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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Schedule Events/FH
Mike Breece ext.19
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Clay Chandler ext. 6
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.22
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 10:20 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846

Website:

fairfieldcofc.org



Mike's Minute

Unto the pure all things are pure; but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

Titus 1:15

A mother was helping her son with his spelling homework. They came to the words *conscious* and *conscience*. She asked her son, "Do you know the difference between these two words?"

He replied, "Sure, Mom. Conscious is when you are aware of something. Conscience is when you wish you weren't."

The conscience is like a sharp square peg in our hearts. When we are confronted by a situation that calls for a right-or-wrong decision, the square begins to turn. It's corner cuts into our hearts, warning us with an inward "knowing" that we are facing a situation in which we must make a choice against evil and for good.

If the conscience is ignored time after time, however, the corners of the square are gradually worn down and the square peg becomes a circle that twists and turns at will. When the circle turns within our hearts, there is no inner sensation of warning. In effect, we are left without a conscience.

A sound conscience is a gift from God. Pay attention to its warning signals and you will be spared much pain and heartache.

In Christian Love,

Mike





It was good to see **Chris England** and **Dewayne Victory** back at services on Sunday after having been sick. **Dewayne Victory** came forward Sunday asking for restoration and prayers so please remember him in your prayers.

Our annual hayride will be Saturday, October 23rd at Ron & Dawn Mayberry's farm at 1391 Maddox Road in the Grays Bend community starting at 5:00 pm. We will roast hot dogs on an open fire. Boys are asked to bring canned drinks or bottled water; girls are to bring chips and/or desserts. Please bring your own chairs to sit in. Sign up sheets are in both foyers. Please sign up by October 20th so we can know how much food we will need.

Please remember to fill out an update sheet for the church yellow pages. The elders have asked that each family fill out a sheet whether or not there have been changes.

Our annual community outreach, the **Halloweenie Roast**, will be on Sunday, October 31st this year. We will give out hot dogs, chips and candy. We will be needing candy and volunteers to help with the giveaway.

Men to serve sheets for October are in both foyers.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Ricky Weems**, who passed away last week after an extended battle with Covid. His service was last Saturday.

Also, we express sympathy to the family of **Roger Stone**, who was the brother of **Dianne Breece**. Funeral will be Friday at 3:00 pm at McDonald Funeral Home. There will be a meal for the Stone family as well after the funeral.

And finally, we express sympathy to the families of **Mary Elizabeth Lemay**, sister of **Al Williams** who passed away recently; and to the **Todd Zeitlin** family, brother-in-law of **Kim Clayton** who passed away this week and to the family of Gene Carroll who passed away last Sunday.



Members: Chris Breece (Rolling Hills hospital), Brenda Stoltz, Connor Peebles (home), Rick Bruno (home), June Prince, Dewayne Victory, Helen Shanes, Bob James, Kenneth Chandler, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins (hospital), Lou Dickens, Raymond Stoltz, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Harry & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Mike (ICU) & Nancy Bradley (both recovering from surgery), Mike Harvill (St. Thomas West-stroke, husband of Velda and father of Laura Hall), Kelley Wilson, Glen England (brother of Dwight-throat cancer), Isaiah Locke (& family), Randal & Brenda Totty, Jeremy Primm (back at St. Thomas West), Bobby McCoy, Melvin Roberson, Willie Taylor, Ronald Loveless, Billie Church, Daniel Spears, Harley Parker, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Rachael Bellis, Michael Noonan, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, Adam Lawson, Evan Boyd, Donna Gaspard, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, McKinley Moore, Jimmy Jenkins, Doug & Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Hester Moss

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Barbara Beard, Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page



Oct 2 & 3 - National Banana Pudding Festival at Hickman County Ag Pavilion and Fairgrounds. We need help serving on the Puddin' Path. The festival is Saturday, 9 am - 6 pm and Sunday Noon - 5 pm. See Teresa for more information.

Oct 5 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ the FH

Oct 10 - Puppet Show during evening service in Lift-Off

Oct 17 - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service @ FH

Oct 19 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ the FH

Oct 23 - Hayride at the Mayberry's. Boys bring canned drinks or bottled water, Girls bring chips or desserts. Sign up sheets in both foyers.

Oct 31 - Halloweenie Roast, church front porch. Help needed preparing hot dogs and pass out bags.



Center Fielders News

“A Spiritual Anti-Depressant”

Clinical depression, manic depression, or bipolar disorder, whatever the diagnosis, depression is a very big problem. In most cases, the cause can be traced to a combination of conflicting circumstances that leave a person with feelings of hopelessness. Simple answers usually leave depressed individuals only more frustrated, especially if they do not have the power or courage, or will to make the changes necessary. To a depressed person, the problems are huge and without answers!!

The Bible has a solution, but it calls a person to make a serious choice. The first step is to find hope, something to look forward to, a “light at the end of the tunnel.” It includes a future that is better than the present and a focus on good and positive things. Sometimes a depressed person needs help from another person to put issues into perspective. Some depression is the result of a physical problem and may need medical attention.

The Book of Romans has more to say about hope than does any other book in the New Testament. The Psalms also identify with the downhearted and depressed, but usually end with a brighter outlook on God and His goodness. Psalms is a good book to read for one that is discouraged as well.

Romans 5 takes a person on a journey that starts with faith, which takes us into a relationship with God. Then we find access to grace by the means of faith, and then we rejoice in the hope of God, glorifying God even through tribulation, because that tribulation teaches us patience and we learn to trust Him. Then comes joy in God through His Son, Christ Jesus. This is a spiritual anti-depressant that sometimes exceeds any secular remedy.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



MEN TO SERVE OCTOBER 3

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Norman George
Scripture Reading: Andrew Fisher
Scripture: Psalm 5:7-8
Preside Lord's Supper: Adam Jude
Alternates: Phillip Coates, Zack Harvill
Announcements: Mike Batts
Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Mike Batts
Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson
Scripture:
Song Leader: Jeff Rose
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Lord's Supper: Boyce Cannon, Adam Jude
Closing Prayer: Gary Basford
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Mike Batts
Song Leader: Rodney Rochelle
Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355



FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF September 26, 2021	
MORNING WORSHIP	148
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3961
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

REFLECTIONS ON "SOCIAL DISTANCING"

Our coronavirus pandemic has brought into existence the new practice of "Social Distancing." Many of us long for a return to firm handshakes and warm hugs which are presently a thing of the past.

There was also a time when God the Father practiced socially distancing Himself from the personal presence of Jesus, His only begotten Son. Only Jesus knows the sacrifices He and His Father made as He left His position of equality with His Father in heaven to come into our world to deal with the world-wide and eternally fatal spiritual pandemic of sin. Every day for 33 years Jesus had to "mask" His Spirit from Satan's pollution of temptations to sin. Thank God for His life of perfection that He might be qualified as God's perfect sacrifice to die on the cross for our innumerable sins.

On Calvary's cross Jesus endured the worst of all social distancing as His closest friends turned away from Him. He was spat upon and cursed by His enemies and attacked by Hell itself. In this darkest hour of human history, our holy God practiced the greatest social distancing from His Son as Jesus Himself cried out "My God, my God why have You forsaken Me? (Matt. 27:46). Never in all of eternity past had Jesus been as distanced from the Father as He was when our sins were heaped upon Him which resulted in His spiritual death.

The Good News of the gospel is that through His social distancing from His Father we now, as sinners who obey His gospel, no longer must endure the social distancing that unforgiven sin produces from our Holy Father in heaven. Jesus removed all social distancing from our Holy Father for those who repent, obey His gospel, and come to Him Who promises: "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters" (2 Cor. 6:18).

Only God Himself knows when our present pandemic will finally end and with it our physical practice of social distancing. In the meantime, we thank God that our spiritual distancing from our Father in heaven has forever ended.

*Ralph Weinhold;
Danville (AR) church of Christ*



WOMEN ARE SAFE

Fall Wishlist 2021

- ❖ Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Fabric Softener, Dryer Sheets
- ❖ Bathroom/Toilet Cleaning Supplies, Floor Cleaner, Clorox wipes
- ❖ General Purpose Household Cleaners
- ❖ Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- ❖ Square / Rectangle Laundry Baskets

**NOTE: Due to the pandemic, we are only accepting "new" items.
All donations can be shipped or delivered to:
131 West End Avenue
Centerville, TN 37033**



Don't Leave God Out

*[God] is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.
—Ephesians 3:20*

When we put our confidence in planning, we reap what planning can do. When we put our confidence in programs, we reap what programs can do. When we put our confidence in leadership, we reap what leadership can do. When we put our confidence in talent, we reap what talent can do.

But when we put our confidence in prayer, we reap what God can do.

Planning, programs, leadership, and talent all have their place—everything we do in kingdom work should be done properly and orderly (1 Cor 14:40). But what God alone can do should never be eliminated from church planning.

We aren't equal in capability—but we are equal in prayer power. The prayers of the least talented and the most talented in your church reach the ears of God at the same volume.

Never underestimate the power of your prayers.

*Pathway Evangelism
Joe Barnett*