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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

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."
(Psalm 14:1)

An atheist complained to a friend about holidays. "Christians have their special holidays (Christmas and Easter), and Jews have their special holidays (Passover and Yom Kippur), but we atheists have no recognized national holiday. It is unfair discrimination." His friend replied, "Why don't you celebrate April Fool's Day?"

In his Truth For Today Commentary on the Psalms, Eddie Cloer identifies 3 types of atheists. There are intellectual atheists, intentional atheists, and indifferent atheists.

The intellectual atheist thinks he has reasoned his way out of believing in God. The intellectual atheist might use a lot of scientific, technical terms, but the essence of his argument is that he believes the world and humanity just popped into existence from some unknown, unintelligent energy. As sophisticated as his reasoning may sound, the bottom line of his argument is that "nothing plus nobody equals everything." No truly rational person can accept such a proposition.

The intentional atheist does not *want* God to exist. The thought of God makes him uncomfortable, so he dismisses it. His heart is set on going his own way and doing his own thing, so he simply wills God out of existence.

The indifferent atheist simply never thinks about God. He is not willing to sit still and think deeply about such questions as "Where did we come from? Why are we here? How should we live? Is there an eternity?" He has filled his life full of work or pleasure or entertainment or even family; and simply has no room for thoughts of God. He hasn't gone through the trouble of denying God or willing God out of existence... he simply neglects God. He lives as if God doesn't exist.

The end of the matter is this: regardless of why or how he does it, the atheist has made the absolute worst mistake a human being can make. Thus, the Bible calls him a fool.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Starting this Sunday, we will be collecting money for needy children for Christmas. Please give your contribution to Mike Batts or one of the elders. Those unable to attend worship please mail to the church.

Happy Birthday to one of our shut-ins this past Thursday:
Sarah Brown.

We will continue to have van service for Sunday morning worship at 9:00 am and evening worship at 6:00 pm. Rodney & Mike will continue to 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.



Oct 18 – Puppet Show, during evening service

Oct 20 – Middle-High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH

Oct 24 – We will be having our annual Hayride at Ron & Dawn Mayberry's farm on October 24th. Boys bring drinks (cans) and or bottled water. Girls bring chips and any desserts that they want to bring. This will all start at 5 pm. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

Oct 31 – Front porch of the church building from 4:30 – 6:30 pm will be our annual "**Halloweenie**" community outreach. We will give out hot dogs, chips & candy. We will be needing candy and volunteers to help with the giveaway.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Dollie Wheeler** who passed away Thursday morning. There are no arrangements at this time.

We also express sympathy to the family of **Jane McCoy** who passed away earlier this week. She was the sister-in-law of Roy McCoy. Also, sympathy to Roy's aunt, **Donnell Smith** who passed away as well.



Several of our members here are sick at home.

Members: Deborah Perry, Gene & Ruth Ann Carathers, Tommy McClanahan (St. Thomas West-ICU-improving), Thomas Haskins, Wallace Smith, Raymond Stoltz, Clay & Linda Chandler, Terry James, John Fly, Dewayne Victory (VA Hospital), 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 (home), Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Hester Moss, James Hassell, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: McKinley Moore, Marie Gillette (St. Thomas West-sister-in-law of Dorothy Noonan), Bob McClellan (Horizon ICU Dickson), John & Brenda Hinson, Grace Haskins (wife of Thomas - Lewis Co. Nursing & Rehab Center-Hohenwald), Dot Dickens, Roger Stone, Mabry Truett, Maxine Christian, Wendall Tidwell, Junior Haskins, 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, 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: Mary England.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey, Jo Hudgins (hospice) & Sybil Jenkins.

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page



To **Kelsey & Drew Pierce** on a baby boy, born October 7th weighing 6 lb 1 oz & 21 inches long. His name is **Nathan Sutton Pierce**. Proud grandparents are **Mark & Andrea Wright** & great grandparents are **Sully & Rita Sullivan**.



Center Fielders News

“Faith Enough”

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.....Hebrews 11:6.

To have faith is to trust that God will do as He promised. Proverbs 3:5 tells us “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” Even when relying on God’s promises, we must be aware that we also need to be in God’s will. We may wish for many things, such as the healing of a sick family member, but God may receive more glory through the death of that loved one. Just remember the story of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

We need to be careful how we pray, because God may answer in ways we do not expect. For example, I prayed for years that God would increase my faith, and I can gladly say that He has done that. But He put me through some series of trials also. Yes, trials will increase our faith if we gracefully accept them. Never view a trial as being too severe, or it will not cause your faith to grow. Gratitude is an excellent help to increasing our faith through trials. When we thank God for His goodness rather than focusing on the trials, our faith will increase.

Faith must be based not on what we want most but what God wants most. Please remember we are on this earthly journey to bring honor to Him. If we seek to glorify Him rather than ourselves, we will be pleasing to God and will hear those wonderful words “Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord.”

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



We are happy to announce that **Taylor Kimbro** was baptized Thursday night by Rodney Rochelle. She is the daughter of **Vicki & Dennis Hatfield** and granddaughter of **Lloyd & Faye Rochelle** and niece of **Rodney & Sharon Rochelle**.

MEN TO SERVE OCTOBER 18

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Chris Wright
Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno
Scripture: Galatians 6:7-9
Preside Lord’s Supper: Gary Bailey
Alternates: Rodney Rochelle, Gary Basford
Basement: Rusty Bates, Gary Wright
Announcements: Mike Batts
Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Mike Batts
Scripture Reading: Chris Wright
Scripture: John 18:36-37
Song Leader: Jeff Rose
Opening Prayer: Mathew Wright
Lord’s Supper: Phillip Coates, Edwin Wright
Closing Prayer: Wayne Prince
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Monday, November 16th at the Fairfield church of Christ. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup - a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women.

For more information call 1-800-229-0469 to receive your discount and preferred appointment time or register online at:

www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

Signup sheets are in both foyers.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF October 11, 2020
MORNING WORSHIP 72
CONTRIBUTION: \$2701
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET \$4167

What Makes a Good Judge?



Our nation is once again in the midst of controversy regarding the appointing of a Supreme Court justice. Those on the left and those on the right will wrangle and grapple through the process, each having their own opinions on what makes a good judge. But does the Bible have any guidance for us on the matter?

In Exodus 18:13-23, the appointing of judges was suggested by Moses' father-in-law as a way to take the burden off of the prophet. The hopeful outcome of this system was that "all this people will also go to their place in peace" (Ex. 18:23). Jethro's advice to Moses was to choose men with certain qualities. They were to be:

Able. This meant they were to be competent and able to perform their duties; men who would do their work with all their strength (Ecc. 9:10; Col. 3:17). A good judge would use their skills to the maximum!

Reverent. Reverence is seen in God's people throughout the Bible. Examples such as the Hebrew midwives (Exodus 1:17-21) who valued life because they fear God, and men like Job who withstood hardship because he feared the Lord (Job 1:1). Good judges will be people who have wisdom (Psalm 111:10) and know the meaning of life (Ecc. 12:13) because they understand that God is supreme.

True. To be a lover of truth means to recognize there is right and wrong, and judge accordingly (John 7:24). Good judges will be lovers of God's word (John 17:17; Psalm 119:160), not inventors of ways to let evil off the hook (Romans 1:32), and not hypocrites who don't practice what they prescribe for others (Rom. 2:1-3).

Honest. Bribery has always been an issue among judges, apparently. Israel's sins included judges taking bribes (Micah 7:3). The judges Moses appointed were to be "haters of covetousness," which meant they would value justice over materialism, thus rejecting bribes.

These values from the Old Testament account are descriptive of general principles for righteous judges in our own time. Since a Supreme Court justice would certainly be a part of the civil legal system that Romans 13:1-7 covers, we understand that biblical morals would be a great benefit to being "God's minister to you for good" (Rom. 13:4). Let us pray for our nation during this time, that judges with these qualities may be found!

*Matt Clifton
BulletinDigest.com*

The Cold Shoulder

An elderly lady walked into a pet store, found a parrot and asked the owner if she could buy it. The owner said, "Heck no! That parrot has a bad mouth! Trust me, you do not want that parrot!"

She said, "I can teach it good manners," and she bought it.

When she got home the parrot said a bad word, so she put it in the freezer for 10 seconds.

She took it out and said, "Did you learn your lesson?"

It said another bad word so she put it back in for 30 seconds. She took it out and asked if it learned its lesson yet.

The parrot said "Brrrrr...yes I learned my lesson, but, what did the chicken do?"

IS JESUS A KING?

WHAT IS HIS KINGDOM?

JOHN 18:36

36 Jesus said, **My kingdom is not of this world.** If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.

37 Pilate said to Him, **Are You a king then?** Jesus answered, **You say rightly that I am a king.** For **this cause I was born,** and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.

