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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

Family Line:

931-729-9846



Mike's Minute

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment.

1 John 4:18

When little children are afraid, they need comfort more than courage... consolation more than logic... compassion more than proof. Frightened children need to be wrapped in the arms of a loving adult until fear melts away. They simply need the comfort of being in the presence of someone who cares for them.

That's what God provides when we are afraid. He wants us to know Him intimately as our strong, compassionate, protective Father. The closer we draw to Him, the more we will experience His perfect love.

Paul reminds us that God's perfect love is difficult to wrap our minds around...

That you be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width and depth and height— to know the love of Christ that passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:17-19).

Let His perfect love drive away your fears. As you do, you will feel His loving arms wrapping around you. Comforting. Consoling. Protecting.

Fear knocked on the door. Faith answered. No one was there.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

A friend of mine recently asked me: "Which Testament do you study more and how do you approach the Old Testament?" This question really had my mind churning as I thought about my answer. Studying the Bible is an important, daunting task; yet, it is also greatly rewarding. My answer was that I believe that the Bible should be studied in balance. We should value every aspect of God's Word and not gloss over anything or cast any of it aside as being "lesser." The Old Testament serves as a great teacher of God's character. We are also taught why we need a New Testament to begin with. We are provided with much historical data and teachings that are verified by the New Testament. The prophecies about Jesus serve as an example of this.

We are commanded by Paul in 2nd Timothy 2:15 to "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." We become "one approved" by diligently studying both Testaments. The Old Testament offers much historical insight and great instruction, while the New leads us towards salvation with its more applicable and relatable message. The end goal for us, as devout Christians, is to become as knowledgeable as possible, so that we may increase our own understanding and so that we may be reliable teachers to those around us.

To God be the Glory,
Josh

Quotes

"If you're hanging out with a bunch of tightwads, you're going to be a tightwad." M. Kelley

"Yawns are contagious. So are smiles." M. Kelley

"What people allow to occupy their minds will sooner or later determine their speech and action."

"There is power in your tongue. Stop talking about how tired, broke and depressed you are. Speak on how grateful you are."

"Focus on God, not your problems. Listen to God, not your insecurities. Rely on God, not your own strength."

TRICK OR TREAT

It is a "Scary" time of the year. A lot of ghosts and goblins, skeletons and spiders, werewolves and witches, are all around our neighborhoods. It is all in good fun, but beware, there is a real devil lurking in the shadows!

Halloween is upon us, and with it will come visions of ghosts, little demons and goblins. We will treat them at our doors with assorted sweets or else face their devilish "tricks" (or so says tradition). It is a fun time for kids, and parents alike.

This is a good time to look back at the very first "Trick or Treat" in man's history. Satan donned his "serpent" mask and came knocking on Eve's door in the garden of Eden. He "tricked" her in to eating a "treat" which had been forbidden by God. "God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die'" The serpent said to the woman, "you surely will not die!" (Ge. 3:3,4). Satan's trick upon Eve brought death upon all mankind.

The devil continues today with his tricks of deceptions, and his treats of addictions, crime, murder and worldliness. "One church is as good as another," "baptism is not necessary to salvation," or "Once saved always saved," are deceptions that has Satan's fingerprints all over them. "And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world!" (Re. 12:9). He wears many masks and has a wardrobe of costumes to deceive the world. Will you to be deceived when he comes knocking on your door?

-Dennis Doughty

JUST A LITTLE Reminder

A fundraiser for Kane Cross will be held November 9, 2024 from 12:00-5:00 pm at the Pleasantville Volunteer Building, 4208 Hwy 100 West Pleasantville, TN, Live auction starts at 4:00 pm. Special musical guests include the McClung Family, Brian Edwards, Grinders Switch Ensemble and Angie Laster. Kane was involved in an accident, severely injuring his right hand. He has had multiple surgeries and will require more, along with extended hospital stays at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. For more information: Please call Valerie Woodall at 931-994-2772 or Tammy Knox at 731-967-2419.



NOVEMBER

- 1 Jacob Harlow
- 2 Emily Copley
- 4 Mike Kelley
- 5 Jeremy James
- 6 Sarah Jude
Brier Rye
- 8 Steve Baker
Linda Chandler
Anthony Daniels
Marlin Lawson
- 10 Cade Wilson
Dwight Burns
- 11 Shelby Bates
Kim Clayton
Lori Cochran
- 13 Erik Hassell
- 12 Al Williams
- 17 Jana Willis
- 18 Shelia Plunkett
- 19 Carter Bates
- 20 Dana McCaleb
- 21 Janet Basford
Nic Hutchings
Melissa Worley
- 22 Hannah Armstrong
- 23 Lauren McCrory
- 25 Chelley Love
- 27 James Coates
Bartlett Daniels



NOVEMBER

- 17 Travis & Jennifer Barber
- 19 Terry & Lisa Barber

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Josh Copley
Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno
Scripture: Psalm 71:14-16
Preside Lord's Supper: Gary Basford
Left: Lyle Shepherd **Right:** Randal Halbrooks
 Chris Wright Mike Breece
 Carl Daugherty James Swaw
 Bob Graf Mike Worley

Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Gerry Hinson
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Rick Bruno
Scripture Reading: Kenneth Jett
Scripture: Matthew 7:7-8
Song Leader: Ronny Pitman
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Lord's Supper: Adam Jude, Lafayette Spears
Closing Prayer: Matthew Wright
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks
Song Leader: Jeff Rose
Opening Prayer: Chris Wright
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

You Will Be Remembered for Something

*The memory of the righteous is a blessing.
 —Proverbs 10:7*

John the Baptist had been dead for two years, but his influence lived on. No one could cite any miracle he performed, for he didn't perform any. But his words were remembered. John 10:41 says, "Though John never performed a miraculous sign, all that John said about this man [Jesus] was true." John's whole life was a message about Jesus. People remembered that.

We look at the past in grateful remembrance of someone who influenced us: a parent, teacher, or friend. Perhaps they are now gone and forgotten by most. But not forgotten by us, for by their words and life, they introduced us to Jesus. We won't forget that.

It won't be long until you and I are gone. We may not be remembered for any outstanding achievement, but we will be remembered for something by someone.

*You will be remembered for something.
 What will it be?*

Joe Barnett

November 3rd, Daylight Saving Time will end.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF October 20, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	226
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5121
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5417



The Jail Ministry team had 3 baptisms last Saturday afternoon. Those baptized were: **Richard White, Gary Thomas and Michael Sharpton.**

On October 27th immediately following Sunday school, there will be a meeting at the Field House for parents of the teenagers and those going to Celebration.

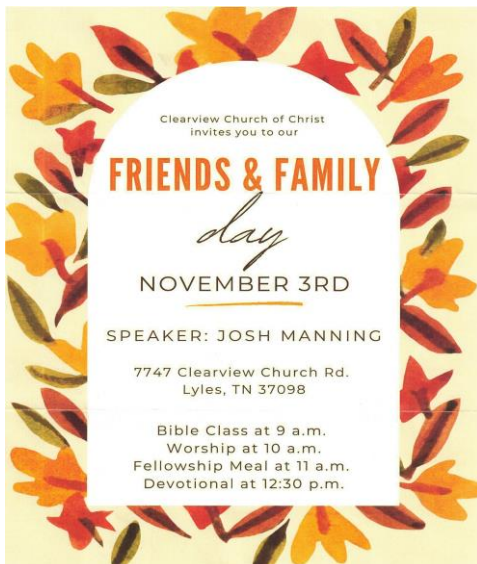
There will be Baby shower for **Ethan & Gabbi Horner** October 27th from 2 - 4 pm in Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Amazon and Walmart.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tuesday morning at 6:00 am in the basement.

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday @ 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in **room 104.**

If you have a **prayer request**, please use a blue card, and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.



Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards that was sent my way for my surgeries. I love all of you!!

In Christian Love,
Brenda Stoltz

Members: Willie Powers (treatments on his bladder starting Friday), Alyssa Cozart, Glenda Newsom, Chris Kimbro, Rita Sullivan (St. Thomas Hickman, 2 weeks in swing bed), Donna Pitman, Marlin Lawson, Randy Prince, Deborah McClellan, Joyce Boyd, Carolyn Phillips, Kenneth Chandler (visitors welcome-call first), Shanon Irwin, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes (hospice), & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Hurricane victims in Tennessee, North Carolina & Florida, John Basford, Jason Harness, Greg Canada, Marilyn Mathis, Pam Hinson (surgery on Oct. 30), Davy Baker, Lottie (Terrell) Williams, Mattie Boehms, Ruby Church, Mary Sue Sands, Ronald Cochran, Jeff Clark, Betty Baird, Terry Barrenger, Edgar Clyde Beard, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, James Tidwell, Beverly Smith, Paul Harvill, Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Ronnie Carroll, Gail Brown, Judy Baggett, David Gossett, Jimmie Jenkins, Ryan Edwards, Brian Powers, Martha Ann McCord, Gethlyn Gardner, Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Chris Chilton, David Stewart & newborn granddaughter, Truu, Willie Lawler, James Coates (address on the bulletin board), Pam Sullivan, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, David Talley, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Stephanie Pitman, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Anthony Stacks, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard.



Oct 27 - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off

Oct 31 - Halloweenie Roast, 5-7p, front porch of church building. Need individually wrapped candy and volunteers to prepare hot dogs, setup/clean up, and/or handout treat bags.

Nov 1-3 - Celebration in Gilbertsville, KY, leaving at 3:30 pm from the Field House