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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Steve Craft ext.20
Youth
Randal Halbrooks ext.13
Missions
Shanon Irwin ext.29
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Jeff Stacks ext. -
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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

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Mike's Minute

In his book, *The Law of Happiness*, Christian psychologist Dr. Henry Cloud writes about the day his daughter learned the truth of Jesus' teaching, "It is better to give than to receive." Dr. Cloud writes the following:

When my older daughter, Olivia, was about three or four, she attended a half-day preschool a few days a week. She loved it and was making lots of friends. One day, before I took her, for some reason we got into a conversation about sharing. We talked about how you can share all sorts of things with others, from love to helping someone, to sharing cookies and toys. I suggested that when she was at school that day, she find someone and share something with her. I thought it was one of those normal on-the-run father-daughter talks. I didn't think much about it.

Later, though, something happened that I will never forget. I picked her up from preschool, and as we were walking around the neighborhood, she began to tell me about her day. I asked about all her activities, and she told me they had made some cookies and how much she loved them. Then she told me she saw that one of the kids didn't have any, for some reason, so she walked over and gave some of her cookies to him. I thought that was nice but not earth shattering. She had shared things before. What she said next, however, was.

"Daddy, something happened. I don't know what it is," she said as she gave me a serious look. "What, Livi? What happened," I asked. "Well, when I gave Brandon the cookies, I felt something in here. Right here." She immediately pointed to her little chest. "It felt really warm in here. What was that?" she asked.

When I heard that, I actually felt like I was going to break apart in tears, but I managed to hold them back. "That was love, Livi. That is what you feel inside when you give things to people. It makes you feel nice and warm inside."

"It feels really good," she said. "I want to do that some more. I like it."

In Christian Love,

Mike




The mission committee will meet this coming Wednesday at 6 pm in room 104.

There is still time to pick up some postcards to invite others to join us on October 20th for our 70th anniversary celebration. These are available in both foyers. Sign-up sheets to help with cleanup will also be in both foyers.

Sunday morning after worship and class you have the opportunity to pick up your T-shirts for our special 70th anniversary on Oct. 20th. Please come to the library and someone will be there to hand them to you.

Also, on October 20th we will be having a pot-luck after class. BBQ, fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts with you to share.

There will be slides shown in the auditorium during the Sunday school period on the 20th.

Anyone who was present for the first service of this church in 1949 please turn your name in to one of the elders.

Fred's parking lot will be available for parking on the 20th and the van will bring you to the building.

*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.



YOUTH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

October 14 - 18 – Fall Break

October 19 – Hayride & cookout @ the Mayberry's

October 20 – **Fairfield 70th Anniversary** / Puppet show

October 22 – Middle/HS devo, 6:30-8:30pm @ Field House

October 27 – Elders meet with the youth during SS.

3rd-5th grade devo during evening service
Mercy Me event for high school

October 31 – Trunk or Treat

Members: Brenda Stoltz, Joyce Boyd (shoulder surgery Oct. 15), Melissa Worley, Steve Craft, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Minnie Powers, Marlin Lawson (NHC Dickson), Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Eli Powers, Naomi Bailey, Dave Davidson, Diana Bailey, Teresa Kimbro, 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: Georgia Garner (sister of Floy Cochran), Neil Morphis (step-dad of Sherry Dunn), Wayne England, Sandy Kimbro Bagwell, Jimmy Cline, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Joyce Johnson, Marvin Kelley, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Davey Baker, Ron Gossett, Alan Dickens, Jack Wood, Doug Bates, Cooper Parker, Teresa Noonan, 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, 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: Martha Harvill, Mary Carolyn McClanahan, 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

FREE TRAINING

Know the Warning Signs of **SUICIDE**

We can save lives! Free to the public. No registration needed. Monday, October 21, 2019 here at Fairfield from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. For info contact Jennifer Harris at 931-729-1941 or Sarah Hinson at 931-623-3645.

FAITH

- "Faith isn't the ability to believe long and far into the misty future. It's simply taking God at His word and taking the next step."

-Joni Eareckson Tada

- "Stop talking to God about how big your mountains are, and start talking to your mountains about how big your God is!"

-Joel Osteen



Center Fielders News

“Gospel Addiction”

To be addicted to something is to use or do that thing habitually and compulsively. We know that today many people are addicted to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. Praise God, there is a deliverance from these through Jesus Christ. Addicted in the Greek language, means “set” and is elsewhere translated “appointed” or “ordained”. The Christians that Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians 16:15 had addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints. Their work had gripped their hearts and it was part of their life. They watched for every opportunity to show hospitality and be helpful where they could.

Many men and women in the Bible were addicted to the Word of God. In Psalm 39:3 David wrote, “My heart was hot within me, while I was meditating, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue. Jeremiah say the Word of God was in his heart as a burning fire shut up in his bones. In the Book of Daniel, there were three Hebrews who willingly risked death in the fiery furnace because they were addicted to the truth.

Let me ask you a question. Are you addicted to the Word of God? Does it grip your heart? Do read it daily and does it move you into action? If it does it should! It should give us such a burden for the lost that we look for opportunities to point them to Christ. May we give ourselves to the Word of God in such a way, that whatever the Word says, we will do it!

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 14 – Ladies Craft night @ 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Pillow covers & wraps.

OCTOBER 20 - FAIRFIELD 70th ANNIVERSARY

Lunch after classes. Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring side dishes and desserts.

October 21 – Homeless meeting @ 6 pm

October 24 – Golden Agers Homestead restaurant @ 6 pm.

October 31 – Trunk or Treat

RESPONSES

Dot Davidson and **Deneen Clayton** came forward on Sunday asking for prayers of the church. Let’s keep them in our prayers this week.

LET’S GO ON A HAYRIDE



There will be a Hayride for everyone at Ron & Dawn Mayberry’s Farm off Maddox Rd. on Saturday, October 19th at 5 pm. The boys are to bring drinks (cans) and bottled water. The girls are to bring chips and or desserts. Please bring camping chairs. Signup sheets are in both foyers to give us an idea on how many hotdogs to get. If anyone wants to bring drinks or chips early, they can leave in the education office or give to Ken.

Love Live Forgive

Love from your heart
All your fellow men
Even who don’t love you back
Though it’s hard to understand.

Live each day as if the last
For it very well may be
Since we cannot forecast
Facing eternity.

Forgive those who wrong you
In each and every way
Wipe your slate clean
To begin each new day

Love Live Forgive
Will fill your heart with joy
More than you can say
Continue then repeat every single day.

Janice Mayberry King

- “Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right.”
- Max Lucado
- “God always answers prayers. Sometimes it’s ‘yes.’ Sometimes the answer is ‘no.’ Sometimes it’s ‘you gotta be kidding’.”
- Jimmy Carter
- “Feed your faith and your doubts will starve you to death.”
-Debbie Macomber

MEN TO SERVE OCTOBER 13 LORD'S TABLE

Preside: Darin Cochran

Left: Buddy Chandler **Right:** Rick Bruno
Dustin Bailey Raymond Stoltz
Jerrie W. Barber Keith Harvill
Wyatt H. Barber Zack Harvill

Alternates: Curtis Edwards, Terry Duncan

Basement: Kenneth Jett, Rodney Rochelle

Sun. P.M.: Gerry Hinson, James Swaw

PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

A.M. Scripture Reading: Mike Breece

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4:1-4

A.M. Opening Prayer: Paul Victory

A.M. Closing Prayer: Gary Wright

P.M. Scripture Reading: Edwin Wright

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-8

P.M. Opening Prayer: Tom Gosser

P.M. Closing Prayer: Gary Wright

Wed. Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy

Wed. Invitation: (Oct 16) Mike Kelley

SONG LEADERS

Sunday A.M. Darin Cochran

Sunday P.M. Jeff Stacks

Wednesday P.M. (Oct 16) Jeff Rose

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday A.M. Jerrie W. Barber

Sunday P.M. Marvin Truett

Wednesday P.M. (Oct 16) Rodney Rochelle

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
(Oct 16)

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 October 6, 2019

A.M. WORSHIP: 187

CONTRIBUTION: \$3940

2019 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$4167

The Hug Heard Around the World



Having been convicted of murdering Botham Jean, a member of the Dallas West church of Christ, the last thing Amber Guyger probably expected to hear at her sentencing were the words "I forgive you" from a member of the victim's family.

After reading a statement which expressed forgiveness and even a wish that she wouldn't have to go to jail, Jean's brother Brandt asked the judge for permission to give Guyger a hug. The dramatic scene was recorded on video and shared throughout the world via television and internet.

"I wasn't going to say this in front of my family or anyone, but I don't even want you to go to jail," Brandt said. "I want the best for you, because I know that's what Botham would want ... and the best would be to give your life to Christ. I love you as a person, and I don't wish anything bad on you."

In an era of sensationalism, exaggeration, and drama, this genuine act of selflessness and forgiveness cut through all of the political turmoil and self-aggrandizing celebrity crosstalk, and for one shining moment the focus was on what Christ can do in a person's life. All of this because a Christian, even from the depths of despair, was able to forgive a person who seriously wronged them.

We don't know what domino effect this act of forgiveness will have. The judge reacted to the scene by going to her chambers and returning with a Bible, giving it to Guyger. Will Guyger turn to the Lord? That's something that remains to be seen. But the example Brandt Jean leaves should change and encourage us all, and for a moment the world was able to see true Christian forgiveness.

Christians often express a desire to have an impact on this world. There is no need for a grand gesture, however. Simple forgiveness will do, and it will send shockwaves throughout the world. Christian, forgive others.

*Matt Clifton
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