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Chris Wright - 931-206-6629

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



Mike's Minute

You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

John 8:32

"I forgave and set a prisoner free. Then I learned the prisoner was me." That little poem carries an important message that we need to hear.

When we forgive someone, we are not minimizing the harm the person caused nor condoning the sin that was committed. We are simply choosing to place the offense in the nail-scarred hands of Jesus.

In his book *Forgiveness... The Ultimate Miracle*, Paul J. Meyer shares a story about a woman named Renee who hated her father because of his long-term abuse. When Renee became a Christian at the age of forty-one, she faced a dilemma. She knew she had been forgiven of her sins through Jesus, but she had no desire to forgive her father.

As she continued to learn from the Bible, she began to realize that forgiveness isn't a feeling and it isn't an option. It is a biblical requirement.

One day, she prayed: "I, Renee, release my father into Your loving arms. Please release me from the bondage of unforgiveness."

Her attitude toward her father started to change... and his heart began to change. He eventually confessed Jesus as his Savior and was baptized at the age of eighty-four.

Choosing to forgive others helps both the forgiven and the forgiver.

In Christian Love,

Mike




Just Joshin'

We celebrated the first official day of fall last week on September 22nd. How exciting! It is certainly my favorite season by far and for so many different reasons. We welcome the changing leaves, cool air, the several holidays that are approaching, and football season really starts to pick up. Fall is such a cozy time of year where we can really marvel at the beauty of God's creation.

We can examine the change happening around us during this time of year and find so many parallels between nature and our spiritual walk. The earth changes as we go through changes. Ephesians 4:22-24 reads, "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." In nature, the trees must have their beautiful leaves wither and die so that they might be reborn into something new and marvelous in the springtime. The Bible commands the same of us. We must put our old selves to rest if we are to witness a new, righteous creation be born in God's glory. While we go through this change and others, we should be grateful that we have a God and a Savior who doesn't change and that we can eternally lean upon. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

To God be the Glory,
Josh

Join us for our
2nd Annual Fall Festival
Saturday, October 19, 2024
11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Food
Fun for all ages
Door Prizes
Fireworks
Games
Hay Ride
FREE

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Congratulations to **Daniel & Loren Roberts** on the birth of a baby boy on Thursday, Sept. 19th. **Grayson Kole** weighed 6 lb. 6 oz. Grandparents are **Kurt & Lisa Hellman** and **Danny & Deborah Roberts**; great-grandmother is **Paulette Baker**.

Congratulations to **Nathaniel & Hannah Armstrong** on the birth of a baby boy on Saturday, Sept. 21st. **Lanty William** weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. Grandparents are **Ron & Dawn Mayberry**; great-grandparents are **Hershel & Carol Mayberry**.



Liberty McCauley has successfully completed Marine boot camp training. Thank you, Liberty, for serving our country!



Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls and love and support during my test and procedures. We are blessed to have a great church family.

Love,
Curtis Edwards



We express our sympathy to the family of **A.J. Coates**. He was the father of Melinda Sullivan, Melissa Filson, & Ronald Coates as well as the uncle of Phillip & James Coates. Visitation will be Friday 4:00 to 8:00 pm and Saturday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm with the funeral at 1:00 pm at McDonald Funeral Home.



- Oct 1** - Middle/HS Devo, 6:30-8:30p at Field House
- Oct 5-6** - National Banana Pudding Festival, volunteers needed. See Cindy or Teresa.
- Oct 15** - Middle/HS Devo, 6:30-8:30p at Field House
- Oct 19** - Fairfield Fall Festival, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. Volunteers needed



OCTOBER

- 1 Tori Daniels
Amber McDonald
Barbara Meador
- 2 Anthony Canady
Mackenzie Kisiel
- 3 Donna Pitman
- 4 Jeffrey Daniels
Cole Irwin
Faye Rochelle
- 5 Wyatt Houston Barber
Tina Johnson
- 8 Steve Craft
Robert Wilson
- 10 Patsy Givens
- 11 Cindy Bailey
- 13 Jill Ward
- 16 Dianne Breece
- 17 Emily Anderson
Annalyn Holt
Courtney James
- 19 Reba England
- 20 Kenneth Jett
O.D. Pratt
Arielle Wright
- 21 Ken Kimmons
- 24 Diane Coates
- 25 Glenda Coates
- 26 Carrie Crowther
Chris Love
- 27 Gary Basford
- 29 Mike Knight
- 30 Sheila Brady
Stormie Edwards
- 31 Edward Sullivan



OCTOBER

- 1 Ronny & Donna Pitman
- 12 Tommy & Alison Stanley
- 13 Mike & Jill Ward
- 18 Dwight & Sharon Burns
Jack & Angie Green
Shanon & Sydney Irwin
Caleb & Paige Truett
- 21 Dave & Dot Davidson
Ralph & Patsy Givens
- 24 Lyle & Kayla Shepherd
- 26 Charles & Rita Sullivan

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Willie Powers
Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno
Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-15
Preside Lord's Supper: Roy McCoy
Left: Zack Harvill **Right:** Ronny Pitman
 Wallace Smith Mike Worley
 Carl Daugherty Vance Willis
 Larry Primm Chris Wright
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Steve Baker
Van Driver: Jack Green 931-994-8317

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates
Scripture: Ephesians 4:15-16
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince
Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright
Song Leader: Damon McCoy
Opening Prayer: Mathew Wright
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF September 15, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	193
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4730
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5417



HELLO FALL



Our annual **Magi** boxes sponsored by the Mission Committee are available in both foyers. Please take one and the sheet provided to fill the box. The church will pay the shipping again this year. Deadline is September 29th.

Celebration for middle and high school youth will be November 1 – 3. The sign-up list to attend this event is in the **back foyer**; cost is \$80 per person. Deadline to register is September 29th.

Helpers are needed on Friday, October 4th, to make banana puddings for the Banana Pudding Festival starting at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. If you can help at any time that day, please come whatever time is suitable with your schedule. The Youth Group should arrive around 4:00 pm then to make their puddings. Helpers are needed to work the Pudding Path on Saturday (10/5) & Sunday (10-6). Please see Cindy Bailey or Teresa Craft to sign up to work.

Calling all volunteers to help with the **Fall Festival** this year!! Sign-up sheets for workers, gift basket donations and food donations are on a table in the front foyer. Please let us know what areas that you are willing to help with as soon as possible.

Relay for Life will hold a Pretty in Pink Tea Party on October 13th. Tickets are \$10 each. See Sheila or Cindy for tickets.

Men-to-Serve and Van Drivers sheets for October are in both foyers. Please pick one up.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tuesday morning at 6:00 am in the basement.

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday @ 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in **room 104**.

If you have a **prayer request**, please use a blue card, and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.

Jan Hopkins-Campbell came forward this past Sunday morning asking for prayers of wisdom and to know how to deal with the death of a co-worker.

Dave Davidson also came forward asking for prayers of comfort and healing for the family of his sister, Tina Davidson, as they deal with Tina's diagnosis of cancer.

Members: Glenda Newsom (waiting on results), Chris Kimbro, Rita Sullivan, Deborah Peery, Curtis Edwards, Mike Batts, Donna Pitman, Yvonna Caillouet, Marlin Lawson, Randy Prince, Deborah McClellan, Joyce Boyd, Gary Wright, Carolyn Phillips, Kenneth Chandler (home-no visitors), Reda Springer, Shanon Irwin, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes (hospice), & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Jason Harness, Marilyn Mathis (back surgery Nov. 4) Pam Hinson (daughter of Sarah & Gerry-diagnosed with colon cancer), Davy Baker (son of Paulette Baker), Lottie (Terrell) Williams, Marshall Spencer, Joe & Mattie Boehms, Ruby Church, Mary Sue Sands, Ronald Cochran, Jeff Clark, Betty Baird, Terry Barrenger, Edgar Clyde Beard, Linda Canady, Mike Dorton (home-no visitors), Carmela Brown, James Tidwell, Beverly Smith (mother of Laurie Copley, former member), Paul Harvill, Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Ronnie Carroll, Gail Brown, Judy Baggett, David Gossett, Jimmie Jenkins, Ryan Edwards, Brian Powers, Martha Ann McCord, Gethlyn Gardner (home-cancer), Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Edwin Garner, Chris Chilton, David Stewart & newborn granddaughter, Truu, Willie Lawler, James Coates (healthcare facility in Hohenwald-address on the bulletin board), Pam Sullivan, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, David Talley, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Stephanie Pitman, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Anthony Stacks, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard.



Fifth Sunday is coming up today, September 29th. Our speaker for the day will be **Steve Baggett** from the Walnut St. church in Dickson. Please stay after class for the potluck to follow. Our afternoon service will begin about 12:30 pm. There will be no 6:00 pm service.