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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

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Mike's Minute

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Bob Wieland lost both legs in Vietnam. For an athlete who dreamed of a career in professional sports, this tragedy was especially difficult to bear.

Bob was spared from the destruction of bitterness and despair. He was delivered from these and other unhealthy emotions through his faith in God and his reliance on God's Word. Bob said, "I do my best to apply the Word of God to my life because I know it works." Bob took God at his word, *cast all his cares on Jesus* (1 Peter 5:7), and took seriously the claim that *the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength* (1 Corinthians 1:25).

Maybe that's why Bob, who walked on his hands, completed a three-year walk across America, the Race Across America on a custom-made bicycle, the New York and Los Angeles marathons, the Hawaii Ironman Triathlon, and bench pressed a record 507 pounds. He also achieved his dream of working in professional sports when he became a strength coach for the Green Bay Packers.

Bob Wieland stands as an object lesson of this powerful truth... God can unleash his strength through our weaknesses. So, you aren't strong enough? Perfect! You are *exactly* the kind of person God is looking to use.

In Christian Love,

Mike





The next Ladies class on prayer will be on October 17th at 6:00 pm in the basement.

The annual fall hayride at the Mayberry farm will be October 22nd starting at 5:00 pm. Boys bring drinks (cans or bottled water) and girls bring chips or desserts. Hot dogs will be provided.

The Hickman County Relay for Life will be having a "Pretty in Pink Tea Party" on Sunday afternoon, October 23rd in the Fairfield basement. Tickets are \$10. We are celebrating breast cancer awareness month.

The Golden Agers will be going to the Junk Yard Dog on October 27th leaving the building at 5:30 pm. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

Our next 5th Sunday will be on October 30th with our guest speaker of the day, **Bill McDonald**. He will speak at our 9:00 am service and at 12:30 pm. All of our contribution collected that day will go toward maintenance needs of the church. We will have a potluck following Bible classes. Come and join us for the day.

On October 31st, from 5 pm - 7 pm will be our annual Halloweenie Roast. Hot dogs and candy will be given out. We need individually wrapped candy and volunteers to help hand out bags.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Billy Rochelle** of the Easley's Bend community. His visitation was Thursday and his celebration of life was at McDonald Funeral Home.



Ladies Day at White Bluff church of Christ
"Anchored by HOPE" with Lori Boyd
November 5, 2022

Registration begins at 8:30 am
Lunch will be served

If interested in going, please see Cindy Bailey.



Members: Yvonna Caillouet, Dave Davidson, Patsy Givens, Ralph Givens, Tommy McClanahan, Janey Gilbert, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, Dewayne Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Jean Greer, Marilyn Mathis (sister of Rita Beard-shoulder surgery Oct. 18), James Tidwell, Allen Aymette, Billy Hinson, Evelyn Jane Barr, Linda Smith, Wilma Orton, Caleb Coates, Judy Hinson, Mike Rhea, Helen Jerpe, Michael Harvill, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, Jo James, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, Rebeca Mears, Greg Zoller, Elizabeth Dunn, Kelley Wilson, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Elam, Donna Gaspard, Rita Stacks, Jimmy Jenkins, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

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

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page



Oct 16 - Future Leaders Class, during evening service-LO

Oct 18 - Middle/HS Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ Field House

Oct 23 - Future Leaders Class, during evening service-LO

Oct 30 - 5th Sunday- Future Leaders Graduation

Oct 31 - Halloweenie Roast 5:00-7:00, need volunteers

Nov 4-6 - Celebration-cost is \$70. Sign-up sheets in the Field House. This is for Middle/High School



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Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ-Field Family

Instagram: fcocfamily



Center Fielders News

“No Hiding From God”

There are people who try to hide from God. Perhaps they do evil deeds in the night, hoping no one sees them. But they forget that God sees everything that is done, whether evil or good. It doesn't matter where we are or who we are because God is no respecter of persons.

In Jeremiah 23:24 God asked, “Can any hide himself in secret places that I cannot see him?” The answer is “no.” We could live in a big city, in a remote desert, at the bottom of the ocean, in a dark basement, but God would still see us. The words we release from our tongues and even the thoughts in our minds are known and heard by God.

David understood this probably better than anyone. He knew there was no getting away from God. His humble heart is impressive:” Search me, O God, and know my heart...see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way of righteousness.” And we should have the same attitude! It is not God's will that any be lost, but that all should be saved. That is the reason God sent the Holy Spirit to convict us of sin.

Let us never quench the voice of God, but humbly repent and confess our sins when God shows them to us. He keeps His eyes on us in order to lead us to Heaven. We should always allow Him to lead and we should humbly and submit to His will and follow faithfully because the narrow way is the way to our eternal home.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF October 9, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	169
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4321
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE OCTOBER 16

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber
Scripture Reading: Wallace Smith
Scripture: Romans 11:33-36
Preside Lord's Supper: Willie Powers
Alternates: Chris Wright, Mike Breece
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Zack Harvill
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Rick Bruno
Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13
Song Leader: Steve Baker
Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince
Lord's Supper: Gary Basford, Adam Jude
Closing Prayer: Bobby McCoy
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Song Leader: Bobby McCoy
Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and decisions and how unfathomable and untraceable are His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor? Or who has first given to Him that it would be paid back to him? For from Him [all things originate] and through Him [all things live and exist] and to Him are all things [directed]. To Him be glory and honor forever! Amen.
 ROMANS 11:33-36

EASY OVERVIEW OF THE NEW TESTAMENT



It isn't uncommon today to hear someone say that it is impossible to understand the Bible. It seems to me that this is a reflection on God. Is God not powerful enough, smart enough, and loving enough to give us a Book we can understand? Certainly, He is. The problem, therefore, when it comes to understanding the Bible, lies with men, not with God.

We shouldn't make the Bible harder to understand than it is. Here is a simple, easy-to-remember overview of the New Testament:

Think of Matthew through John as the "Belief Section." These four books were written to inform us of the life of Christ and to produce faith in our hearts (John 3:16; 8:24; 20:30-31).

Think of the Book of Acts as the "Unique Section." Acts is unique in that it is the only book of the Bible that gives an example of a person becoming a Christian. There are 10 such examples in Acts. Some examples include more details than others. Studying Acts, you will find that belief is mentioned in 6 examples, repentance in 1, confession in 1, and baptism in all 10. But since the Lord requires all who are in sin to believe, repent, confess, and be baptized, we safely conclude that all who were saved in the book of Acts did all these things.

Think of Romans through Jude as the "How to Live Section." These books were written to instruct Christians how to live in Christ. While studying this section, it will be helpful to remember that these books were written to those who had become Christians already (see the book of Acts for how they became Christians).

Then, think of the Book of Revelation as the "Victory Section." This book was written to encourage Christians to remain faithful to Christ that they might receive eternal life (Revelation 2:10).

There you have it—all the New Testament. If you can keep these simple divisions in mind, you can understand the Word of God.

*Mark Lindley
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THE MYSTERIOUS SOUND

A man is driving down the road and breaks down near a monastery. He goes to the monastery, knocks on the door, and says, "My car broke down. Do you think I could stay the night?"

The monks graciously accept him, feed him dinner, even fix his car. As the man tries to fall asleep, he hears a strange sound. The next morning, he asks the monks what the sound was, but they say, "We can't tell you. You're not a monk."

The man is disappointed but thanks them anyway and goes about his merry way.

Some years later, the same man breaks down in front of the same monastery. The monks accept him, feed him, even fix his car. That night, he hears the same strange noise that he had heard years earlier.

The next morning, he asks what it is, but the monks reply, "We can't tell you. You're not a monk."

The man says, "All right, all right. I'm dying to know. If the only way I can find out what that sound was is to become a monk, how do I become a monk?"

The monks reply, "You must travel the earth and tell us how many blades of grass there are and the exact number of sand pebbles. When you find these numbers, you will become a monk."

The man sets about his task. Forty-five years later, he returns and knocks on the door of the monastery. He says, "I have traveled the earth and have found what you have asked for. There are 145,236,284,232 blades of grass and 231,281,219,999,129,382 sand pebbles on the earth."

The monks reply, "Congratulations. You are now a monk. We shall now show you the way to the sound."

The monks lead the man to a wooden door, where the head monk says, "The sound is right behind that door."

The man reaches for the knob, but the door is locked. He says, "Real funny. may I have the key?" The monks give him the key, and he opens the door. Behind the wooden door is another door made of stone. The man demands the key to the stone door. The monks give him the key, and he opens it, only to find a door made of ruby. He demands another key from the monks, who provide it. Behind that door is another door, this one made of sapphire. So it went until the man had gone through doors of emerald, silver, topaz, amethyst... Finally, the monks say, "This is the last key to the last door." The man is relieved to no end. He unlocks the door, turns the knob, and behind that door he is amazed to find the source of that strange sound.

But I can't tell you what it is because you're not a monk.