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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

Family Line:

931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

The Future Is Now. The Future Leaders class got off to a great start this past Sunday night. We had an introduction to the class, a get-to-know-me activity involving M&Ms and fun questions, a wild and crazy game of follow the leader, a discussion of the leadership style of our Leader (Jesus), and a brainstorming session about we can be helper-leaders like Jesus in the different places we go. There were seven students who attended and they are precious! Please spread the word about this class. Students won't have to attend every session to benefit. We want them to come anytime they can. The class will continue to meet on Sunday nights during our regular time of worship (6-7pm) through the months of September and October. At the conclusion of the class, we are planning a graduation ceremony where the students will be recognized and receive rewards for their attendance and hard work. Please be praying for and promoting this class!

Young Adult News. This past Sunday was a great day for our young adult class, led by Josh Copley. Several college students were home for the holiday weekend, and 10 young adults joined Josh upstairs in the Fellowship Building. We are thankful for this class, for Josh's leadership, and are very excited about their big day!

Medical Equipment Available. Several pieces of medical equipment have recently been donated. We have a recliner style lift-chair, a wheelchair, several walkers, and a few other pieces. Please see me (Mike Kelley) or Steve or Teresa Craft if you know anyone who is in need of this type of equipment.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Ladies' Bible Class will meet on September 12th at 6:00 pm in the basement.

There will be a Mission meeting on September 14th at 6:00 pm in room 104.

Hickman County Relay for Life has luminaria bags for sale for \$5 each. The bags will be lit at the Relay event coming up on September 17th at the Ag-Pavilion. See any Relay team member for details.

Ladies Craft night will be on Monday, September 19th at 6:00 pm in room 104. They will be making items for cancer patients. Bring your sewing machine if you have one; come even if you don't have one.

The Golden Agers will be meeting this month at Catfish Kitchen on the 22nd at 6:00 pm. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers. The bus will leave at 5:30.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Carol Nash**, wife of **William Dale**. Her funeral was Saturday.

We express sympathy to the family of **Norma Beard** who passed away. No arrangements have been made at this time.

Members: Dorothy Noonan, Zane Carroll, Tina Johnson (back surgery on Sept. 12th), Dave Davidson, Patsy Givens, Ralph Givens, Tommy McClanahan (no visitors), Janey Gilbert, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, Dewayne Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Caileigh Pitman (Vanderbilt hospital), Connor Pitman, Billy Hinson, Baby Evelyn (daughter of Lauren Gatewood Barr & Corbin Barr & grandparents Gary & Becky Gatewood-born 15 weeks prematurely), Linda Smith, Wilma Orton, Adam Loveless, Helen Smith, Caleb Coates, Judy Hinson, Grayson Gunter, Mike Rhea, Jimmy Loveless, Helen Jerpe, Michael Harvill, Jay Pickard, Mary Spears, Christians, missionaries, military personal & people in the Ukraine, Nancy Clancy, Gus Gilreath, Kevin Chandler, Jo James, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, Doris & Marjorie Claud, Rebeca Mears, Greg Zoller, Seth Williams, Elizabeth Dunn, Kelley Wilson, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, Donna Gaspard, Rita Stacks, Jimmy Jenkins, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Hugh David Love, Anthony Stacks, Wilma Green, Francis Qualls, Hester Moss

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:
Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson:
Martha Page



The Purpose FIELD Women's Ministry presents

ARE YOU A FAN OR A FOLLOWER? LADIES DAY

Wear your favorite team's color and join us for food, fellowship and fun!
September 24th 10-2:00 Fellowship Hall
Teresa Purcell, speaker

SIGN UP SHEETS IN BOTH FOYERS



Sept 11 - Future Leaders Class during evening service LO
Sept 18 - Future Leaders Class during evening service LO
Sept 20 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 pm @ FH
Sept 25 - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off
Sept 30 - Make banana pudding for BP Festival



Center Fielders News

“Ants and Servants”

Ants are very common insects. Probably everyone reading this is acquainted with different types of ants. Maybe it's fire ants, black ants, or maybe a different kind of ant. Back at the beginning of the summer we decided to take down our above-ground swimming pool due to age. Not only due to the age of the pool, but due to the age of us as well, ha-ha. With the absence of the pool, we decided it would be a great place to have a fire pit so began to bring in dirt and level the low place where the pool once was. With each new load of dirt, the ants begin to build their nests. The more I watched these amazing insects, the more I was amazed! Proverbs 6:6 says, “Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!

Ants are a wonderful example for us as God's servants. If you were to divide the word “servant” in the middle, you would have “serv(e)-ant.” Then if you reversed the word servant, you would have “ant-serv(e).” Maybe, just maybe, this little exercise will help us to remember some lessons that ants can teach us.

As time went by, I noticed many wonderful forms of servitude the ants had. It was amazing how quickly they rebuilt their hill back after it was smashed. Then I watched how they could carry things twice their size. The biggest thing I noticed was how they worked together. Their teamwork enabled them to accomplish the task before them. I can only imagine the chaos that would result if the ants were like humans and refused to cooperate!! Watching these insects and their characteristics taught me, and maybe you, more ways we can be “serve-ants” both naturally and spiritually.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF September 4, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	193
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4693
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Ronny Pitman
Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno
Scripture: **Philippians 2:5-8**
Preside Lord's Supper: Lafayette Spears
Alternates: Norman George, Gerry Hinson
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Lyle Shepherd
Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

SUNDAY EVENING:

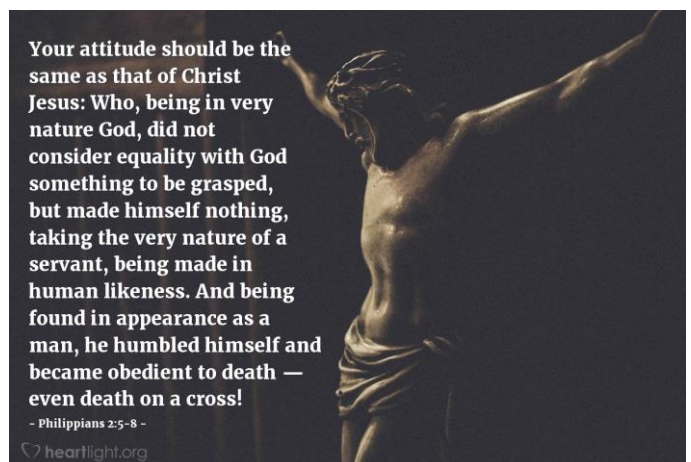
Announcements: Gary Basford
Scripture Reading: Mike Batts
Scripture: **Luke 14:15-24**
Song Leader: Bobby McCoy
Opening Prayer: Tom Gosser
Lord's Supper: Gary Wright, Edwin Wright
Closing Prayer: Willie Powers
Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Song Leader: Ronny Pitman
Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

RESPONSE

Joyce Swaw requested prayers Wednesday evening for her grandson **Grayson Gunter** whose health is declining.



Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!

- Philippians 2:5-8 -

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Twenty-One Years Ago

We all recall where we were that morning of September 11, 2001. Whether we were on our way to work, or getting the kids ready for school, whatever we were doing, it all came to a stop as we sat frozen in front of our televisions, watching the unbelievable happen in real time.

Yet, on this date twenty-one years later, how many will take the time to remember? A handful may stop and recall the day's events, or perhaps talk to others about that awful day. An even smaller group will attend some memorial service. Some will go through the day and never think of the attack that took the lives of over 2400 Americans. A few news media may say nothing of it at all.

God knew how important it was for His people to remember important events. The yearly observance of the Passover, and the weekly observance of the Sabbath, were commanded to keep God's presence in their lives "unforgettable." Today we assemble weekly to partake of the Lord's Supper. Jesus said to do it "in remembrance of me" (Lu. 22:19). There was not to be a Lord's Day worship without a time to remember the body and blood shed for us on the cross. We are not to assemble and ignore, postpone, or replace this weekly remembrance (1 Co. 1:20). It is by this weekly observance, now two thousand years later, by which His death remains prominent in our worship and memory.

*-Dennis Doughty, editor
The Magnolia Messenger*

A Special License

After a recent college basketball game, the coach spotted a cell phone lying on the floor. He picked it up and handed it to one of the referees and said, "Here's your phone." "What makes you think it's mine?" the referee asked. "Easy," said the coach. "It says you missed 13 calls."

Whatever Works

A woman noticed her husband sucking in his stomach as he was standing on the bathroom scales. Thinking he was trying to weigh less with this maneuver, she said to him, "I really don't think that's going to help." "Sure, it does," he replied. "It's the only way I can see the numbers."

'But I Don't Want to Do It!'

I read about a chef that was fired. He was a good chef. Trained at the best cooking school. Had a flair for bringing out the best taste in food. His work ethic was beyond reproach. So, why was he fired? Because he wouldn't wash his hands. Customers had noticed in the restaurant's restroom and complained. Many had walked out. When asked why he didn't wash his hands, his answer was truthful – "I don't want to do it."

Moses "didn't want to do it." No, it had nothing to do with proper hygiene. He couldn't imagine himself being God's spokesman before Pharaoh. But God convinced him to take the job. The Lord would provide whatever was needed for the task at hand. Moses just needed to understand that Jehovah wasn't requesting that he go back to save the children of Israel. God was commanding him to go (Exodus 3:1-22).

Similarly, we need to understand that the Lord didn't just ask that we help him in saving others, he commands it. If you've been saved from your sins, it is expected that you will help the Savior find others to save (Matthew 28:18-20).

*Larry Fitzgerald
Woodlawn church of Christ
Abilene, TX*



Gospel Meeting at the Shipp's Bend church of Christ
September 18-20 with speaker Jerrie Barber
Sunday morning worship at 9:00 am
Bible Study at 10:15 am
Sunday evening worship at 7:30 pm
Monday & Tuesday evening worship at 7:00 pm



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