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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 thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small (Proverbs 24:10).

As a senior in high school, Jim batted .427 and led his team in home runs. He also quarterbacked his football team to the state semifinals. Jim later went on to pitch professionally for the New York Yankees.

Those are remarkable achievements for any athlete. But it's almost unbelievable for Jim, because he was born without a right hand.

A little boy who had only parts of two fingers on one of his hands once came to Jim in the clubhouse after a Yankees game and said, "They call me crab at camp. Did kids ever tease you?"

"Yeah," Jim replied. "Kids used to tell me that my hand looked like a foot." And then he asked the boy an all-important question, "Is there anything you can't do?" The boy answered, "No." "Well, I don't think so either," Jim responded.

Someone has said, "Adversity causes some people to break. It causes other people to break records."

We have experienced a fair amount of adversity in 2020. Covid-19 is still with us and is showing no indication that it is leaving soon. Covid has come to our community, and most of us now personally know someone who has been affected. There is economic hardship, social tension, and political division. Will the adversity *make us or break us?*

It depends on our attitude and our focus. Will we focus on what we *can't* do or what we *can* do? Will we focus on what's *lost* or what's *left*? Will we ask "why me" or "what now?" Will we focus on the critics or the Christ?

Will we faint or flourish during this day of adversity? It's up to us.

In Christian Love,

Mike





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. 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.



Denise & Randy want to let you know they appreciate so much all the thoughts & prayers. It means the world to me also. All of you are always there when I need you. Thanks so much.

In Christian Love,
Gerry Smith, Denise & Randy

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
Mon-Wed - 7 pm

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF August 2, 2020
MORNING WORSHIP 125
CONTRIBUTION: \$3376
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET \$4167



Members: Dewayne Victory (Vanderbilt), Mac Breece, 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 (been in the hospital, now home), 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, Cagle, Jimmy George, Jackson Bates, & William Dale Nash.

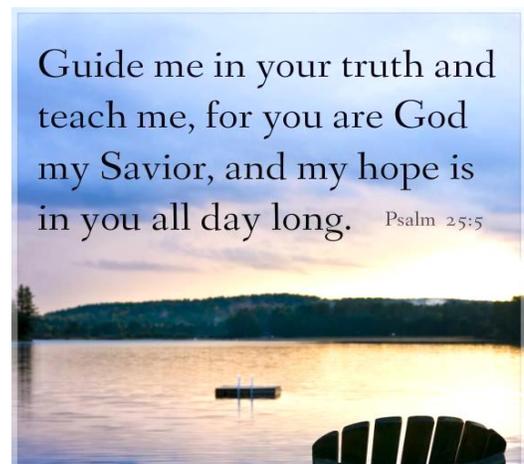
Life Care: Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England Tommy, & Georgia Belle Smith.

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





Center Fielders News

“The Wrong Cookie”

The story is told of a mother who had just replenished the cookie jar. When she left the house, she instructed her young son not to eat any cookies. After she returned, she asked the boy if he had obeyed, and he confessed to eating a cookie. “Why did you do this?” the mother asked. “Well,” he replied, “first I looked at the cookie, then I smelled it, and then it slipped right into my mouth!”

This story may seem somewhat funny, but it clearly shows how temptation leads to sin. Was the cookie the source of wrong, or was it something else? Obviously, the fault lay not with the cookie, but with the boy who gave in to his lust. When the devil tempts us to do wrong, we need to make a choice between good and evil. The temptation cannot harm us unless we give in to the lust of the flesh and choose to do wrong. Saying that “the devil made me do it” is simply not true. “Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and sin when it is full grown, gives birth to death” (James 1:15).

Often the reason we fail to overcome is because we spend too much time looking at the “cookie” and thinking of the immediate pleasure or benefits. We need to run like Joseph did when Potiphar’s wife tempted him. Had Joseph looked at the “cookie” very long, he would have fallen! Whatever temptation we face, we must run instead of letting a wrong desire conceive and give birth to sin. We are personally responsible for how we control, or fail to control the desires within us.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

HOW A CHRISTIAN SHOULD LIVE

For the grace of GOD has been revealed, bringing
SALVATION to all people.
And we are instructed to turn from godless living
and sinful pleasures.

We should live in this evil world with
WISDOM, RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND DEVOTION TO
GOD.

while we look forward with HOPE to that
wonderful day when the glory of our great GOD
and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, will be revealed.

He gave His life to free us from every kind of sin,
to cleanse us, and to make us His very own people,
totally committed to doing good deeds.

Titus 2:11-14

MEN TO SERVE AUGUST 9

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Rodney Rochelle

Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates

Scripture: Titus 2:11-14

Preside Lord’s Supper: Lafayette Spears

Alternates: Gary Basford, Wayne Prince

Basement: Ken Copley, Josh Copley

Announcements: Marvin Truett

Closing Prayer: James Swaw

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Marvin Truett

Scripture Reading: Jeff Rose

Scripture: Psalms 25:5

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Lord’s Supper: Boyce Cannon, Mathew Wright

Closing Prayer: Darin Cochran

NO VAN SERVICE

SINGULAR OR PLURAL?



We often sing about “the golden streets” in heaven, but the Bible only mentions one street, “The street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass” (Rev. 21:21).

The last book of the Bible is not “Revelations.” There is one “Revelation,” “the Revelation of Jesus Christ” (Rev. 1:1).

The Bible says, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Gal. 5:22- 23). All nine named character traits together are “the fruit of the Spirit.” The Bible does not speak of nine separate fruits.

*Cecil May Jr.
Preacher Talk
Faulkner University*

ANGELS Quiz

What do you remember about Angels as presented in the Scripture?

1. What was the name of the angel who announced to Mary the glad tidings that she would be the mother of Jesus?
_____.
2. Which angel is the militant angel who, in Daniel's prophecy, will "stand up ... for the children of thy people"?
_____.
3. What are the names of the two "orders" of angels? _____ and _____.
4. Who saw three angels (although he didn't recognize them as angels) at the door of his tent and he entertained them?
_____.
5. On what occasion did the angel of death visit many homes in Egypt?
_____.
6. What famous "pool" in Jerusalem was thought to be "troubled" by an angel?
_____.
7. What food was sent by God to the Israelites was called "angels food"?
_____.
8. On what occasion did angels come and minister to Jesus?
_____.
9. Who was released from prison by an angel?
_____.
10. What great leader of Israel was afraid to take up the task of delivering his people from the Midianites until an angel of the Lord appeared to him and then brought fire out of the rock to consume his offering?
_____.

If Jesus Came to Your Church

By: Woody Woodruff

If Jesus came to your church
I wonder what he would find
Would he be fully welcomed
Finding everyone so kind

Would there be some who sat and stared
At his different looks
You know the one we've often seen
In pictures and in books

Would he be asked to speak
Or would some be afraid of his word
Scared to death of what he might say
Scared of each word that they heard

Would you ask him to sit by you
Or would quickly give up your seat
If there was a dinner afterwards
Would you hope he didn't stay to eat

Would he be asked to lead a prayer
Would you cherish the words he'd say
Or would you silently ask yourself
I wonder how long he will stay

If Jesus came to your church
Would Jesus readily approve
Would he find a growing church
One that's on the move

Would he find each joining in song
Giving the Lord his praise
Or would he wonder why some don't sing
Would this thought he raise

Would he see folks all joining in
In the work at hand
Or find members with that Ostrich look
Of burying their heads in the sand

Would excitement be throughout the house
With everything that's done
Would each and every person
Be worshipping as if they're one

If Jesus came to your church
Would he be happy that he'd been
Would that one simple visit
Have him wanting to come again

If his Father asked for a report
Do you wonder the words he would say
Would he have nothing but praise in his report
Or simply bow his head and pray

