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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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fairfieldcofc.org



Mike's Minute

Hay-Day. About 30 members of the Field Family gathered at the Mayberry's farm on the Duck River last Saturday night for food, fellowship, and fun. Josh Copley delivered an encouraging devotional, based on the theme of fall. We grilled hotdogs around an open fire and enjoyed lots of delicious fixins'. Then, the grand finale of a fun evening was a spooky hayride down dark, winding roads. It sure was fun! A special thanks to Ron, Dawn, Hunter, and Hannah Mayberry for serving as hosts. Thanks also to the Copley's for helping to organize the event, and to Josh for preparing such a good devotional message. The "hay is in the barn" now, but it sure was great while it lasted.

Wonderful Wednesday Nights. Our journey through the New Testament Book of James is off and running. We have given out 60 study guides so far, and more have been ordered. We are just a page or two into the book, so there is still time for you to join the study! We are learning how to develop, deepen, and demonstrate our faith in Jesus. Consider yourself invited!

There's A Great Day Coming. The day I'm referring to is Sunday, October 31. This is a fifth Sunday at the Field, and that means a guest speaker, a potluck lunch with Christian friends, and a 12:30 evening worship service. The scheduled speaker is our very own Josh Copley. Josh is a sophomore at Freed-Hardeman University. He is majoring in Bible and Psychology/Counseling. He is a gifted speaker who wants to devote his life to pulpit ministry. Let's all plan to do our part to make this a super Sunday at Fairfield!

Mike





Welcome to our 5th Sunday. We will worship together and have a period of study then following classes, we will have a potluck in the fellowship hall. Our speaker for the day will be Josh Copley. Our afternoon service will begin at 12:30 pm. All of our contribution will go toward our building maintenance. There will not be a 6:00 pm service.

We are collecting money for needy children for Christmas this year. We will take donations thru October 31st. Please give your money to Mike Batts or one of the elders.

Our annual community outreach, the **Halloweenie Roast**, will be on Sunday, October 31st this year. We will give out hot dogs, chips and candy. We will be needing candy and volunteers to help with the giveaway. Hours are 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at the fellowship hall this coming Monday from 12:30-5:30 pm. Walk-ins will be accepted. You still have time to register online at redcrossblood.org.

The elders will meet with the men of the congregation on Sunday, November 7th at 5 pm in the fellowship hall.

There will be a baby shower for **Alexia Dotson Graham** on November 7th from 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall. It's a boy and are registered at Walmart and Amazon.

We are in need of van drivers!! Please see Jeff Stacks if you would be willing to drive. Men as well as women are asked to help out with this.

The November men to serve sheets are in both foyers.

With Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of **Douglas Church**, brother-in-law of **Jewell Prince** who passed away.

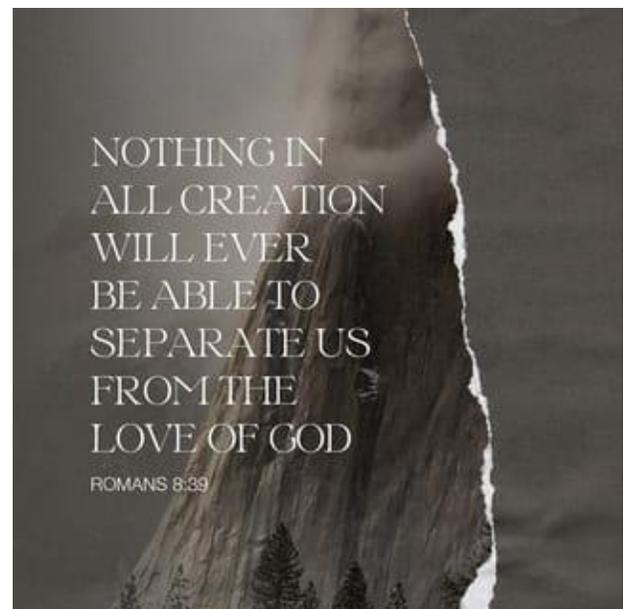
Members: O.D. Pratt (home, received a pacemaker this week, doing well), Dewayne Victory (Veteran's hospital), Carleigh Liddell, Marlin Lawson, June Prince, Helen Shanes, Bob James, Kenneth Chandler, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Raymond Stoltz, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Harry & Jo Ann Totty (cardiac tests soon).

Friends & Family: Greg Zoller (John & Brenda Fly's brother-in-law, stage 4 lung cancer), Floy Lyell, Seth Williams, Elizabeth Dunn, Mike Rhea, Mike & Nancy Bradley, Mike Harvill, Kelley Wilson, Glen England, Isaiah Locke (& family), Jeremy Primm, Bobby McCoy, Melvin Roberson, Willie Taylor, Ronald Loveless, Billie Church, Daniel Spears, Harley Parker, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Rachael Bellis, April Benson (breast cancer), Michael Noonan, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, Adam Lawson, Evan Boyd, Donna Gaspard, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, McKinley Moore, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Hester Moss, Garland Horner

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Barbara Beard, Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page





Center Fielders News

“Spiritual Radiology”

X-rays and MRI's are used in an attempt to find the cause of an internal pain. I think most of us are familiar with these test procedures and we also know that x-ray reveals bone structure, while MRI not only reveals bone structure, but soft tissue as well.

God's Word is also a way to help us look at internal problems. His Word is far superior to an MRI, because it goes even deeper than physical structure and soft tissue. God's Word reveals that state of our very heart and soul. It searches those hidden secrets and thoughts that even the most sophisticated, state-of-the-art machine cannot possibly do!

A radiologist looks at the imaging to understand what needs to be done to correct the problem. Sometimes the x-ray and the MRI reveal nothing. Other times it may reveal the need for a change of lifestyle or even corrective surgery. The Holy Spirit is like the radiologist, convicting us of sin, or giving us peace if all is well.

God knows us from the inside out. I hope we will allow Him to reveal His will to our hearts by allowing ourselves to come under the intense imaging of His Word, the searching eye of the Holy Spirit, and also the scalpel of God.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



- Oct 31** - Halloweenie Roast, church front porch. Help needed preparing hot dogs and pass out bags. Hours are 4:30-6:30 pm.
- Nov 2** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH
- Nov 5-7** - Celebration at Gilbertsville, KY
- Nov 14** - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off
- Nov 16** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH
- Nov 28** - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service at FH

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF October 24, 2021	
MORNING WORSHIP	173
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4327
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE OCTOBER 31

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Chris Wright
Scripture Reading: Wayne Prince
Scripture: Romans 8:35, 37-39
Preside Lord's Supper: Gary Basford
Alternates: Keith Harvill, Willie Powers
Announcements: Gary Wright
Closing Prayer: Adam Jude
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: no announcements
Scripture Reading: Lafayette Spears
Scripture: Psalm 18:2
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
Lord's Supper: no Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer: Boyce Cannon
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Song Leader: Jeff Rose
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355



Rickey Joel Weems, after a lengthy battle with symptoms of covid and pneumonia, passed away on 22 September 2021. The community rallied around his family and provided a beautiful location for a memorable service worthy of Rickey....

Because of the overwhelming efforts of so many of you who gave of your time to remember Rickey, it is difficult to thank every person....

It is a stressful, sad time for us all.... But people like yourselves make it a bit easier when providing bits of time to offer comfort to others such as the good book teaches. Rickey tried to live that way and he was proud of being a member of your flock.

Thank you again for all your efforts.
Rita Rodgers, Brandy Case, Chris Case

***The full letter is posted on the bulletin board by the office.*

Paul's First Communion

In the upper room that night, Jesus "reclined at the table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer" (Luke 22:14,15). That evening Jesus broke the bread and drank the cup with his apostles, but not with all of them. One remained for Jesus to commune with.

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians and reminded them of the importance of the bread and cup and said, "For I received from the Lord which I also delivered to you" (1 Cor. 11:23). It appears that Jesus and Paul had several "face to face" meetings. The first after His resurrection, on "the road" (Acts 9:27). followed by other occasions (Gal. 1:12, Acts 22:18, 2 Cor. 12:8,9).

Exactly how and when Paul received this "one on one" instruction about the Lord's supper we do not know, but what a special time of communion with Jesus that must have been. From that instruction Paul met often with the disciples to "break bread" with them (Acts 20:7), and, as in Corinth, made sure all churches understood the meaning and importance of this memorial meal. Let our communion with Jesus on the first day of the week be important to us as well, as we meet to "proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Cor. 11:26).

Dennis Doughty

HOSEA

Near the end of the book of Hosea, the prophet delivers a message from God that relates to the time of the Messiah's kingdom. That means it is a message for members of the church of the Lord.

That's you and me.

Here's the message: "I will heal their apostasy. I will love them freely" (14:4). Did you catch that last part? I will love them "freely," a word that means "without restraint." A God **infinite in power** imparting love without restraint?

That boggles my mind. How about yours?

*Eddie Parrish
Brown Trail church of Christ
Bedford, TX*

Pay or Get Paid

The study of Proverbs is a study of wisdom from the smartest man who has ever lived besides JESUS. Solomon was granted great wisdom and it is shared in the pages of the Bible and should be paid attention to.

One such proverb is found in 13:13 – "Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded" (KJV). The CEV says, "If you reject God's teaching, you will pay the price; if you obey his commands, you will be rewarded."

Are we not all looking for a reward for something? There are people everywhere looking in the wrong place. If we are looking to the word of the LORD and obeying what is commanded that is where reward is found. We are told by Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:18 that the things that we see are temporary, so we need to make sure that what we are chasing is unseen and eternal. These things are found in HIS word.

The price that is to be paid for not following and obeying the LORD's word is too high for us to pay. If we follow the LORD and HIS word, we will be the ones that are paid with a great reward. The question that you need to ask yourself today is, "Am I going to have to pay or am I going to get paid?"

*Ben Gray
Ola, AR*

