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Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:15 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846



Mike's Minute

As we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

God created the church for us to work together to bring others to Him, to reach out, and to serve others as no one else will.

Some say that the church is like a hospital because sick people go there to get better. Jesus would agree. When the Pharisees asked why Jesus ate with sinners, He told them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick" (Matthew 9:12).

A hospital is a place you can go to receive medical care. When we go to the hospital for surgery, it is because there is no other way to correct our condition.

The lost are in need of spiritual surgery. They need an appointment with the Great Physician to allow Him to restore them to spiritual health and vitality.

The saved are in constant need of a spiritual "check-up." We need the Great Physician to examine us to see if any spiritual sickness is developing. We need to be reminded of practices that can improve our spiritual health.

When Paul encourages us to "do good to all," it is a reminder that our "hospital" is open to everyone. We need to remember to care for those in our church, as well as those who are reaching out to Christ.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

It is always such a bittersweet feeling when VBS comes to an end. There is a sense of relief that we made it through and have reached a time of reprieve. However, there is also a certain emptiness that comes with it and the realization that it will be a year before we have one again. I believe it is always appropriate to appreciate the good that we have in our lives. Life can be burdensome and sorrowful but when we are all gathered together on those few Sunday nights in July, it can truly make us see how joyful life can be. The young and the old showing their child-like wonder for Christ and his church.

One of the characters from this year's theme was David. He was certainly a follower of God who faced his fair share of personal challenges. One of the verses that, for some reason, stands out to me about David, and one that I believe resonates with the spirit of VBS, is 2 Samuel 6:14. This passage describes David dancing before the Lord. His love for God was outpouring and unashamed. This is the kind of passion and love that ought to carry in our hearts beyond VBS and out into our daily walks of life. God has blessed us far more than we deserve and we should live in constant praise and gratitude for it. That's the key for living a happy and spiritually abundant life.

To God be the Glory,
Josh

GOSPEL MEETING

Church of Christ at Parham's Chapel

August 11th thru 13th 2024

Speaker: Dennis Tidwell

Worship Services:

Sunday AM: Worship 10:00 AM

Fellowship Meal following Morning Worship

Sunday Evening: 7:30 PM

Monday and Tuesday Evening: 7:00 PM

Centerville church of Christ

August 11th - 14th

Speaker: Bryan McAlister

"Won With Christ in A Romans One World"

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:00 am

Bible Class: 10:20 am

Sunday evening thru Wednesday: 7:00 pm

RELIGIOUS ASSUMPTIONS

The story is told of a lady who walked into a pharmacy and asked the pharmacist if he had a cure for the hiccups. The pharmacist said, "I sure do," and immediately and unexpectedly yelled "boo!" at the top of his lungs. Well, this nearly scared the lady half to death! She looked at the pharmacist and asked, "Why in the world did you do that?" The pharmacist, said, "Because a good scare will rid a person of hiccups." The lady then said "But I don't have the hiccups; my husband does, and he's out in the car! Oops!! Now, there's an illustration of how we can get in trouble by making assumptions. Assumptions can be costly. However, the greatest cost regarding assumptions occurs in the spiritual realm. How many people assume they are believing and practicing the things that please God while having no certain knowledge that they are? How many people believe things they have never read and studied for themselves?

We need to stop trusting in our feelings (Jeremiah 17:9). We need to stop using our favorite preachers as authority for what is right or wrong (1 Kings 13:18). We need to stop looking at what others are doing and deciding on the basis that it must be fine (Exodus 23:2). Instead, we need to ask, "What do the Scriptures say?" (Romans 4:3). We need to obey Paul's instruction and "prove all things and hold fast to that which is good." (1 Thessalonians 5:22). We need to make our calling and election sure (2 Peter 1:10) and we cannot do that while leaning on assumptions.

Our world is filled with people who pledge allegiance to Jesus but are assuming that their religious practices are acceptable to Him. Many will stand before God and have to explain why they did things God did not command, nor did they come into His heart (Jeremiah 7:31). It is a sobering thought to think of the number of people who may someday stand before God and offer as their only excuse, "But I thought...."

...Steve Higginbotham

"When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, you don't throw it away, you change the batteries."

"When a person messes up and finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not, you help them change their batteries! Some need AA... Attention and Affection; Some need AAA... Attention, Affection and Acceptance; Some need C... Compassion; Some need D... Direction. And if they still don't seem to shine... simply sit with them quietly and share your light."

I'm Nearly Home

Submitted by: Steven Baker

Dedicated to nursing home residents & shut-ins at home.

I know that I'm reaching the end of my road;
Thank you, Dear Father, for lightening my load.
My friends and my loved ones have always been dear;
Thank you for making my pathway so clear.

My life's been a long one; I'm so thankful each day.
Thank you, Dear Father, for guiding my way.
I love all my children, and their children, too;
Thank you, Heavenly Father, for seeing us through.

My road's been a long one; it's been bumpy at times;
Thank you, God, friends, and loved ones, for being so kind.

When my journey is ending, and I'm passing away,
Please help all to remember I had a wonderful stay.

I worked hard all my life, not always for pay;
But I loved ever minute, with you providing the way.
I toiled, and I labored, for my sweet family,
With your eye on the sparrow, and your eye watching me.

My road's been a long one; it's been bumpy at times;
Thank you, God, friends, and loved ones, for being so kind.

When my journey is ending, and I'm passing away,
Please help all to remember I had a wonderful stay.
I want all to remember I had a wonderful stay.

2024 SURVIVOR DINNER

Hickman County Relay for Life celebrates our cancer survivors. You are the reason we Relay. You and a guest are invited to attend a dinner celebrating our cancer survivors. The dinner will be held at Fairfield church of Christ Fellowship Hall on August 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Our Theme this year is "Fighting Cancer All Year Long". Cancer never takes a holiday so we are celebrating the fact that cancer survivors are celebrating more birthdays and holidays with their family and friends.

We hope you can join us in celebrating you!

Please RSVP by August 18th to 931-628-1796 or to sdbrady05@yahoo.com

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

Scripture Reading: Robert Graf

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:11-12

Preside Lord's Supper: Willie Powers

Left: Rick Bruno

Right: Gerry Hinson

Mike Worley

James Swaw

Rusty Bates

Jeff Stacks

Marty England

Chris Love

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Randal Halbrooks

Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture Reading: Gary Bailey

Scripture: Matthew 5:38-39

Song Leader: Steve Baker

Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince

Lord's Supper: Phillip Coates, Boyce Cannon

Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno

Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey

Van Driver: Jack Green 931-994-8317



FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF August 4, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	231
CONTRIBUTION:	\$6576
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5417



We want to say a special thank you to all that gave money or assisted in any way with the school supply drive this year. The supplies were delivered last Tuesday (July 30th). All of the schools were very appreciative!

Congratulations to Alyssa Aydelott & Matthew Cozart who were married last Saturday. Alyssa is the granddaughter of Gary & Kita Wright.

On August 18th, immediately following Bible classes, there will be a planning meeting for the upcoming Fall Festival in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend and give your input!

The Golden Agers will be going to the Junk Yard Dog on Thursday, August 22nd. Sign up sheets will be out soon.

Our annual **Magi** boxes sponsored by the Mission Committee are available in both foyers. Please take one and the sheet provided to fill the box. The church will pay the shipping again this year. Deadline is September 29th.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tuesday morning at 6:00 am in the basement.

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday @ 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in **room 104**.

If you have a **prayer request**, please use a blue card, and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.

RESPONSE

Austin Crockett, husband of Stephanie and daddy of Charlotte, was baptized last Saturday by Adam Jude.

Lisa Truett came forward Wednesday night asking for forgiveness, courage, and strength to get through each day.



Stay in touch with us on social media:

Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ-Field Family

Instagram: fcocfamily

Website: fairfieldcofc.org



Members: Curtis Edwards, Chris Love (heart procedure, Tuesday, Aug. 13), Mike Batts, Donna Pitman, Joyce Bruno, Yvonna Caillouet, Brenda Stoltz, Marlin Lawson, Dot Davidson, Kita Wright, Brenda Scott-Carroll, Randy Prince, Deborah McClellan, Joyce Boyd, Floy Cochran, Carolyn Phillips, Reda Springer, Shanon Irwin, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes (hospice), & Jo Ann Totty (home).

Friends & Family: Lorye Davidson, Beverly Smith (mother of Laurie Copley, former member), Paul Harvill, Grayson Gunter (home on hospice), Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Billie Lynn Tyler (hospice), Ronnie Carroll, Gail Brown, Judy Baggett, Chris Kimbro (had heart procedure on Tuesday), David Gossett, Jimmie Jenkins, Ryan Edwards, Brian Powers, Martha Ann McCord, Lou Gann, Gethlyn Gardner (home-cancer), Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Nicholas Wright, Edwin Garner, Chris Chilton, David Stewart (returning to Houston, TX on August 15 for further evaluation and treatment), Willie Lawler, James Coates (Clarksville healthcare facility), Pam Sullivan, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Anthony Stacks, David Talley, Cory Patterson (surgery Thursday), James Stoltz, Stephanie Pitman, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Kenneth Chandler (therapy), Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard.



Aug 11 - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service @ FH

Aug 18 - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off

Aug 20 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH