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Fairfield Church of Christ

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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

*Iron sharpens iron
So, one person strengthens another
(Proverbs 27:17)*

The first thing to emerge at a baby giraffe's birth is its front hooves and head. Minutes later, the newborn is hurled from its mother's body, falls ten feet, and lands on its back. Within seconds, it rolls to an upright position with its legs tucked under its body. From this position, the baby giraffe views the world for the first time and shakes off any remaining birthing fluid.

The mother giraffe lowers her head just long enough to take a quick look at her calf and then does what seems like a very unreasonable thing. She kicks her baby, sending it sprawling head over heels. If it doesn't get up, she kicks it again and again until the calf finally stands on its wobbly legs. What does the mother giraffe do next? She kicks it off its feet. Why? She wants her baby to remember how it got up.

In the wild, baby giraffes must be able to get up as quickly as possible to stay with the herd to avoid becoming a meal for lions, hyenas, leopards, and wild dogs. The best way a mother giraffe has of ensuring that her calf survives is for her to teach it to "get up quickly and get with it."

They say that the road to success is dotted with many tempting parking places. Don't be surprised if you are occasionally pushed into action by those who care about you. The "kick in the pants" may be just what you need to survive and thrive in this challenging world!

In Christian Love,

Mike





We are continuing to collect 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.

*****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 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.



Grace Haskins would like to receive get well cards. Her address is:

Grace Hoskins - Room 202
% AHC Lewis County
119 Kittrell St.
Hohenwald, TN 38462

- *Give to us clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for.*
– Peter Marshall
- *A primary reason most people do not get what they want is that they do not know what they want.*



Several of our members here are sick at home.

Members: Woody & Carla Woodruff, Lou Dickens, Deborah Perry, Gene & Ruth Ann Carathers, Tommy McClanahan (is now home, no visitors at this time), Thomas Haskins, Wallace Smith, Raymond Stoltz, Clay & Linda Chandler, Terry James, John Fly, Dewayne Victory (is now home), 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: Anthony Stacks (father of Jeff-recovering from a mild stroke), Michelle Gilbert (recovering from colon surgery), Marshall Carothers, Pat Dortch, McKinley Moore, Marie Gillette (St. Thomas West), Bob McClellan (Horizon ICU Dickson), John & Brenda Hinson, Grace Haskins (wife of Thomas - AHC Lewis Co.-Hohenwald), Dot Dickens, Roger Stone, 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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF October 18, 2020	
MORNING WORSHIP	83
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3630
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167



Center Fielders News

“The Truth About Heaven & Hell”

There once was a minister who preached to a small village congregation in one of the New England states. He preached that there was no punishment after death and that all people would be saved. He said that hell was a cruel invention of the human imagination and that it is contrary to the principal of God’s love. After he finished his address, he told the people that he could preach for them again within a few weeks.

One of the men of the congregation said, “If your doctrine is true, if there is no hell and we’re all going to Heaven, we don’t need you. But if your doctrine is false, if there is a hell when you say there isn’t, we don’t want you.” To say the least, that preacher was not invited to preach again for that congregation.

The Word of God gives us the truth about Heaven and hell. Jesus told us a story in Luke 16 about two men that lived on earth just like you and I do today, and what happened after they died. The beggar was carried to Abraham’s side in paradise and the rich man went to a place of torment.

Several passages in the Bible describe a narrow way that leads to life and a broad way that leads to destruction. Both Heaven and hell are real places! They are not merely a state of imagination. Salvation by the blood of Jesus can make Heaven your eternal home when you confess your faith in Him and are baptized. The way to Heaven is a steep upward climb; the way to hell is an easy downward slide.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FUNNY ONE

Dad," said Little Johnny, "I'm late for football practice. Would you please do my homework for me?"

Little Johnny's father said irately, "Son, it just wouldn't be right."

"That's okay," replied Little Johnny. "You could at least give it a try, couldn't you?"

ANOTHER FUNNY ONE

My boss said, "I find it highly suspicious that you are only sick on weekdays."

I said, "It must be my weekend immune system."

MEN TO SERVE OCTOBER 25

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates

Scripture: Luke 9:23-26

Preside Lord's Supper: Mike Batts

Alternates: Kenneth Jett, Marvin Truett

Basement: Ken Copley, Randal Halbrooks

Announcements: Rodney Rochelle

Closing Prayer: Chris Wright

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Gary Basford

Scripture: Psalms 23:1-6

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Marvin Truett

Lord's Supper: Mike Kelley, Edwin Wright

Closing Prayer: Gary Bailey

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WOMEN ARE SAFE, INC

Fall 2020 Wishlist

- * Laundry Baskets (for “new client welcome baskets”)
- * Cleaning Supplies (General purpose cleaner, Kitchen cleaner, Floor cleaner, Clorox wipes)
- * Diapers (boys, girls, unisex - sizes 4, 5 & 6)
- * Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Fabric Softener, Dryer Sheets, Dishwasher Detergent Tablets/Liquid
- * Paper towels & Toilet Paper
- * Trash Bags (13 gallon and 30 gallon)
- * New Sheet Sets (Full or Twin size), Pillows
- * Adult coloring books & coloring pencils

NOTE: Due to the pandemic, we are only accepting “new” items. You can also access our Amazon Wishlist at:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1J8BQ3XBA7W10/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist

All donations can be shipped to:

**131 West End Avenue
Centerville, TN 37033**



NOVEMBER

- 2 Emily Copley
- 4 Mike Kelley
- 5 Jeremy James
- 6 Brier Rye
Sarah Jude
- 8 Marlin Lawson
Linda Chandler
Steve Baker
- 10 Cade Wilson
- 11 Kim Clayton
Lori Cochran
Shelby Bates
- 12 Al Williams
- 17 Jana Willis
- 18 John Fly
- 21 Melissa Worley
Janet Basford
- 22 Hannah Mayberry
- 23 Lauren McCrory
- 26 Thelma Stewart
- 27 James Coates



NOVEMBER

- 9 Robert & Kay Story
- 11 Gene & Ruth Ann Carathers
- 17 Travis & Jennifer Barber
- 19 Terry & Lisa Barber
- 29 Alan & Lou Dickens

Wake Up

“He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.’ Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, ‘What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’ Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.’ And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. So, He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Then He came to His disciples and said to them, ‘Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.’”
Matthew 26:39-46

Peter, James, and John slept while Jesus prayed. Later that evening Jesus boldly confronts the mob that came to arrest him while Peter, James and John fled. If they had prayed instead of sleeping, would their response have been different? One thing is certain; they would have been more responsive to the agony of Jesus. Jesus took them with him further into the garden that night and asked them to watch while he prayed.

The word “watch” used here and in many other places in the Bible is a form of the Greek word “gregoreo” and it means “to be awake, to watch”. *Thayer’s Greek Lexicon* says that this word means “to live, be alive on earth”. *Thayer’s* further states, “Metaphorically, to watch i. e. give strict attention to, be cautious, active: — to take heed lest through remissness and indolence some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one, Matthew 24:42; Matthew 25:13; Mark 13:35,(37); Revelation 16:15; or lest one be led to forsake Christ, Matthew 26:41; Mark 14:38; or lest one fall into sin, 1 Thessalonians 5:6; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 3:2f; or be corrupted by errors, Acts 20:31.”

It is important that as Christians we “stay awake and pray” because even though our spirits are often willing and we have good intentions, the flesh is weak and we are prone to fall asleep on the job. Peter is an example for us on this night of Jesus’ arrest. After boldly proclaiming that he was ready to die with the Lord, Peter denied the Lord three times. Did Peter remember Jesus’ words to him in the garden, “watch and pray”?

It is always amazing to me how we seem to “sleepwalk” through our lives. We see examples of it all around us in these days of pandemic. We will put on a mask and go to the grocery store; we will put on a mask and order takeout food; we may even put on a mask and go to a ball game. We can do all those things, but we will not put on a mask and go to the church assembly. Why is that so? Are we asleep? Have we forgotten to watch and pray?

I am reminded of a verse from the song “Excuses”: “...a backache Sunday morning, and a headache Sunday night, but by work time Monday morning, you’re feeling quite all right. Why, one of the children has a cold, pneumonia do you suppose? Why the whole family had to stay home just to blow that poor kid’s nose.” Are we awake or asleep? Are we watching or are we dozing? Watch and Pray!!

*L. Scott Gage
Fayetteville, Arkansas*