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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Benevolence
Darin Cochran ext.11
Worship
Ken Copley ext.17
Education
Steve Craft ext.20
Youth
Randal Halbrooks ext.13
Missions
Shanon Irwin ext.29
Security
O.D. Pratt ext.23
Seniors
Lloyd Rochelle ext.21
Maintenance
Jeff Stacks ext. -
Transportation
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 10:15 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time (Acts 3:19-21).

What does the phrase "restoration of all things" mean to Christians today, who have the advantage of the totality of biblical teaching? Peter's words emphasize a basic truth... that not everything will be right until Christ returns. *Some* things are right now... God has forgiven our sins; He is with us and helps us in the trials of life... but not *all* things are right. We live in a world marred by sin. Often wicked people prosper, while the righteous suffer. Iniquities exist and will continue to exist until the Lord returns.

One of the best ways to appreciate the phrase "the restoration of all things" is to compare the first chapters of Genesis with the picture of heaven in the last two chapters of Revelation. In Genesis, man walks with God until sin separated him from his Maker; in Revelation 21:3, that close relationship is restored. In Genesis, man is forbidden access to the tree of life; in Revelation 22:2, man's right to the tree of life is restored. In Genesis, paradise is lost; in Revelation 22:1,2, paradise is regained. In Genesis, death comes to plague the world; in Revelation 21:4, death is abolished.

Everything *worth* restoring shall be restored to the faithful. Some have lost health; this shall be restored. Some have lost material possessions; they will receive treasures in heaven. What a powerful motivation to stay ready always for the Lord's return!

David Roper
Truth For Today Commentary
Acts 1-14

In Christian Love,

Mike





If you would like to teach or be a field guide for the 4th quarter (Oct – Dec) please see Ken.

If you would like to purchase a luminaria bag or torch in remembrance of or in honor of a loved one, please see Cindy, Sheila, Joyce or Diana. The bags are \$5 each and torches are \$50. These will be displayed during the Luminaria ceremony on September 21st.

Please pick up some postcards that are available in both foyers for you to take to start inviting others to join us on October 20th at our 70th anniversary celebration. If you haven't handed in your form, please do so and give to Jewell Prince with the size T-shirt you would like.

*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6:00 am in the basement.

*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1st & 3rd Tues. evenings @ 6:00 pm in the basement.

*The Quilters meet every Thurs. morning @ 9:00 am in the basement.

*Narcotics Anonymous meets every Thurs. night at 7:00p in the basement.



CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

September 14 – Middle/HS Devo, 5:30 at Ken & Mary Copley's house. We will be meeting at church @ 5:00 and taking the van, if you would like to ride. Girls bring chips & boys bring drinks.

September 15 – 3rd-5th Devo during evening service @ FH

September 17 – Middle/HS Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH

September 21 – Relay for Life

September 22 – Puppet show during evening service

September 26 – Desserts & Devo, 6:30- 8:30 @ FH

September 28 – Cleaning day at Fairfield...cleaning at the church building & the 3rd -12th grade will be cleaning the Field House at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided, for everyone that is cleaning by the youth group.

September 29 – 5th Sunday with Carter Hoover.

THINK ABOUT IT !

"Don't expect God to fix something if you're not willing to let go of it."



Members: Marlin Lawson (St. Thomas West, now off ventilator), Eli Powers (son of Rhonda, bike accident, fractured left hand), Naomi Bailey (home, more therapy), Dave Davidson, Diana Bailey, Teresa Kimbro, Gary Bailey, Kathy Rose, Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, Dot Davidson, Hester Moss, Christina George, James Hassell, Tony Halfacre, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Leon Lynn, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Kathy Swinford Coleman (mother of Angie Stacks, home now after stroke), Marvin Kelley (Mike's uncle, home), Wilburn McGahey, Cecil Varden, Bryan Owens, Chuck Dauphin, Russell Hargrove, Davey Baker, Ron Gossett, Alan Dickens, Jack Wood, Doug Bates, Cooper Parker, Teresa Noonan, Dennis Bradburn, Grayson Gunter, Laura Plunkett, Lena Harrell, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Ray Woodruff, Linda Goad, Ronny Pitman, Adam Lawson, Arica Hinson, Mark Wright, Helen Shanes, Donna Popp, Dorris French, Linda Truett, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jean Greer, Jackson Bates, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash, & Jimmy Mathis.

Life Care: Jessie Lee Harris (sister of Brenda Stoltz), Martha Harvill, Mary Carolyn McClanahan, Kitty Halfacre, Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Jo Hudgins (hospice), Bill Shanes, & Sybil Jenkins.

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown

Meadows at Bellevue: Joyce Johnson

Life Care of Columbia: Leonard Deen (grandfather of Diana Bailey, on hospice care).



Thank you so very much for your calls, cards, and especially your prayers. I know I would not have received such good test results without them. I thank God every day for this wonderful church family. You're the Best!

Love,
Teresa Kimbro



Center Fielders News

“Making the Minutes Count”

Just a tiny little minute, but eternity is in it! Managing time well is a popular concern and subject today, especially among those who have books to sell on the subject. We tend to think that every minute must count toward some tangible achievement, and if it doesn't, that minute is wasted. I've been off work (from my primary job) for three days and have worked very hard trying to catch up on things I had been putting off at home, and yes, it is a good feeling to partially get caught up and organized. I also think of the time and the lives of Bible characters, especially those with very long lives. The Bible says that Enoch lived 365 years. We admire his walk with God, but exactly what did he accomplish in this world? The Bible gives no additional information in Hebrews 11:5 and Jude 14. And then there was Noah, who lived 500 years before God told him to build the ark. What did he do for those 5 centuries?

Jesus did not begin His ministry until the age of 30. He worked as a carpenter in the previous 10 years. Even in Jesus' 3-year ministry, the total time required for all the incidents in the Gospels was only a few months at the most. What did He do with the other time of those 3 years?

Perhaps we have been affected by the world's profit mentality. We tend to think that time is worthwhile only if we spend it doing something that we can take credit for or that benefits us somehow. Of course, we do not need to avoid wasting time in and on sinful activities. But God is pleased if we simply walk with Him step by step, seeking to do His will regardless of tangible credits or benefits.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- September 9** – Ladies Craft night 6:00p, room 104 We will be making fall decorations. Cost \$1.00.
- September 11** – Mission Meeting 6:00p, room 104
- September 14** – Widows breakfast 9:00a Home-
stead Restaurant
- September 22** – Elders meet w/ women 4:30p, FH
- September 23** – Homeless meeting in basement.
- September 26** – Golden Agers - Junk Yard Dog
- September 27-28** – 2-day yard sale
- September 29** – 5th Sunday w/ Carter Hoover

What is the Crux of Christianity?

What is the Christian message today? What is the essential core of Christian teaching?

Because nothing has happened in the past 1900 years to change God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit or the needs of man, today's message is the same as it was in the beginning.

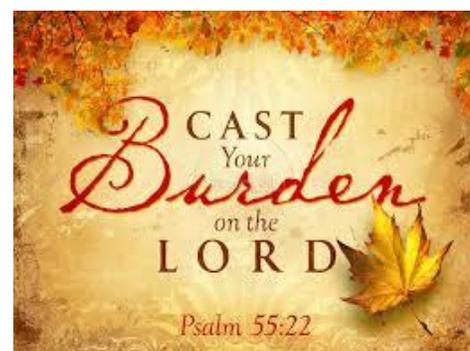
In A. D. 30, the first sermon by the apostles of Jesus remains the authentic message: “Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. . . God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witness of the fact. . . . God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:22-24, 32, 36). Those who gladly responded to this message repented of their sins and were baptized in the name of Jesus (2:38). This was the beginning of the church.

Throughout the lifetime of the apostles, the essential, saving message was always the same: “Jesus Christ: crucified, buried, resurrected, seen by witnesses, ascended, reigning and coming again” (I Corinthians 2:2; 15:1-4).

We will never outgrow these fundamental truths. The popular “theology light” centering on felt needs and consumerism perverts the original message. It's only in the cross and the resurrection that God forgives our sins and puts us right with himself (Romans 1:16-17; 4:25).

Faithful believers “want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection” (Philippians 3:10). We say with the apostle Paul: “God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of Christ Jesus my Lord” (Galatians 6:14).

*Calvin Warpula
Pittsfield, IL*



MEN TO SERVE SEPTEMBER 8

LORD'S TABLE

Preside: Dustin Bailey
Left: Vance Willis **Right:** Mike Breece
 Al Williams Lafayette Spears
 Rickey Weems Rick Bruno
 Jeff Warren Gary Basford
Alternates: Dewayne Victory, Boyce Cannon
Basement: Wallace Smith, Lafayette Spears
Sun P.M.: Josh Copley, Rick Bruno



PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

A.M. Scripture Reading: Willie Powers
Scripture: Hebrews 13:5-6
A.M. Opening Prayer: Vance Willis
A.M. Closing Prayer: Wayne Prince
P.M. Scripture Reading: Marvin Truett
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:13-16
P.M. Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
P.M. Closing Prayer: Mathew Wright
Wed. Opening Prayer: Darin Cochran
Wed. Invitation: (Sept 11) Rodney Rochelle

SONG LEADERS

Sunday A.M. Darin Cochran
Sunday P.M. Jeff Stacks
Wednesday P.M. (Sept 11) Mike Kelley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday A.M. Jerrie W. Barber
Sunday P.M. Darin Cochran
Wednesday P.M. (Sept 11) Mike Batts

VAN DRIVERS

Sunday A.M. Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631
Sunday P.M. Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631
Wed. P.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355
 (Sept 11)

If you are unable to serve in anyway, please call or text Gary Basford at (931)628-0355 or Darin Cochran at (615)418-3148.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF September 1, 2019
A.M. WORSHIP: 192
CONTRIBUTION: \$3764
2019 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$4167

Fall Riddles

Q: What is a tree's least favorite month of the year?
 A: Sep-timber!

Q: What do you use to mend a jack-o-lantern?
 A: A pumpkin patch.

Q: Who helps the little pumpkins cross the road to school?
 A: The Crossing Gourd.

Q: What is the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter?
 A: Pumpkin Pi

Q: What is it called when a tree takes time off from work in autumn?
 A: Paid leaf.

Q: Why did the apple pie cry?
 A: It's peelings were hurt!

Doggygram

A dog walked in to the telegram office one day. He took out a blank form and wrote on it:
 "Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof. Woof."

Then he handed it to the clerk. The clerk examined the paper and said to the dog, "You know there are only nine words here? You could send another 'Woof' for the same price."
 The dog replied, "But that would make no sense at all!"

What's Your Answer?

I was on a flight the other day when the stewardess came up to me and said, "Excuse me sir, would you like to have dinner?"
 I said, "What are the options?"
 She said, "Yes and No."

