grace with everyone, regardless of gender, age, color, language, nationality, ethnic background, occupation or social status? If not, then you, too, may be throwing Jesus out of church.

*Calvin Warpula
Pittsfield, IL*



Back to School

My teachers told me I'd never amount to much because I procrastinate so much.

I told them, "Just you wait!"

What is the difference between a school teacher and a train?

The teacher says spit your gum out and the train says "chew chew chew."

Math Teacher: "If I have 5 bottles in one hand and 6 in the other hand, what do I have?"

Student: "A drinking problem."

Teacher: "What is the chemical formula for water?"

Student: "HIJKLMNO."

Teacher: "What are you talking about?"

Student: "Yesterday you said it's H to O!"

Did you hear about the mathematician who is afraid of negative numbers? He will stop at nothing to avoid them.

Doing Their Homework!

When Dad came home, he was astonished to see Vic sitting on a horse, writing something.

"What on earth are you doing there?" he asked.

"Well, the teacher told us to write an essay on our favorite animal." Answered Vic, "That's why I'm here and that's why Sara's sitting in the goldfish bowl."

Misbehaving

A head teacher is making his rounds of the school when he hears a terrible commotion coming from one of the classrooms. He rushes in and spots one boy, taller than the others, who seems to be making the most noise.

He seizes the lad, drags him to the hall, and tells him to wait there until he is excused. Returning to the classroom, the head teacher restores order and lectures the class for half an hour about the importance of good behavior.

"Now," he says, "are there any questions?"

One girl stands up timidly. "Please sir," she asks, "may we have our teacher back?"

No Cheating

Teacher: Brett, your essay on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your sister's. Did you copy her?

Brett: No ma'am, it's the same dog.