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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

Here We Grow Again. We are very happy to report that Andrew Fisher was baptized into Christ recently. Andrew grew up in eastern Hickman County, was a part of the first graduating class at East Hickman High School, and works as a police officer in Maury County. He is the fiancé of Bridgett Tidwell. Be sure to congratulate him on his decision to follow Christ... and thank him for his service as a police officer. By the way, Andrew's was the eleventh baptism here at Fairfield so far in 2020! We thank God and give Him the credit for the growth we are experiencing.

Picking Up Stream. Speaking of good news, how about the fact that our Sunday morning worship from August 23, which we streamed on Facebook, has been viewed right at 500 times! We continue to be thankful to our "stream team" that is helping us get singing, prayers, communion, and preaching into so many homes. Special thanks to Rick Bruno and Jerrie Wayne Barber for their continued dedication to this effort.

Life Is For Living. During the late 1960s, a couple was vacationing in the California mountains. They noticed a pleasant-looking young man sitting by a bridge near their hotel. They saw him sitting in that same spot day after day. At first, they assumed he was fishing, but on closer look, they realized that he was doing nothing... just sitting and staring into space. Finally, curiosity got the best of them and they asked the young man why he sat in that same spot, all day, day after day. With a smile, he replied, "I happen to believe in reincarnation. I believe that I have lived many times before and that I will have many lives after this one. So, I've decided to sit this life out." What we believe definitely determines how we behave! If we believe Jesus, we will live a life on the go. Jesus said, "Go and make disciples... baptizing them... and teaching them..." Let's not sit life out. Let's get going!

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.

September men to serve sheets are in both foyers.

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.



Thanks for your donation of school supplies and money. The money was used to purchase writing paper. We appreciate your support over the years.

East Hickman Elementary School Staff



September Series each Wednesday @ 7 pm
Centerville church of Christ - Online or Facebook
"Face to Face with Jesus"

Nicodemus - John 3 Mickey Mathis Sept 9

Lazarus - John 11 Brent Beard Sept 16

Thomas - John 20 Kevin Johnston Sept 23

Woman at the Well - John 4 Greg McCord Sept 30

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FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF August 30 2020

MORNING WORSHIP	137
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4470
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167



Members: Doug Wilson, Linda Chandler, Terry James (St. Thomas West), John Fly (Parthenon), Dewayne Victory, 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, Hester Moss, James Hassell, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Andrew Farrah (son of Doug Wilson), Roger Stone (brother to Diane Breece was in an accident Monday morning and is now home. He is also battling cancer). Mabry Truett, Maxine Christian, Wendall Tidwell (friend of Thomas Haskins), 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: 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



We are sad to announce that **Anne Neeley**, longtime member with her husband at Fairfield passed away at Life Care on Monday. Please remember Anne's daughter, Rhonda in prayer. There will be no service at this time because of Covid.

Also, prayers to the family of **Joyce Kirby** who passed away recently. She was the sister to **Dwight England**. Her funeral was Monday in Carthage.



Center Fielders News

“Meeting God”

Someday, we will meet God. We will stand before the eternal One, who is so mighty that He spoke everything into existence except mankind. Man, He formed from the dust and breathed into him the breath of life. Knowing that Adam and Eve would sin, God planned the sacrifice of His only begotten Son to provide the forgiveness of sin. God also gave man an instruction book, the Bible, and sent His Holy Spirit to light up the pages of His Word. He provided the avenue of prayer so that even in our imperfection, we might commune with Him in His holiness. God left nothing undone, neglected no detail, and provided a way to reconcile us sinners to Himself.

So how will it be to stand before His throne when life on earth is over? Some think God will be a jolly grandfather who laughs and waves us through to glory. “You messed up a few times, but on the whole, you tried to be a good fellow.” Others think He will be a harsh judge glaring down from some heavy eyebrows saying “I can’t bear to look at you! I have never liked you from the beginning, and I don’t want you in Heaven!”

Neither of these descriptions matches what the Bible reveals about the character of God. But God is serious about sin! His holiness will not be compromised! His justice will not waver! His purposes will not be altered and His authority will be forever. We also have to be serious about sin in order to hear those sweet, sweet words someday when we do meet God. “Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of the Lord!”

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

Show Me, O God, How to Hate

Randal Matheny

Show me, O God, how to hate
This wicked world and all its ways,
To hate this life wrapped up in things,
In thoughts that throw us far from you.

Destroy what cannot remain forever,
That I might gain eternal blessing,
Release desires and old resentments,
For cleansing the heart grown hard by sin.

Show me, O Father, how to love
All heavenly truths that lighten my burden;
Let die this seed, enrich the soil,
To grow in Christ from the ground of pain.

MEN TO SERVE SEPT 6

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Chris Wright
Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates
Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:14-15
Preside Lord’s Supper: Gary Bailey
Alternates: Gary Basford, Rodney Rochelle
Basement: Rusty Bates, Gary Wright
Announcements: Mike Batts
Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Mike Batts
Scripture Reading: Chris Wright
Scripture: Titus 3:9-11
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Darin Cochran
Lord’s Supper: Mathew Wright, Edwin Wright
Closing Prayer: Wayne Prince
NO VAN SERVICE

⚡ 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.

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1A: A
2M: M U L T I P L Y
3T: T
4B: B L E S S
5S: S E E D
D: D
R: R
T: T

Fighting in Our Streets and God

Nations reap what they sow just as individuals do. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psa. 9:17). This happens partly because rebellion against God is by nature self-destructive and partly because God providentially intervenes to chastise evil societies. In terms of the latter, one of the most common forms of divine punishment is war. The Lord unleashed the Assyrians on Israel, the Babylonians on Judah, and then the Medes on Babylon. But the chastening rod in God's hand is not always a foreign army. Sometimes it is division and fighting within.

We call it "civil war." For thousands of years nation after nation has experienced it. The book of Isaiah reveals that God has a hand in some of these conflicts. The prophet pictured a complete breakdown of law and order in Judah in chapter three. The result was anarchy. "The people shall be oppressed, everyone by another and every one by his neighbor; the child will be insolent toward the elder, and the base toward the honorable" (Isa. 3:5). In this lawless state of chaos every man was a law to himself and respect for others vanished.

The same thing happened in other countries in Isaiah, and the Lord in His justice was involved. Consider Egypt, a nation whose time had come to reap what they had sown. God said, "I will set Egyptians against Egyptians; everyone will fight against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom. The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst" (Isa. 19:2-3). This powerful empire fell because they were so busy fighting with each other that they could not protect themselves from their enemies without.

In light of this pattern in history and in the Bible, why should we be surprised at riots and bloodshed in some of our major cities? We are a nation that has slaughtered over sixty million babies. The highest court in the land has made the perversion of same-sex marriage legal and now tyrannical governors and mayors have deemed attending church services a crime. Our land is full of greed, drunkenness, pornography and dishonesty. The infighting we are witnessing may be a just sentence from God.

The Cold War conditioned us to fear external threats to our peace and safety as a people. Perhaps it is time to recall that ancient Rome collapsed because it was rotten on the inside.

Kerry Duke
West End church of Christ
Livingston, TN

On the Lighter Side

Things Are Tough All Over

My wife and I went out for a leisurely drive to see the autumn leaves, when we noticed that one of the tires seemed to be getting low...

She was a bit taken aback when I asked her for some change and asked, "Why in the world did they start charging for AIR?!"

I looked at her and winked, "Inflation."

Unfortunate Names

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business & the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes."

Q: What is a tree's least favorite month?

A: Sep-timber!

Q: What do you call a pepper in late autumn?

A: A little chili

Did you know that when leaves fall off of trees in the Autumn, it's because of nostalgia?

They're trying to get back to their roots.

Q: What is a scarecrows vehicle of choice?

A: An Autumn mobile

Q: What is the best way to mend a jack-o-lantern?

A: By using a pumpkin patch!

"Trying to be someone else is a waste of the person you are."

"If others were thinking about themselves as much as I do, then they don't have time to be thinking about me."