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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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931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

A Day 70 Years In The Making

A jeweler was confused by a man who stormed into his shop looking for diamonds. He spoke fast and seemed willing to pay almost anything for a diamond bracelet as long as the jeweler could find it quickly and wrap it immediately. The diamond curator promised a rapid response but couldn't help but ask the man why he was in such a big rush. The frantic shopper replied, "I forgot our anniversary and my wife thinks I'm taking out the trash!"

Don't forget Fairfield's anniversary! The Fairfield congregation is 70 years old! We don't look a day over 69, do we? This coming Sunday, October 20, is our 70th Anniversary Celebration. It is a day for us to look back to a proud past... and look forward to a promising future. We will worship, study God's word, have a fellowship meal, remember days gone by, and discuss plans for an exciting future. Hope to see you there... with a friend, family member, neighbor, or co-worker by your side!

Acts Or Fiction

We are knee-deep in a Sunday morning study of the Book of Acts. What a joy it has been to prepare and present the lessons so far. We are learning that the "old time religion" is actually the all-time religion, the anytime religion, and the every time religion! There are still several weeks left in the study and I hope you will be making your plans to be present for each message.

In Christian Love,

Mike



1949 ★ 2019

70th
Anniversary

Welcome



Sunday, 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 today. No class in auditorium.

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

The Golden Agers will be going to Homestead Restaurant this coming Thursday. Everyone will meet at the restaurant at 6:00 pm. Sign up sheets are in both foyers.

For those who have not picked up their anniversary shirts, they are now available for pickup in the office.

*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6:00a in the basement.

*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1st & 3rd Tues. evenings @ 6:00p in the basement.

*The Quilters meet every Thurs. morning @ 9:00a in the basement.

*Narcotics Anonymous meets every Thurs. night at 7:00p in the basement.

*Ladies Craft night is every 2nd Mon. evening @ 6:00p

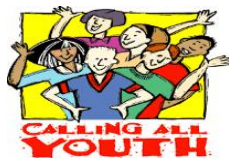
*Homeless meeting is every 3rd Mon. evening @ 6:00p in the basement.



We would like to thank you for your expression of sympathy for our Mother's passing. The banana pudding was delicious and your kindness is greatly appreciated.

In Christ,

**Mike & Jenny Smithson
Don & Sherry Smithson**



YOUTH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

October 20 – Fairfield 70th Anniversary

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

Connor Peebles got a good report in Dallas this past week.

Members: Brenda Stoltz, Joyce Boyd (shoulder surgery this past week, going to Life Care Center for therapy Friday afternoon), Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Minnie Powers, Marlin Lawson (NHC Dickson), Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Eli Powers, Naomi Bailey, Diana Bailey, Teresa Kimbro, Kathy Rose, Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, 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: Neil Morphis, 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 (St. Thomas Hickman), Donna Popp, Linda Truett, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jean Greer, Jackson Bates, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash, & Jimmy Mathis,.

Life Care: Dorris French, Martha Harvill, Mary Carolyn McClanahan, Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Georgia Garner (sister of Floy Cochran), Jo Hudgins (hospice), Bill Shanes, & Sybil Jenkins.

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown



*We would like to welcome our
special guests and former members
here this morning.*



Center Fielders News

“Healthy Hearing”

A few weeks back I went for hearing test. The business that did the exam also sold hearing aids. They used a slogan that said “We would like to see you hear.” Well, God would like see us hear too. At Christ’s transfiguration “a voice out of the cloud said, “This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him! We hear Jesus speak from the pages of the New Testament. The four Gospels record many of His words. The rest of the New Testament as well as the Old Testament, consists of words that God through His Spirit moved holy men to write. God also wants us hear preachers who present the pure Word of God.

We hear with our hearts. Of course, the truth needs to enter through our physical ears and eyes. Blind individuals who learn to read Braille can read truth with their fingers. Jesus told us to take heed both “how” and “what” we hear. Much falsehood is being spoken and written today, and we can easily be deceived.

God wants us see what we are hearing. He wants to witness the reception of truth by a surrendered heart. He does need outward evidence to see if we accept or reject His Word in our hearts, but He puts a premium on obedience. God wants us to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. If we have heard with a understanding heart we will want to obey. Ask God to give you a healthy, hearing heart.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

OCTOBER EVENTS

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

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 in the fellowship hall from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. For info contact Jennifer Harris at 931-729-1941 or Sarah Hinson at 931-623-3645.

THANK YOU



OUR NEW PAVILION



THERE WILL BE NO EVENING SERVICE TONIGHT AT 6 PM

MEN TO SERVE OCTOBER 20**LORD'S TABLE**

Preside: Lafayette Spears
Left: Lloyd Rochelle **Right:** Ken Copley
 Jeff Stacks Wayne Prince
 Vance Willis O.D. Pratt
 Clay Chandler Steve Craft
Alternates: Rodney Rochelle, Woody Woodruff
Basement: Phillip Coates, Marvin Truett
 Norman George, Mike Breece

PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

A.M. Scripture Reading: Jerrie W. Barber
Scripture: Psalms 126:1-3
A.M. Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
A.M. Closing Prayer: Gary Bailey
Wed. Opening Prayer: Jeff Rose
Wed. Invitation: (Oct 23) Mike Kelley

SONG LEADERS

Sunday A.M. Darin Cochran
Wednesday P.M. (Oct 23) Gary Basford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday A.M. Gary Wright
Wednesday P.M. (Oct 23) Mike Batts

VAN DRIVERS

Sunday A.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355
Wed. P.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355
 (Oct 23)

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 13, 2019

A.M. WORSHIP: 181
CONTRIBUTION: \$3485
2019 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$4167

Be Friendly and Greet Visitors and Guests!

Imagine yourself as a first-time visitor. Church buildings are often intimidating. Even though it is not a Biblical concept, some people have the feeling that church buildings are somewhat sacred. They often secretly, even unconsciously, feel that if they do or say the wrong thing, they will somehow desecrate this "Holy Place."

Of course, we know that this is not what the Bible teaches, but that does not calm the fears of our visitors. Imagine yourself as a visitor struggling with these feelings of intimidation but wanting to worship God and have fellowship with God's people. Would you feel comfortable visiting our congregation?

For those in the body of Christ who are accustomed to attending worship services, these things never come up. We may think of our congregation as warm and friendly because we enjoy it. However, many people find their first visit to any congregation unwelcoming.

Think of the impact that would be made upon guests if every member here were looking for guests to greet and welcome. The impact is enormous, yet the time investment minimal. The time before and after worship services are very important because so much fellowship and interaction take place. Paul even expressed the idea of being friendly and greeting one another in Rom 16:16, "Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you."

All Christians should be concerned about greeting guests at every service. Here are some suggestions that may help each of us in greeting those who visit the services of the church:

- Go to our guests and do not wait for them to come to you.
- Introduce yourself.
- Welcome them to the assembly.
- Greet all age groups especially children.
- After you have met them, help introduce them to others.
- Especially if they have children show them their classroom, nursery and the restrooms.
- Make sure they received a bulletin and welcome packet.
- Ask them to sit beside you.
- Invite them back to services and to other church activities.
- Invite them to the potluck dinner if there is one after services or take them out to eat.

Remember: "A man who has friends must himself be friendly..." (Proverbs 18:24). Be the friendliest congregation in the area!

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