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Associate Minister:

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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

Website:

fairfieldcofc.org



Mike's Minute

Here We Grow Again. I am happy to report yet another baptism at Fairfield. Last week, **Chris Pittman** was baptized by Jerrie Wayne Barber. Chris has been attending worship for some time with Dalton Barber. We are so thankful that Chris has decided to follow Jesus! We pray for a healthy, happy, holy life for him in service to God and man. I'm also very grateful to have Jerrie Wayne and his family as members of our congregation. I've often said that every member of the church should be a minister. Jerrie Wayne is the embodiment of that principle. He brings enough family with him to worship to fill a whole pew by themselves. He is always ready to teach a Bible class, lead us as we observe the Lord's Supper, do announcements, assist with our streaming services... and whatever else needs doing. How fortunate we are that Jerrie and his family are a part of us!

Take This Job And Love It. I am writing this article on Labor Day. As I write, I am reflecting on how blessed I am to be able to work. I am fortunate to have not just one, but two jobs that offer me a place to be, a people to enjoy, a purpose to challenge me, and a passion to excite me. With so many Americans losing their jobs because of the pandemic, it is not lost on me what a privilege being able to work actually is. I am blessed beyond measure to be a pulpit minister here at Fairfield. You folks are such a loving, supportive, understanding church family! Even though I don't always "act my wage," you still keep me around. If you have a job, I encourage you to "take this job and love it!" Find ways to look at your work as a calling, instead of a just a job or even a career. Remind yourself that many would love to have a job but are still unable because of the current situation. If you are retired, remember that, at least on this side of eternity, you never retire from the Lord's work. One of the things that I appreciate about our 3 elders is that they retired from secular work but continued on with spiritual work. May I challenge you to do the same?

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 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.



Congratulations to Landon & Abbey Graham on the birth of their baby boy Tuesday morning. Lincoln John-Bryan Graham weighed 9 lbs. 8 oz. Proud grandparents are Stephen & Deana Graham.



Terry James would appreciate cards while he is recovering from surgery. His address is:

Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital
1000 Physicians Way, Room 211
Franklin, TN 37067

Also, **Randy Hall**, son-in-law of **Gerry Smith**, appreciates the prayers and would like to receive cards as well while he is on chemo treatments. His address is:

Randy Hall
325 W. Dorado Circle
Litchfield, AZ 85340



Members: Doug Wilson, Linda Chandler, Terry James (address below), John Fly (home), 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: Nick Leaver (St. Thomas Midtown with Covid, very ill), Dot Dickens (sister to Floy Cochran & mother-in-law to Lou Dickens, Vanderbilt - ICU), Andrew Farrah (son of Doug Wilson), Roger Stone (brother to Diane Breece and is battling cancer). Mabry Truett, Maxine Christian, Wendall Tidwell, Thomas Haskins, Junior Haskins, Marilyn Mathis, Christopher Jackson & family, John Plemmons, Jr., 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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF September 6, 2020	
MORNING WORSHIP	107
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3234
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167



Center Fielders News

“Who Do We Represent?”

When the president of the United States goes to another country, he represents the United States. If the prime minister of Canada should go to another country, he would represent Canada. Now the question is who do you and I represent as Christians? Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world,” therefore, His followers represent a spiritual kingdom and not an earthly kingdom.

The apostle Paul said that we are ambassadors for Christ, indicating that Christ’s servants are His representatives here on earth. This means that born-again believers stand for what Jesus stood for and stands against what Jesus stood against. Jesus obeyed the laws of the land; He stood for law and order. He was against men having relationships with other men, and women having relationships with other women. He was against murder of unborn children. In fact, Jesus said anyone who hurt a little child should be thrown in the sea with a millstone wrapped around his neck. Jesus told us, as followers, that we should pray for our enemies, not hate them and slander them.

Fellow believers, other people are reading our lives. It has been said many many times, that we might be the closest thing to the Bible that someone will ever read. Can people see Jesus living in you? How is your speech? Is it clean and pure, and are the words spoken with kindness and humility? How do we act when things don’t go our way or others take advantage of us?

We need to pattern our lives after Jesus, the One whom we claim to represent. Sometimes we need to remind ourselves of 1 Peter 2:13: “Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men.” May God help us to always remember who we are to represent.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



Hickman County Relay for Life... will host a drive-thru Cancer Survivor recognition and Luminara ceremony on September 26, 2020 at the front of Fairfield Church of Christ building from 5-8 p.m. Survivors can drive through for a gift bag and a boxed meal. If you are a survivor, please call 931-628-1796 to RSVP.

MEN TO SERVE SEPT 13

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Gary Basford

Scripture: Titus 2:6-8

Preside Lord’s Supper: Mike Batts

Alternates: Kenneth Jett, Gary Basford

Basement: Ken Copley, Randal Halbrooks

Announcements: Rodney Rochelle

Closing Prayer: Chris Wright

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Darin Cochran

Scripture: John 5:21-23

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Marvin Truett

Lord’s Supper: Mathew Wright, Edwin Wright

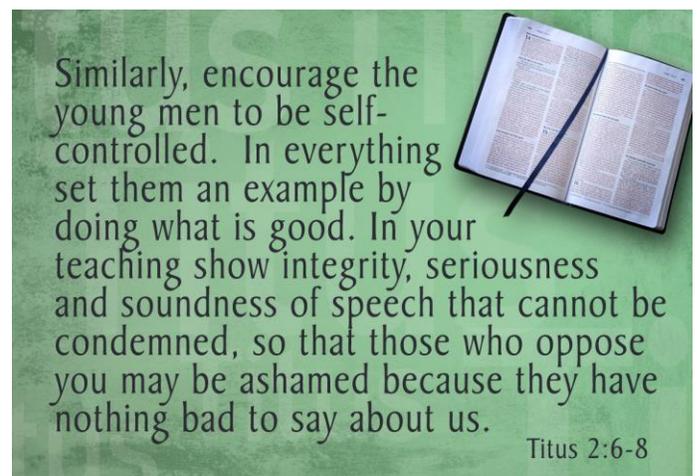
Closing Prayer: Gary Bailey

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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*



Please join us for an evening of prayer, repentance and revival as well as Christian worship music. Hymn singing, and a community prayer candle lighting will be held on September 26, 2020 from 6-8 pm at River Park in Centerville, TN.

The evenings purpose is to unite local Christian organizations, churches and citizens of Hickman County.

This event is in conjunction with the National event taking place in Washington, D.C. on September 26th. It is also the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower in Plymouth, MA.

Attending the event in Washington, D.C. will be Dr. James Dobson, Ann Graham Lotts, Pat Robertson and Franklin Graham, who will be conducting a prayer march during this event.

Bring your own candles and chairs – also – no food or drinks will be provided. Read: 2 Chronicles 7:14.

