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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

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Mike's Minute

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

-Hebrews 10:36

We often think of great artists and musicians as having “bursts” of genius and inspiration. More often, they are models of painstaking patience. Their greatest works tend to have been accomplished over long periods of time, and often through extreme hardships.

Beethoven reportedly rewrote each bar of his music at least a dozen times.

Josef Haydn produces more than 800 musical compositions before writing “The Creation,” the piece that made him famous.

Michelangelo’s “Last Judgment” is considered one of the twelve master paintings of the ages. It took him eight years to complete. He produced more than 2,000 sketches and renderings in the process.

Leonardo da Vinci worked on “The Last Supper” for ten years, often working so diligently that he forgot to stop and eat.

When he was elderly, the pianist Ignace Paderewski was asked by an admirer, “Is it true that you still practice every day?” He replied, “Yes, at least six hours a day.” The admirer said in awe, “You must have a world of patience.” Paderewski said, “I have no more patience than the next fellow. I just use mine.”

In Christian Love,

Mike





The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be here this coming Monday from 12:30-5:30 at the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up at redcrossblood.org.

Any lady interested in becoming a Secret Pal for 2021 and are not already involved, please contact Sheila Brady by November 29th.

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.



Thanks everyone for the food, prayers, phone calls, texts and every act of kindness shown to us during our time of sickness. We are so blessed to have our church family.

Gary & Kita

Thanks for your blessings you give to this community. Mike Kelley is a wonderful example of love of others and love of the scripture. May God bless us everyone as we serve Him in these difficult times.

In Christian Love,
Annis Womack

FOR THE RECORD

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| WEEK OF October 25, 2020 | |
| MORNING WORSHIP | 118 |
| CONTRIBUTION: | \$3863 |
| 2020 WEEKLY BUDGET | \$4167 |



Several of our members here are sick at home.

Members: Woody Woodruff (St. Thomas Midtown) Carla Woodruff, Lou Dickens (Centennial), Gene & Ruth Ann Carathers, Tommy McClanahan, Thomas Haskins, Wallace Smith, Raymond Stoltz, Terry James, John Fly, Dewayne Victory, 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, 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, Michelle Gilbert, Marshall Carothers, Pat Dortch, McKinley Moore, Marie Gillette (St. Thomas West), Bob McClellan (Horizon ICU Dickson), John & Brenda Hinson, Grace Haskins (AHC Lewis Co.-Hohenwald), Dot Dickens, Roger Stone, Maxine Christian, Wendall Tidwell, Junior Haskins, Christopher Jackson & family, 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

Quotes

“You expected to be sad in the fall. Part of you died each year when the leaves fell from the trees and their branches were bare against the wind and the cold, wintry light. But you knew there would always be the spring, as you knew the river would flow again after it was frozen.” — Ernest Hemingway



Center Fielders News

“What Is Your Life?”

A wealthy man once invited his minister to his home for Sunday dinner. The minister had preached a sermon in which he said that God is the owner of all things and we are only stewards. This wealthy man gave the minister a tour of his farm and then asked, “You mean to say I don’t really own all this?” The minister thought a moment and asked in return, “Who will own it in a hundred years from now?”

Philippians 2:5 reminds us of our mentality in life. Our natural thought is to fill our mind with me and with things as many people around us do, with no thought of God and eternity. What are the thoughts that captivate our mind? What do we feed upon? Worldly interests make us think and act upon what pleases ourselves, with no thought of accountability to God who created us. The mind of Christ would have us rather recognize His ownership of all things He has created including ourselves. We are not merely an accident or a victim of circumstances, as evolutionists claim. But God created us in His own image with an eternal purpose.

The life of Christ was filled with humility and service. He did not come to impress people with His greatness, but to meet the needs of the poor and the hurting, to heal the sick and the blind, and finally to offer Himself as a sacrifice on the cross to save all of mankind. Someday we will depart from this world. What legacy will you leave? Will it show a pattern of love, humility, and service as Christ demonstrated? A testimony of faithfulness to duty and freedom from sin’s power will prove that God is truly the Owner of our life.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Psalm 100:1-3

MEN TO SERVE NOVEMBER 1

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Chris Wright
Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:11-13
Preside Lord’s Supper: Gary Bailey
Alternates: Gary Basford, Rodney Rochelle
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: Psalms 100:1-3
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Mathew Wright
Lord’s Supper: Phillip Coates, Edwin Wright
Closing Prayer: Wayne Prince
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

1 Corinthians 10:11-13 (NIV)

on whom the fulfilment of the ages has come.
¹²So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! ¹³No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.



Nov 3 – Middle/High school devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH
“Celebration” has been CANCELLED

Nov 15 - 3rd - 5th grade devo, during evening service @ FH

Nov 17 - Middle/High school devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH

Nov 22 - Puppet show, during evening service

After the Election



One of the most divisive and chaotic election campaigns has come to an end. During this time Christians in America have faced many opportunities to exercise patience and let our faith shine. Chances are each of us have experienced some failures and some successes. Politicians and pundits will now judge and discuss the consequences of the election. But whatever those consequences may be, for Christians there are three truths to which we must now turn our attention.

Your brother is still your brother. Surely there have been some disagreements on who we preferred for president, congress, and local officials, but as Christians we must remember our heavenly citizenship comes first (Phil. 3:20). Post-election is a great time to remember and reaffirm that we are taught by God to love one another (1 Thess. 4:9), and by this love the world will see evidence that we are disciples of Jesus (John 13:35). Christian, your brother is still your brother.

Your neighbor is still your neighbor. A contentious election has not changed the fact that Jesus affirmed in scripture that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:31). Our responsibility to imitate Jesus, who went about doing (Acts 10:38), has not changed. Even if we consider someone a “political enemy,” we still must love them, even if we were the target of cursing, hate, and spite (Matthew 5:44). And if the election did not “go your way,” as a Christian you are still duty bound to love. Your neighbor is still your neighbor.

God is still God. Most importantly, no matter how the election turned out, we must understand that God is still in control. As Daniel wrote, “He removes kings and raises up kings” (Daniel 2:21). Whatever administration that is in control following the election, is one God has allowed (Romans 13:1), and we are to be subject to them (1 Peter 2:13-17). God is still God, and we must trust Him.

Ultimately, we are reminded by the apostle to “Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king” (1 Peter 2:17). Now that the campaign is over, we need to redouble our efforts to put these concepts to work so that our Father in heaven may be glorified (Matt. 5:13-16).

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Enemies Surrounding Me



Many of the psalms David wrote referred to his many enemies surrounding him. In Psalm 57, he says, “My soul is among lions; I lie among the sons of men, Who are set on fire, Whose teeth are spears and arrows, And their tongue a sharp sword” (v.4).

Despite his adversaries, David was positive that God would save him when he called out to Him: “I will cry out to God Most High, To God who performs all things for me. He shall send from heaven and save me; He reproaches the one who would swallow me up. Selah God shall send forth His mercy and His truth” (v.2-3).

Christians can expect this kind of response from our loving Father when we call out to Him. As Jesus said, “And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son” (John 14:13). Though we walk in difficult circumstances, we can have confidence, remembering that God is listening and will answer you, in Jesus name!

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