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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

And don't sin by letting anger control you. Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

Ephesians 4:26-27

A little girl was in a very bad mood. She took out her frustration on her younger brother. At first, she teased him. She soon moved on to pulling his hair and then kicking him in the shins.

The boy could take it, and dish it right back, until the kicking began. That hurt! He went crying to their mother and tattled on his sister.

Her mother came to the little girl and said, "Mary, why have you let Satan put it in your heart to pull your brother's hair and kick his shins?"

Mary reflected on her mood and actions for a moment and then finally replied, "Well, Mother, maybe Satan did put it in my heart to pull Tommy's hair... but kicking his shins was my own idea."

The Bible teaches that Satan is real. So, we believe it. However, Satan can't make us do anything! As a book I once saw said, "If the devil made you do it, you blew it!"

The devil certainly has influence in this world. But, *we choose our own actions.* We are response-able. We are able to choose our response to whatever happens. We can choose how we deal with our moods.

What we do with our anger and frustration is up to us. We choose how we respond to stress and the actions of others. Our challenge is to get a hold on our emotions... before they get a hold on us!

In Christian Love,

Mike





If you would like to assist with buying **gifts for needy children at Christmas**, please give your donation to Mike Batts or one of the elders by Sunday, November 12th.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** will meet Tuesday, November 14th, at 6:00 pm in the basement.

The **Golden Agers** will meet in the Fellowship Hall Thursday, November 16th, at 5:30 pm for their annual Holiday Meal. The meal will be catered. Please sign up by Sunday night if possible.

We need **your** help with the Fall Festival on November 18th!! Please let us know by November 12th if you will be able to help with the Fall Festival on the 18th. **Everyone working with the Fall Festival will need to meet on Sunday, November 12th, following Bible class in the Fellowship Hall to discuss our final plans.** There are yard signs in both foyers advertising this event if anyone would like one for their yard.

A **money tree** is being done for **Cade & Emily Wilson** who were recently married. If you would like to donate, please see Amber Kelley or Teresa Craft by November 29th.

Any lady interested in **secret pals** for 2024 (even if you are not currently participating), please see Sheila Brady by November 29th.

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

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

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



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Members: Joyce Boyd, Brenda Stoltz, Yvonna Caillouet (fell last Sunday), Jennifer Beasley, Bobby Dunn, Aletha Martin, Steve Baker, June Prince, Harry Totty, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Woody Woodruff, Floy Cochran, Janey Gilbert, John Fly, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Victoria Ann Kelley (sister-in-law of Gerry Loveless), Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer (ICU), Jimmie Jenkins (home), Stephanie Pitman, Jenny Teet, Steve Cantrell, Angela Tayes & Carmela Brown, Carolyn Nash, Oscar Sullivan, John West, Lou Gann, Aaron Barnett, Angelica Essary, James Stoltz, little Marcella (18 month old-AFM), Billie Joe Jordan, James Coates, Laura DeLong, Linda Goad, June Adams, Louise Jones, Grayson Gunter, Larry Roder, Kim Bailey, Billie Joe Qualls, Roy Harris, Colton Thompson, Ila Faye Jenkins, Claude Teet, Glenda Teet, Anthony Stacks, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Harrison, Scott Rushton, Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Brenda Smith, Rachel Watts, William McClearan, Bryan Williams, Judy Hinson, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, Cody Crawford, Rebecca Mears, Kelley Wilson, Doris Elam, Donna Gaspard, Kathy Swinford Coleman & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Naomi Bailey (hospice), Gary Yates, Wilma Green, Francis Qualls, Hester Moss

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard

NHC Healthcare Columbia: Lou Dickens



Nov 12 - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off

Nov 18 - Fairfield Fall Festival 11:00 am - 6 pm

Nov 19 - 3rd-5th Devo, during evening service at FH

Nov 21 - Middle/HS Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH



Center Fielders News

“Self Aside”

What does it mean to deny myself as Jesus taught in the Bible? It means forsaking all works of self-righteousness and following the example of our Savior, Jesus. It means not seeking revenge when I am mistreated or when my ideas are ignored. It means to humbly accept when others think their ideas are superior to mine. It is better to have my advice rejected when I give it to someone, than to have it accepted and see it turn out to be poor advice. Even when we are right, our idea will not be any less value just because it was rejected. We must remember that many of Christ's ideas were also rejected, yet He never argued or became defensive.

If I am offended when my ideas are disregarded, I have a problem with self being on the throne rather than the Lord Jesus. When self is on the cross, I will gladly acknowledge other people's ideas, concerns, opinions, and counsels. “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.... Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:3, 5).

Christ left His home in Heaven, came to earth, and gave His life for our sins. If we are truly thankful for His great sacrifice, we will have no room for selfish ambition of our own will. Are we willing to lay self aside for the sake of others, and to forfeit our own will when there are differences of opinion? Of course, we must never compromise on matters of Bible principals, but neither should we regard our own opinions so highly that we are unwilling to lay them down for the sake of peace with others. We cannot live for God, if we do not die to self.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 5, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP	189
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5659
2023 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5104

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

Scripture Reading: Robert Graf

Scripture: Acts 2:42-44

Preside Lord's Supper: Gary Bailey

Left: Zack Harvill

Right: Josh Copley

Skyler Irvin

Quincy Cochran

John Irvin

Ethan Willis

James Jett

Carter Bates

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Norman George

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson

Scripture:

Song Leader: Norman Moss

Opening Prayer: Willie Powers

Lord's Supper: Lafayette Spears, Boyce Cannon

Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16 NKJV

RUMORS OF WARS

In one of his last great discourses, Jesus told his disciples, "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars." Just in my lifetime, and since World War 2, America has been in the Korean War, the Vietnam War, The Iraq War, and the War in Afghanistan. Since its establishment in 1948, Israel has seen the Seven Day war, the Yom Kiper war, and now the war with Gaza.

But Jesus continued his statement with these words, "See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end (Mt. 24:6). No war is a sign of Jesus' return. Jesus added other things that would happen in the world: disciples would be killed, there would be famines, tribulations, false prophets would arise, and hate and increased lawlessness (Mt. 25:8-13).

But here was the point of Jesus' lesson, as he concluded: "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved" (Mt. 24:13). We live in a troubled world, true. These are difficult times for Christians around the world, many of whom are suffering and dying in these wars. We cannot end the killing, the famines, the hate, all of which we see on the evening news. But we can remain faithful to the Lord! We can be victorious over this troubled world if we endure to the end!

-Dennis Doughty

WISE RULES FOR PILOTS

1. Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory.
2. Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.
3. It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there than up there wishing you were down here.
4. The ONLY time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.
5. The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.
6. When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.
7. A 'good' landing is one from which you can walk away. A 'great' landing is one after which they can use the plane again.
8. Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.
9. You know you've landed with the wheels up if it takes full power to taxi to the ramp.
10. You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.
11. In the ongoing battle between objects made of aluminum going hundreds of miles per hour and the ground going zero miles per hour, the ground has yet to lose.
12. Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, experience usually comes from bad judgment.

Join us for our

First Annual Fall Festival

Saturday, November 18, 2023
11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Food
Fun for all ages
Door Prizes
Games
Hay Ride
FREE

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One day, a 3 year-old girl named Charlotte received a certificate of achievement following her last swimming lesson. When her dad came home from work that evening, her mom handed her dad the certificate and said to the little girl, "Charlotte, would you like to tell your daddy what this is?" 3 year-old Charlotte thought for a moment, then with her proudest, most confident voice she exclaimed, "Oh, Daddy, that is my terrificate!"

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Your presence is an encouragement and you are always welcome. Please fill out the attendance card that you will find in the pew rack, and drop it in the collection basket or leave it on your seat and it will be picked up.



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Website: fairfieldcocf.org