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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

You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days.

Joshua 6:3

God told Moses to part the Red Sea. God told Gideon to defeat a large army with only three hundred soldiers. Jesus told Peter to walk on the water. Jesus told His disciples to feed thousands of people with just a little bread and fish. Jesus told a blind man to go wash mud off his eyes and regain his sight. Jesus told a paralyzed man to stand up and walk home.

God has a history of issuing some bizarre directions to people. Directions that sound impossible. Near the top of the bizarre directions list would be the command given to Joshua.

Joshua was told to march around the city of Jericho once a day for six days. On the seventh day, he was to march around the city seven times. Then he and his men were to blow trumpets and shout... and then the protective walls of Jericho would supposedly come tumbling down.

Marching around the city as a means of battle must have sounded like madness to Joshua. However, there is no evidence that he hesitated. He did exactly as God directed, and God's promises were fulfilled. On the seventh day, the walls of Jericho collapsed and the city was captured.

God may ask you to do something that sounds impossible. Forgiving an enemy. Giving generously to an ungrateful person. Serving in an incredibly inconvenient time.

What if His guidance seems senseless? What if the task seems impossible? What to do? The answer? Do it anyway. You will be pleasantly surprised with the results.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

Only a few days removed from Halloween, I feel like this is the appropriate time to examine fear. Fear can be detrimental and interfere with our faith if we are not careful. We see the Bible contrast faith and fear fairly frequently. One of the primary examples is when Jesus walks on the water. We see the disciples experience fear when they lay eyes on a mysterious figure whom they believe to be a ghost on the water. Jesus calms them and reassures them that it is him. Jesus eases their fear. Now, the focus of this article is to highlight Peter, specifically, and his behavior. He calls out to the figure and claims that if it was Jesus then he should command him to exit the boat and join him. Jesus simply replies "Come" in Matthew 14:29. So, Peter heeds the command and begins to walk on the water. His mind, unfortunately, shifts from his savior to the raging winds and his fear and lack of focus causes him to sink. He cries out and Jesus rescues him. In Matthew 14:31, we get one of Jesus's most iconic quotes when he says to Peter, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Our fear and focus on the things of this world can take our eyes off of Jesus and, thus, we begin to sink. Fear isn't always bad, though. It's an emotion that can be very helpful and that can lead us from harm. However, when it consumes us and fills us with anxiety and worry, it shows how our trust in God is faltering. We serve an all powerful Creator who can do all things. Whatever we might fear, God is greater. So long as our faith is steadfast in Him, our future is secure. If Jesus can calm storms, he can calm our fears!

To God be the Glory,
Josh

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF October 27, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	188
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4193
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5417

HIGH TIME TO AWAKE

"Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'You shall not covet,' and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law. And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now, our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."
Romans 13:8-14

There is an urgency in Paul's tone as he closes his letter to the saints at Rome. He is urging them to practice love for one another and for all men. He says they should give attention to this because it is high time to awaken out of sleep. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak, and we tend to follow the path of least resistance when it comes to our efforts to put on Christ. In the night of his betrayal, Jesus came to his sleepy apostles, "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'" (Matt. 26:40-41). *Strong's Concordance* says this about *gregoreo* (1127): "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."

In essence Jesus is telling Peter, James, and John to wake up and to act alive. There are things in life that sometimes prompt us to urgency about matters. The story is told of some men who were digging a deep drain in East London in Victoria Park. Some of the shoring gave way, and tons of earth fell down on several men who were at work. Of course, this produced a great deal of excitement; and standing by the brink there was a man looking --- I grant you, with real earnestness --- on those who were attempting to dig out the earth and rescue the men. A woman came up to the man, put her hand on his shoulder, and said

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“Bill, your brother is down there!” Oh, you should have seen the sudden change! Off came his coat, and he sprang into the trench and worked as if he had the strength of ten men.

Amid the masses of the poor and the degraded and the lost, our brother is there! We must not fold our arms and say, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” Without a doubt, Jesus says that we are. “And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me’” (Matt. 5:40). “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And we have this commandment from Him: Whoever loves God must love his brother as well” (1 Jn. 4:20-21).

A sense of urgency refers to the feeling that a matter is pressing and needs to be completed as soon as possible. People who have a strong sense of urgency realize that time is of the essence and use it efficiently to complete their work quickly. It is high time to awake out of sleep, for our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. It is high time to turn our good intentions into gracious action. What is it that we need to do to be ready for the Lord? Do it today! The night is far spent, and the day is at hand!

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MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Scripture Reading: Mathew Wright
Scripture: Psalm 28:6-7
Preside Lord’s Supper: Rodney Rochelle
Left: Lafayette Spears **Right:** Kenneth Jett
Mike Worley Gerry Hinson
Ronny Pitman Erik Hassell
Vance Willis Mike Breece
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Roy McCoy
Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates
Scripture: Matthew 7:17-19
Song Leader: Norman Moss
Opening Prayer: Gary Wright
Lord’s Supper: Matthew Wright, Edwin Wright
Closing Prayer: Randal Halbrooks
Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

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



**FAIRFIELD CHURCH OF CHRIST
75TH ANNIVERSARY
DECEMBER 1, 2024**

Details coming soon!



We are now taking donations for needy kids for Christmas. If you would like to make a donation, give to Mike Batts, Cindy Bailey or one of the elders.

The men to serve and van drivers sheets for November are in both foyers.

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.

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.

Thank You

Thanks to each and everyone for the beautiful wind chimes. It was very nice of you. It is very nice to be part of a Christian family like Fairfield church of Christ.

In Christian Love,
Violet Shelby



Members: Keith Harvill (knee replacement Wednesday went well), Willie Powers, Rita Sullivan (St. Thomas Hickman, 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 (surgery soon), Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes (hospice), & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Edna Copley (mother of Ken-knee replacement went well), B.Y. Peery, Doug True (Maury Regional), Nancy Coursey, Jason Harness, Eugene Harness, Marilyn Mathis, Pam Hinson (surgery went well Wednesday), 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, Judy Baggett, David Gossett, Jimmie Jenkins, Ryan Edwards, Brian Powers, Gethlyn Gardner (hospice), Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Chris Chilton, David Stewart & newborn granddaughter, Truu, Willie Lawler, James Coates (address on the bulletin board), Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, David Talley, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears (St. Thomas West), 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.



Nov 5 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH
Nov 10 - 3rd-5th Grade Devo, during evening service FH
Nov 17 - Puppet Show, during evening service in LO
Nov 19 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH