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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

Family Line:

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Mike's Minute

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.
-James 1:19-20

He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.
-Proverbs 25:28

When a person loses his temper, one of the most common expressions used to describe the situation is "fly off the handle." This phrase refers to the head of a hammer coming loose from its handle as the carpenter attempts to use it. Several undesirable things happen as a result.

First, the hammer becomes useless. It is no longer good for productive work. In like manner, when a person loses his temper, he often loses his effectiveness. Anything he says may not be taken seriously and is likely to be unproductive.

Second, the hammerhead, twirling out of control, is likely to cause some type of damage, even if the damage is unintended. Anger may be physically damaging to people or objects... and is quite often damaging emotionally to those who feel they are victims of uncontrolled rage.

Third, the repair of both the hammer and the damage it does takes time and effort. The person who loses his temper may recover quickly, but the one who is the target of a hot temper rarely recovers so quickly.

Anger is like a fire. It is appropriate and useful in the proper context... but damaging, and even deadly, when it is allowed to burn out of control.

The takeaway message? Keep your temper today. Nobody else wants it!

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.

The Golden Agers will meet at Homestead Restaurant next Thursday at 6 pm for a holiday meal. If interested in joining the group please see or call O.D. Pratt at 931-994-7244.

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.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Dustin Tidwell** who passed away this week. His funeral was Thursday. He was the son of **Gina Waynick** and the grandson of **Bobby & Rosa Waynick**.

We also express sympathy to the family of **Mildred Laverne O'Guin** who passed away this week. She was the sister of **Hezekiah Springer**.

Lastly, sympathy to the family of **Cheryl Hinson**, mother of **Bradley Hinson**, employee of McDonald Funeral home, who passed away suddenly.



Several of our members here are sick at home.

Members: Hezekiah Springer (home from the hospital), Woody Woodruff, Carla Woodruff, Gene & Ruth Ann Carathers, Tommy McClanahan, Thomas Haskins, 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: Bobby Mack Dunn (home, father of Bobby & Deneen Clayton), Dwain Jones (brother of Joyce Boyd-broken hip), Heather Dickerson (niece of Thomas Haskins- Centennial hospital), 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: Lou Dickens, 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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 8, 2020	
MORNING WORSHIP	115
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3237
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167



Center Fielders News

“No Excuses”

I saw a sign one time that I wished I had bought that instead of saying SPEED LIMIT-55, it said EXCUSE LIMIT-0! Making excuses in order to avoid accountability for our actions is a human trait that began with Adam and Eve.

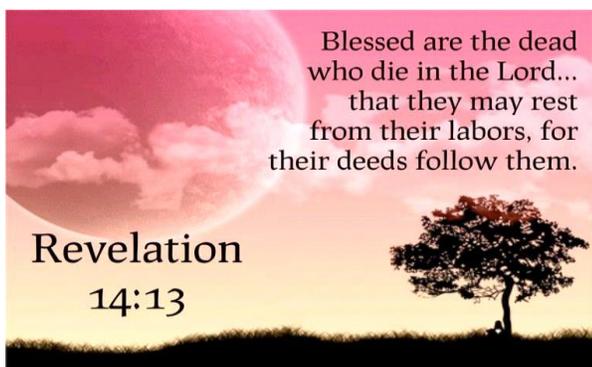
My memory verses for this week comes from 1 Corinthians 10:11-13. It reads, “These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall. No temptation has seized you except that which 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.” NO EXCUSES!

King Saul tried to excuse himself for sparing King Agag and the Amalekite flocks, contending that the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD! But Saul was still held accountable. In the parable of the great supper, many made excuses not to attend but were still held accountable. In our judicial system today, many give excuses to get out of trouble and some get away with those excuses, but there is coming a time when these excuses will be invalid.

The scriptures above make us a generous promise, but also closes the door for any excuse for falling into sin. The power of God is always available to the surrendered and determined heart. Even when we do sin, we have an advocate with the Father through Jesus. Neither our environment, family, church, culture, misfortunes in life, nor Satan himself can ever be a legitimate excuse for sin that is not confessed and repented of while we live on this earth.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



MEN TO SERVE NOVEMBER 15

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Mathew Wright
Scripture Reading: Rodney Rochelle
Scripture: Revelations 14:13
Preside Lord’s Supper: Mike Breece
Alternates: Marvin Truett, Gary Basford
Basement: Gary Basford, Gary Wright
Announcements: Jerrie W Barber
Closing Prayer: Rodney Rochelle
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks
Scripture Reading: Edwin Wright
Scripture: Psalms 85:6
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Gary Wright
Lord’s Supper: Mathew Wright, Edwin Wright
Closing Prayer: Mike Batts
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355



Nov 15 - 3rd - 5th grade devo, during evening service @ FH
Nov 17 - Middle/High school devo, 5:00 pm will be leaving the church building in the van. We will return by 8:30 pm. See Chris or Steve for more information.
Nov 22 - Puppet show, during evening service

**COUNTY WIDE
LITTER CLEAN UP
Hickman County, TN
November 21st**

JOIN US!

Trash Bags, Caution Signs, Orange Vests & Grabbers
can be picked up at the following locations:

East Hickman Volunteer Fire Dept.
Nunnely United Methodist Church
Shady Grove Community Center
Pleasantville Community Center
Bernard Community Center

Volunteers needed to work supply centers

Nov. 20th from 4-7pm
Nov. 21st. from 8-11am
(while supplies last)

Volunteers needed to take collected trash back to supply centers

Bring a set of work gloves

Register the area you will be cleaning by calling (931) 729-5300 by Nov. 16th.

Unkind Wordplay

The word *exclusive* conjures images of restaurants or country clubs forbidding entry and service to certain “types” of people...

Some say it's *exclusionary* to say that only those who “obey...the gospel of our Lord Jesus” (2 Thessalonians 1:8) are Christians; that only such people are the saved, the one church; and that as the one church they must live, worship and serve in particular ways...

How can one who loves Jesus **not** be an advocate of exclusivity? “There is,” Paul says, “one body...”

Jesus promoted exclusivity: “No man cometh unto the father but by me” (John 14:6); “not everyone...shall enter into the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 7:21); “strait...gate... narrow...way...few there be” (13-14).

The church is comprised of God's “elect” or “chosen” (Colossians 3:12; Ephesians 1:4) ... Christianity by its nature is exclusive. One is either “in” Christ, or he is out. And the means (read, terms) by which that is determined could not be made clearer than they are made in the Book of Acts.

Some think it loving to lighten up and loosen up on the conditions of salvation and identity of the church of Christ. They think it's negative and unloving to talk about holy living and Christian responsibilities. They think such things exclude and “run people off.”

God's people must not allow themselves to be distracted and misled by sentimental talk about “unloving” exclusivity. Rather, brethren should care about other people enough to go out into the highways, byways and hedges and compel them to come into the exclusive sheepfold of Jesus. This is a serious, life-or-death struggle we are facing and there's no pretty way to win. As there was one ark built by Noah wherein were the saved, so there is one church built by the Lord Jesus. As there was one family on board the former, so with the latter (1 Timothy 3:15). There is “one body...one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,” and all of the well-intentioned sentimentality in the world is not going to change that fact. Why would anyone want to change it? —

*Alan Adams
Manchester, TN*

Seven Clean Hilarious Church Jokes:

#1 – WEDDING WHITE

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: “Why is the bride dressed in white?” The mother replied to the girl: “because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today.”

After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: “But, then why is the groom wearing black?”

#2 – MARRIAGE AND COFFEE

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: “It's right here—HEBREWS.”

#3 – SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

Where was Solomon's temple located? – On the side of his head. Duh!

#4 – ADAM & EVE

After having children, Adam and Eve started getting a lot of questions from their kids about why they no longer lived in Eden. Adam has a simple answer for this: “Your mother ate us out of house and home.”

#5 – THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: “Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife.”

#6 – BOAZ AND RUTH

What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth? Answer: He was Ruthless.

#7 – THE KINDERGARTENER

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: “I'm drawing God!”

“But sweetie,” the teacher replied, “no one actually knows what God looks like.”

Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said: “well, they certainly will in a minute!”