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Randal Halbrooks ext.13
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Shanon Irwin ext.29
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Maintenance
Jeff Stacks ext.22
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Vance Willis ext.26
Finance/IT

Pulpit Minister:

Mike Kelley ext. 2

Associate Minister:

Rodney Rochelle ext.25

Youth Minister:

Chris Wright ext. 3

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

Controlling Everyone But Myself

Bobby Knight was one of the most successful coaches in college basketball. He not only won three NCAA National Champions with the Indiana Hoosiers, but also coached a pre-Dream Team USA Basketball Olympic Team to a gold medal in 1984. His teams were fundamentally sound, they played with excellence and enthusiasm, and they were known for playing disciplined basketball.

Bobby Knight will be remembered as a great coach who taught disciplined play to all his players, but he will also be remembered as a man who disciplined everyone but himself. Slings chairs across the floor, having tirades during press conferences, and throwing temper outbursts overshadow his greatness as a coach. He effectively disciplined everyone but himself.

When we think of heroes of the Bible, David comes to mind. He is the boy-warrior who defeats Goliath; the humble servant who refuses to exact revenge on Saul who has tried to take his life; a mighty warrior; and the great king of God's people. But he is also remembered for committing adultery with Bathsheba and murdering her husband Uriah.

David as a king could control the fate of those around him; but even though he could control others, he does not control himself. His lack of control does great damage to his family, his influence, and others, whom he killed. One careless moment leads to a lifetime of pain and sorrow. I wonder how long David lived with regret about his lack of self-control.

Today I will... look at my own life and ask God to point out areas where I am blind to my lack of self-control and give me the strength to take responsibility for my actions.

-Craig Evans
One Word
p. 64

In Christian Love,

Mike





We are starting our MAGI box drive again this year. Please return your boxes to Randal Halbrooks by October 11th with \$7.00 cash or check made out to the Fairfield CoC to cover the shipping of the box. Boxes & a paper with suggestions and restrictions for packing the boxes can be found in both foyers.

We now have Mission burgers available for purchase of 10 patties for \$15. Please see Randal Halbrooks if you are interested.

We will have van service this Sunday for the morning worship only at 9:00 am & no classes. Sunday evening, at 6:00 pm, there will be NO van service. Rodney or Mike will teach Wednesday nights on Facebook at 7:00 pm.

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.

BAPTIZED

Congratulations to **Andrew Fisher** who was baptized Tuesday night by Mike Kelley. He is the fiancé of Bridgett Tidwell. He has been attending services with her recently.

PLACING MEMBERSHIP

Doug Wilson
6575 Hwy 230
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FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF August 23 2020
MORNING WORSHIP 126
CONTRIBUTION: \$3602
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET \$4167



Members: Terry James, John Fly (Parthenon), Dewayne Victory (home), Mac Breece, Carolyn Phillips, Terry Duncan, Kenneth Chandler, Paul & Noble Victory, Rickey Weems, Angie Stacks, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Raymond Stoltz (home), Hester Moss, James Hassell, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Mabry Truett, Maxine Christian, Thomas Haskins, Junior Haskins, Marilyn Mathis (shingles), Christopher Jackson & family, John Plemmons, Jr. (home-931-729-4811), Norman Martin, Randy Hall, Chuck Sherrell, Cornelia Chandler, Garry Greer, Rick Lee, Helen Shanes, Jimmy Jenkins, Trace Warren, Charlie Shelton, Harley Parker, B.J. Springer, Ruby Church, Wayne Winters, Carolyn Nash, Sandy McFarlin, Nancy Coursey, Rachael Bellis, Jerry Milam, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fagan, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, 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.

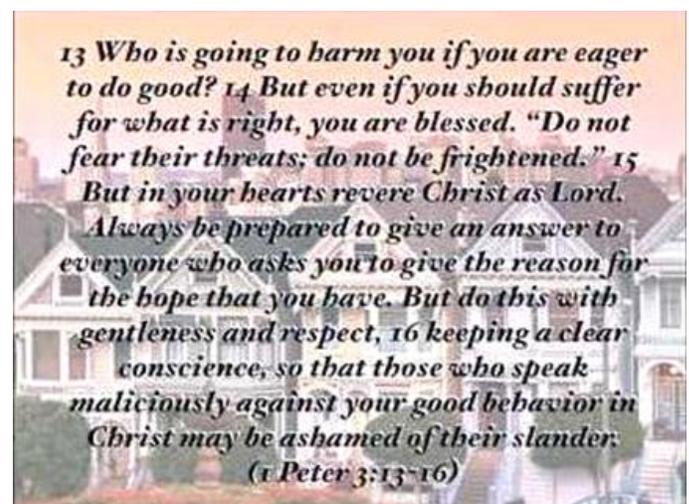
Life Care: Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley & Mary England.

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

“Godliness”

Will you willingly follow someone you do not respect? Will you genuinely speak about someone you do not revere? Will you intentionally imitate someone that you do not think highly of? The easy answer to all these questions is no. How wonderful it is to know that we can follow, speak of, and imitate our Lord with complete comfort knowing that He is worthy of all these.

Godliness is a lifestyle of imitating the Lord based on a respect and reverence of who He is. If I am displaying godliness, I am displaying my knowledge and appreciation for Him. It is sad to see sometimes; individuals who had previously lived a life for God and trade it in for a life of selfishness and worldly lust.

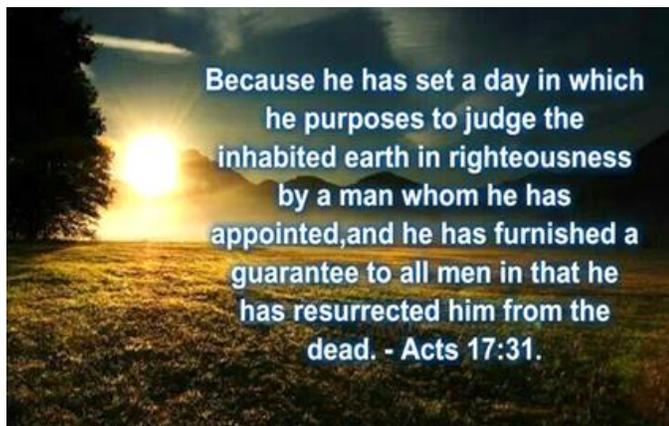
Godliness is misused by some also. Do you ever look at your imitation of Jesus as your ticket to earthly prosperity? If so, one is performing correct actions, but for the wrong reasons.

Godliness is valuable only under the correct conditions. Godliness combined with contentment is great gain. Do you want to have great gain? Try imitating the Lord while being thankful for what He has (and what He has not) given you. The gain promised is not in the form of money and fame, rather in the form of eternal life and the knowledge that I can have it!!

Godliness is needed by all! Every day we should chase godliness. Every day we should be filled with the pursuit of the qualities of the Lord. Today and every day, seek godliness!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



MEN TO SERVE AUGUST 30

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Mike Breece
Scripture Reading: Wayne Prince
Scripture: 1 Peter 3:13-16
Preside Lord's Supper: Gary Bailey
Alternates: Gary Basford, Lafayette Spears
Basement: Phillip Coates, Rodney Rochelle
Announcements: Rick Bruno
Closing Prayer: Mathew Wright
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

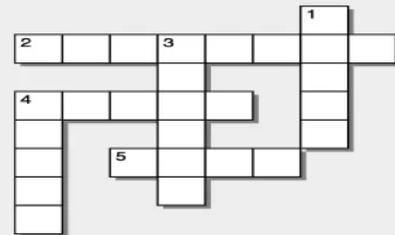
SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Rick Bruno
Scripture Reading: Mathew Wright
Scripture: Acts 17:31
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Chris Wright
Lord's Supper: Marvin Truett, Jeff Rose
Closing Prayer: Gary Bailey
NO VAN SERVICE



Mike Kelley will be speaking on Sunday at 9:00 am. There will be no classes and no fellowship meal. **We will meet at 6:00 pm for worship.**

⚔️ CrossWORD



Abraham Offers Isaac

Genesis 22

Across

- 2) "I will ___ your descendants as the stars"
 4) "Blessing I will ___ you..."
 5) "In your ___ all the nations of the earth shall be blessed."

Down

- 1) Abraham built an ___.
 3) "God ___ Abraham..."
 4) God told Abraham to offer Isaac as a ___ offering.

THE WORLD'S INFLUENCE

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.
(1 John 2:15-17)

We live in a sinful world. ***¹⁹Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like is all around us.*** (Galatians 5:19-21). Sin no longer concerns many people. Even some of these people attend church on a regular basis.

Our world is much like the world in the days of Jeremiah. ***“Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to blush. Therefore, they shall fall among those who fall; At the time I punish them, they shall be cast down,” says the LORD.*** (Jeremiah 6:15) Sin is so prevalent in our country that many are wondering why the Lord does not deal with us as He did with his people during the days of the prophets of the Old Testament.

It is one thing to recognize the sinfulness of communities, and another to make an effort to rid our nation of its sinfulness. Jeremiah spent some forty years preaching to a sinful nation. Jesus spent more than three years in the same endeavor. Over the past two hundred years there have been many preachers and teachers attempting to cleanse our nation of its sins, but it seems that the message has been unheeded by the majority.

While it appears the message is falling on closed ears, committed Christians must not give up. The only thing that will save America is the Word of God. It is in God's power to save. (Romans 1:16) Preaching followed by prayer avails much in its working. (James 5:16) It calls for a commitment to God's ways by faithful people. We must ask: Are you in love with the world or are you standing firm in God's Word? God is depending on us to carry His word to the world.

Bill Hopkins
Ravenna, OH

What Love Means to 4-8-year-old Kids ... (continued)

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8-year-olds, 'What does love mean?'

The answers they got were broader, deeper, and more profound than anyone could have ever imagined!

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.'

Mary Ann - age 4

'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.'

Lauren - age 4

'When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.' (*what an image*)

Karen - age 7

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross.'

Mark - age 6

'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.'

Jessica - age 8

And the final one:

The winner was a four-year-old child whose next-door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife.

Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry'

