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Steve Craft ext.20
Youth
Randal Halbrooks ext.13
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Security
O.D. Pratt ext.23
Seniors
Lloyd Rochelle ext.21
Maintenance
Jeff Stacks ext.22
Transportation
Vance Willis ext.26
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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

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931-729-9846

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Mike's Minute

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.
-1 Corinthians 13:13

Which virtuous behaviors on earth will still be required in heaven?

Courage? No. There will be nothing to fear in heaven.

Hope? No. We will have all that we desire. Hope will have become reality.

Faith? No. Faith will have become sight. We will be in the presence of the Source of our faith. All of those things for which we have believed will have their fulfillment in Him.

Acts of charity toward those in need? No. There will be no hunger, thirst, nakedness, or homelessness in heaven. All needs will be supplied.

Sympathy? No. There will be no more tears and no more pain.

Love? Yes! There will still be room for the exercise of courtesy, the kind greeting, the simple manners that offend no one but ease the way of all.

Love is a dress rehearsal for heaven! Love God. Love your neighbor. Love your family. Love your brothers and sisters in Christ. Love your country. Love those in other nations. Love the lost. Love your enemies.

The world would be so much better if the love of power could be replaced by the power of love. Let's make it happen! Let's begin now!

In Christian Love,

Mike





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

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.



Randy & I would like to let all of you know that we sincerely appreciate all of the thoughts and prayers from you all. All of the cards with encouraging well wishes have been very uplifting. We especially want to thank my momma (Gerry) for always being there for us. She has no idea that she means the world to us. We are very grateful for all of you. We will keep you updated.

Thanks so very much,
Randy & Denise Hall



Little **Lincoln Hall**, a 3-month-old infant passed away on Thursday. The Hall family and the Johnson (David & Tina) families would like to ask for special prayers at this time. They want to thank you for the love and prayers sent this week on their behalf.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 1, 2020	
MORNING WORSHIP	118
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3265
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, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan, Hester Moss, James Hassell, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Jo James (Brynne Brady James mother-in-law-Skyline Medical Center), Anthony Stacks, Michelle Gilbert, Marshall Carothers, 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, 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

In God We Trust

During the American Civil War years, the U.S. Congress passed an act to include the phrase "In God We Trust" on all newly-minted coins (April 22, 1864). All people would do well to be reminded that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." (Psalm 33:12a), and to act accordingly!



Center Fielders News

“Living By Faith”

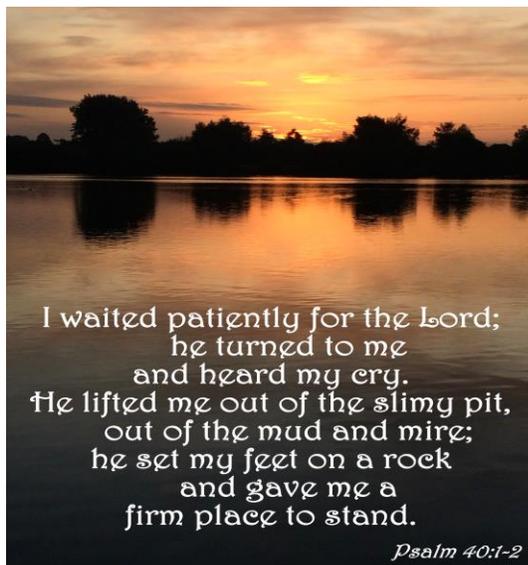
We know it is impossible to travel back in time to see Jesus, hear His teachings, and witness His crucifixion. If these were a must for salvation and living the Christian life, none of us would be Christians, and we could have no hope of reaching Heaven. But God made it possible for us to receive salvation and to understand His will by giving us the ability to exercise faith. What’s more, God’s Holy Spirit prompts and aids us in utilizing this fruit of the Spirit.

Hebrews is one of my favorite books of the Bible. It lists individuals who lived by faith and shows the evidence of their faith. Could similar evidences be given about you? How about the following things? By faith he was motivated by his daily devotional life. By faith he did with his might what his hands found to do. By faith he turned his conversations with neighbors and co-workers into spiritual discussions. As an employee: by faith, he or she did the will of God from the heart instead of being a man pleaser. As one who is incarcerated: by faith he or she accepted their sentence and patiently fulfilled the duration of it.

Many more applications could apply to this example. For every one of us as Christians, the record should read like this: By faith he or she seized the opportunities to “do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” The important thing is that we are living by faith as we go through each day. God’s blessing rests on all who live by faith.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



MEN TO SERVE NOVEMBER 8

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Gary Bailey

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12

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: Lafayette Spears

Scripture: Psalms 40:1-2

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Marvin Truett

Lord’s Supper: Lafayette Spears, Edwin Wright

Closing Prayer: Darin Cochran

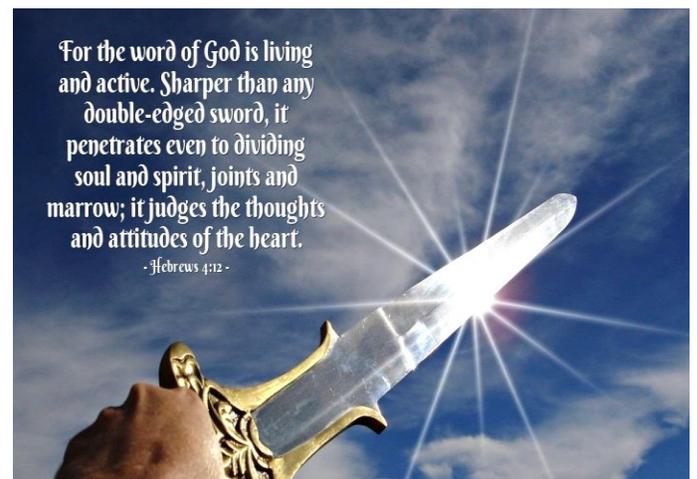
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Nov 15 - 3rd - 5th grade devo, during evening service @ FH

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

Nov 22 - Puppet show, during evening service



Perils in Church Buildings?



I was touring one of the oldest log church buildings in America when I noticed holes in the walls. “What are these holes?” I asked. A guide explained that they were drilled so men could put their rifles through the holes to shoot at Indians if they attacked while the church was meeting. We don’t know how often this happened, but such raids were possible and men took precautions.

In light of our current situation, this example of pioneer fortitude raises a few questions. Why didn’t these churchgoers stay at home? Why didn’t the church cancel all meetings until they felt they were out of danger? If they knew there was a possibility of a life-threatening situation, why would they take the risk?

These people weren’t fools. They had learned to be careful living on the frontier. They didn’t walk into a camp of Indians and start a fight. But they didn’t shelter in place at home. That wouldn’t have kept them from danger anyway because they could have been attacked there too. Besides, they had to go outside to work and get water and provide food for their families. They accepted risks like being attacked by a bear, bitten by a snake or getting caught in a bad storm. They didn’t depend on the government to babysit them or rely on the media to tell them when it was safe to go outside. There were no public announcements lecturing them about where to stand, when to wash their hands, or how to breathe safely. They took care of themselves. They lived their lives and they did so without fear. Of course, some took unnecessary risks and paid a price. Others died prematurely in spite of being careful. But overall, they worked and played and worshipped instead of trying to live in a glass bubble in hopes that it wouldn’t break. They didn’t laugh in the face of death, but they accepted the fact of death as a part of life. When loved ones died they buried them with their hands and mourned and moved on. They had to in order to survive.

What a different world we live in today. Our life of luxury has made us weak and afraid of our own shadows. The courage, resolve, and maturity of the pioneers of this country ought to make us feel ashamed. If they were alive they would be ashamed of how their descendants have panicked over covid-19. They would be disgusted that the same people who say we should not have church services because of a virus are willing to risk their lives on highways where over 30,000 people die each year. They would be furious—as some of us are—that Christians can go to eat out and shop but they can’t go to church services because it’s “unsafe.”

Fear is natural. A certain amount of it is good. But we cannot live in fear as Christians. “God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (2 Tim. 1:7). There is plenty of fear in the world today. What people need to see in us is faith.

*Kerry Duke
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