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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

**Though your beginning was insignificant, yet your
end will increase greatly.**

Job 8:7

During the late 1960s, a couple was vacationing in the California mountains. One day they noticed a pleasant looking man sitting by a bridge near their hotel. They saw him sitting in the same spot day after day.

At first, they assumed he was fishing. On closer inspection, however, they found that he was doing nothing. He was just sitting and staring into space.

Finally, on the last day of the vacation, their curiosity got the best of them and they asked the young man, "Why do you sit in that same spot every day, doing nothing?"

He replied with a smile, "I happen to believe in reincarnation. I believe that I have lived many times before and that I will have many lives following this one. So, I've decided to sit out this life."

Unfortunately, many people today seem to be sitting this life out. Instead of living their own lives, they seem content to simply watch others live their lives... whether it be on television or social media. Others *pretend* to live by playing video games for hours every day. What a shame!

In reality, it is impossible for any of us to "sit out" life. Each day, we are either moving forward or backward... getting stronger or weaker... moving higher or slipping lower.

Each of us begins every new day with a fresh opportunity to change tomorrow's starting point.

What will you do *today* to make your *tomorrow* better? Remember, everyone got where they are by starting where they were. Let's *win the day. Every day!*

In Christian Love,

Mike





It was good to see **Woody Woodruff** at church Sunday morning after being in the hospital for several weeks and **Sharon Rochelle** Sunday night after being sick for several weeks.

Our first annual Fall Festival yesterday went well. Thank you to all who helped in any way and to all who came!

Everyone is invited to attend the **annual Christmas party** on Saturday, December 9th, at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a "Hee Haw" night of fellowship and fun! Sign-up sheets are in both foyers. Please sign up by December 3rd if you plan to attend.

The jail ministry had five baptisms on Saturday; they are **Crystal Russell, Elizabeth Meadows, Micheal Brown, Michael Coen, & Austin Sawyer**.

A **money tree** is being made 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. The secret pal Christmas party is Saturday, December 2nd at 9:00 am. You can start arriving at 8:30 am. Bring your favorite breakfast/brunch dish to share with everyone. Coffee and juice will be provided.

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.



Sympathy to the family of **Mike Rochelle**. The visitation and funeral was on Monday. He was the nephew of **Lloyd Rochelle** and cousin of **Rodney**.

Sympathy to the family of **Charles Traugher**, a former foster child of **Gerry & Sarah Hinson**. His funeral was Monday at Taylor Funeral Home in Dickson.



Members: Lloyd Rochelle, Dale Dillingham, Sharon Rochelle, Joyce Boyd, Jennifer Beasley, Aletha Martin, June Prince, Dorothy Noonan (suffered a fall on Monday), Dana McCaleb, Woody Woodruff, Floy Cochran, Janey Gilbert, John Fly, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Dusty Covington (car accident-Skyline Medical Center), Terry Duncan (St. Thomas Midtown), Roy Cochran, Jackson Deas, Jean Greer, Victoria Ann Kelley, Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer, Jimmie Jenkins, 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, Grayson Gunter, Larry Roder, 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 McClearn, Bryan Williams, Judy Hinson, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, 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

Continue to remember all of the families that have recently lost loved ones—the holiday seasons are especially hard for them!

The last **Ladies class** of 2023 will be Tuesday, November 28th at 6:00 pm in the basement. They will be taking a break for the holidays. Class will resume next year.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 19, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP	247
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5739
2023 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5104



Center Fielders News

“Receiving God’s Abundance”

A Sunday school teacher once held up a shiny watch and told his class that whoever came forward and claimed it could have it. All the kids just sat there looking on, suspecting a trick, until a small boy came forward and claimed the watch. Then the other kids said that wasn’t fair, because they thought the teacher wasn’t serious. God also gives us many blessings freely and abundantly, which are ours simply by taking them.

Jesus wants to give us the blessing of abundant life, but we must reach out in faith and accept it. If we believe, confess, repent and are baptized, we will receive God’s blessings until our cup runs over. It is His pleasure to give us this abundance of blessings.

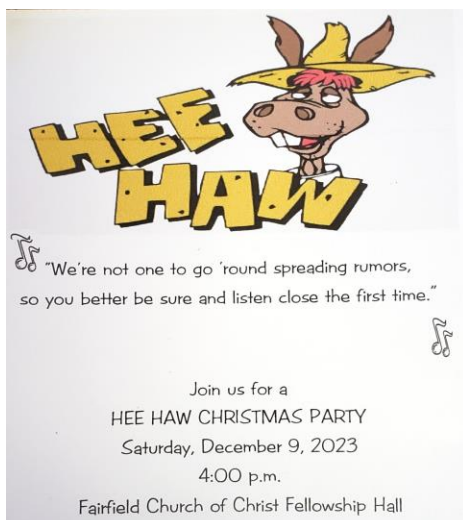
We must have a spiritual mind to recognize many of God’s blessings. This includes the “cup of salvation” and even “the death of His saints” that leads to eternity in Heaven. Thankfulness is a choice we make through recognizing God’s generosity and our own unworthiness of Jesus dying on a cross for us. The depth of our gratitude shows how conscious we are of God’s blessings.

God has many good gifts to offer us, but it grieves Him when we hesitate to receive them. The kingdom of God is not about earning and deserving, but about believing and receiving.

Sharon and I wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber

Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno

Scripture: Psalm 95:6-7

Preside Lord’s Supper: Rodney Rochelle

Left: Rusty Bates **Right:** Randal Halbrooks

Wallace Smith

Lyle Shepherd

Wes Crowther

Jeff Warren

Damon McCoy

Jeffrey Peebles

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Norman Moss

Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Kenneth Jett

Scripture: Mark 4:30-32

Song Leader: Damon McCoy

Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Lord’s Supper: Ronny Pitman, Gerry Hinson

Closing Prayer: Willie Powers

Van Driver: Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Boyce Cannon

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Congratulations!

On Sunday evening after worship, **Sara Beth McClanahan** was baptized by Mike Kelley. She is the daughter of **Tommy & Darla McClanahan** and the granddaughter of **Willie & Minnie Powers & Teresa & Chris Kimbro**.

Jane Washington has let us know that she desires to place membership here with us! We are thankful to have her here, let’s give her a big welcome as we get to know her!

The **holiday meal for the jail inmates** will be December 9th. Fairfield has been asked to bake the potatoes as we have done in the past. Potatoes and foil to wrap them in will be in the back foyer this coming Sunday (10 to a bag). Please pick up what you can bake and return them to the back foyer by **1:15pm on Saturday, December 9th**. If you can help with this, *please provide your cell phone number* on the sign-up sheet to let us know who you are and how many potatoes you will be baking.



DECEMBER

- 5 Jean Barber
- 8 Belinda Anderson
Allison Cook
- 9 James Atkinson
Carolyn Phillips
- 11 Barbara Lawson
- 12 Charmaine Harlow
Gerry Hinson
Brooke Patton
- 13 Teresa Craft
Mathew Wright
- 14 Addie Dorton
- 16 Wayland Duncan
Randy Prince
- 17 Beverly Petty
Susan Spears
- 20 Garrett Cochran
- 21 Dalton Barber
Amber Kelley
Ataleigh Webb
- 22 True Goins
Edith Muse
- 26 Charlotte Crockett
- 27 Kim Breece
Tim Halbrooks
- 28 Curtis Edwards
Kurt Hellmann
Sharon Rochelle
Jeff Warren
- 29 Lisa James
Jane Washington
- 30 Wayne Prince
- 31 John Anderson IV



DECEMBER

- 1 Tommy & Glenda Newsom
- 9 James & Dana Atkinson
- 11 Mike & Dianne Breece
Gary & Glenda Jacobs
Chris & Rochelle Love
- 15 B.Y. & Deborah Peery
- 17 Norman & Chastity Moss
- 20 Clay & Linda Chandler
- 22 Jeff & Angie Stacks
- 23 Christopher & Arielle Wright

Gratitude is a Choice

I hope you had a happy Thanksgiving. It's a good holiday – a day rooted in the idea of giving thanks to God for his blessings.

Whether the traditional story about the Pilgrims and the native American Indians celebrating their harvest together at Plymouth, MA in the fall of 1621 is truly the “first Thanksgiving” or not (since 1970 protesters have gathered at a hill overlooking Plymouth Rock to commemorate a “National Day of Mourning” to protest the traditional belief that the Europeans and Native American Indians had a cooperative relationship), the intent behind the holiday is to encourage us to be grateful to God for his blessings.

We do know that in 1863, at the height of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation entreating all Americans to “Ask God to [among other things] heal the wounds of the nation.” The final Thursday in November was designated as a day of Thanksgiving. Our nation was sorely divided. It still is.

Genuine gratitude, demonstrated by giving thanks is a source of healing – individually and collectively. It requires us to focus on blessings rather than problems . . . positive rather than negative. Thanksgiving is the acknowledgement that we are the recipient(s) of blessings from a source outside ourselves. It's something we are repeatedly reminded to do in the New Testament epistles. It is the basis of our relationship to God.

Develop the habit of giving thanks to God. Every good thing in your life is a gift from him.

*Ken Stegall
Jackson Street church of Christ
Monroe, LA*



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