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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

For though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again...

Proverbs 24:16

The difference between success and failure is often the simple willingness to get up just one more time than you fall down!

Moses could have easily given up. He was once a basket case!

Moses had an interrupted childhood, was raised in a foster home, had a strong temper, a stammering tongue, and a criminal record... but when God called him, he said "Yes."

Joshua could have easily given up...

Joshua got a taste of the promised land and was then was denied entrance and forced to wander for 40 years in the wilderness with the pessimists who didn't believe they could possess the land.

Joshua could have given in to defeat and discouragement... but when God said go, he got up and went.

Peter could have easily given up...

He had a very difficult time making the transition from fisherman to fisher of men. He sank while walking on the water, was strongly rebuked when he tried to tell Jesus what to do, and denied even knowing Jesus at the moment Jesus needed him most.

Peter could have seen himself as a hopeless failure... but when the opportunity came to preach to thousands on the Day of Pentecost, he stepped up.

The man who wins may have been counted out several times, but he didn't hear the referee.

No matter what you've done, you're not a failure. You are never a failure... unless/until you give up!

In Christian Love,

Mike





It was good to see **Lloyd Rochelle & Dale Dillingham** back at church last Sunday morning after being sick.

Baking potatoes for the Jail Ministry holiday meal will be given out *this Sunday, December 3rd* in the back foyer. They are to be returned by **1:15 pm Saturday, December 9th**. *Please sign the pick-up sheet and provide your cell phone number.*

The Men-to-Serve and Van Driver sheets for December are available in both foyers. Please pick one up.

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 this Sunday, December 3rd if you plan to attend.

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.



From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to thank each and every one of you for all of the gifts and love we received in honor of our new marriage? We are so grateful to have the love and support of Fairfield church of Christ. Also, thank you so much for our beautiful quilt! We will cherish it forever!

Love,

Hannah & Brandon James

SHORT SERMONS

- A closed mouth gathers no foot.
- Nothing in small print is ever good news.
- Talent is what you possess; genius is what possesses you
- Never idealize others. They will never live up to your expectations.
- Good examples have far more value than good advice.



Members: Shanon Irwin, Dannie George, Kenneth Chandler, Terry Duncan (home-no visitors), Jennifer Beasley, Aletha Martin, June Prince, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Woody Woodruff, Floy Cochran, Janey Gilbert, John Fly, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Frances Qualls (St. Thomas Midtown), Dusty Covington (car accident-Skyline Medical Center), Roy Cochran, Jackson Deas, Jean Greer, Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer, Jimmie Jenkins, Stephanie Pitman, Jenny Teet, Carolyn Nash, Aaron Barnett, Angelica Essary, James Coates, Laura DeLong, Grayson Gunter, Larry Roder, Roy Harris, Ila Faye Jenkins, Anthony Stacks, Kathryn Purcell, Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Joyce Boyd, Naomi Bailey (hospice), Gary Yates, Wilma Green, Hester Moss

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard

NHC Healthcare Columbia: Lou Dickens

PLEASE NOTE: We have purged our prayer list but if someone needs added back on the prayer list, to please let us know. You can text me, the editor, at 931-994-7443 or let one of the elders know. Thanks.



Dec 3 - 3rd-5th grade Christmas party, following morning service. Please bring a \$10-\$15 gift for Dirty Christmas. We will provide lunch.

Dec 9 - Church Christmas party, 4:00 pm in the Fellowship hall. This year's theme is a Hee Haw Christmas.

Dec 10 - Christmas Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off

Dec 17 - Middle/High School Devo/Christmas party -- Meet at the Field House at 4:00 pm. Please bring \$10-\$15 to purchase a Dirty Christmas gift. We will go purchase a gift and eat, then return to the Field House.



Center Fielders News

“The Books Were Opened”

And the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life. Revelation 20:12

For many years my dad was the Register of Deeds for Hickman County. When I would go into his office, there would be many large books on shelves from the floor to the ceiling. Somewhere in that maze of books, our names were recorded as legal owners of property.

In Heaven, a much more serious recording of deeds is taking place, and God is the register of deeds there. When these books are opened at Judgement, the things recorded will be final. There will be no retrial, or mistrial. No legal team of defense attorneys will be present. No friends to post bail. We will stand alone before Almighty God, who Himself will be Judge and Jury. On the basis of His perfect knowledge, God will pronounce the final verdict—either to life eternal, or to everlasting torment prepared for the devil and his angels.

The life we live on earth determines what is written in God’s books. “For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:14). Satan seeks to mislead people, but he has no hold on us as Christians unless we allow him.

It is sad to see many people falling away from the faith and the disregarding the principals that are taught in the Bible. Within every Christian lies the potential to be deceived. Only “truth” will make our calling and election sure. He who overcomes...I will not blot out his name from the book of life-Revelation 3:5.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 26, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP	209
CONTRIBUTION:	\$6304
2023 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5104

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Willie Powers

Scripture Reading: Norman George

Scripture: John 13:12-17

Preside Lord’s Supper: Ronny Pitman

Left: Kenneth Jett **Right:** Buddy Chandler

Chris Wright

James Swaw

Wes Crowther

Gary Bailey

Gary Basford

Mike Breece

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Roy McCoy

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates

Scripture: Mark 6:7-12

Song Leader: Damon McCoy

Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince

Lord’s Supper: Edwin Wright, Gerry Hinson

Closing Prayer: Boyce Cannon

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

“We’re not one to go ‘round spreading rumors, so you better be sure and listen close the first time.”

Join us for a
HEE HAW CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday, December 9, 2023
4:00 p.m.
Fairfield Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

SHORT SERMONS

- To acquire knowledge, study; to acquire wisdom, observe.
- We can learn much from wise words, little from wisecracks and less from wise guys.

DOWN TO ONLY ONE FEAR

WE NEED NOT FEAR:

Economic Collapse. Whether the breaking of Social Security, a major stock market crash, the mounting U.S. debt, recession, the real estate bubble bursting, bankruptcy, out of control inflation, or job losses. "I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread" (Psalm 37:25).

Potential Persecution. Whether the steadily rising antagonism against Christianity, overthrow by foreign oppressors, the mounting tide of immorality promoting sin, or the epidemic ignorance of the Bible in our land. "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

Military Threats. Whether Al Qaida, the Taliban, Iranian nuclear weapon building, alliances between China, North Korea, and Russia, or armed forces spread too thin.

Peter said, "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him" (Acts 10:34-35).

Natural Catastrophe. Whether global warming, meteors crashing through the atmosphere, glacial melting, California sliding into the ocean, or events like tsunamis and hurricanes. "He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them. The Lord preserves all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy" (Psalm 145:19-20).

Health Problems. Whether cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's, ALS, AIDS, kidney failure, dementia, arthritis, blood clots, or liver disease. "My grace is sufficient for you" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Academic Decline. Whether comparative test scores with children in other nations, a socially charged curriculum agenda, the "dumbing down of America," the de-emphasis of classroom competition, or outcome-based education programs.

WE NEED TO FEAR:

"Fear God" (Ecclesiastes 5:7; 1 Peter 2:17). "You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him" (Deuteronomy 10:4). "His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation" (Luke 1:50). "The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him" (Psalm 25:14).

Neal Pollard
Lehman Avenue church of Christ
Bowling Green, KY

WHATEVER

Whatever your trial, **God sees.**
Whatever your struggle, **God knows.**
Whatever your cry, **God hears.**
Whatever your difficulty, **God cares.**
Whatever your problem, **God understands.**
Whatever your need, **God provides.**

Blessed is the man, who having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact.
--George Eliot (1819- 80)

A man went to the doctor because he was concerned about his lessening level of energy. He told his doctor that he wasn't able to do all the things around the house that he used to do.

When the examination was complete, he said, "Now, Doc, I can take it. Tell me in plain English what is wrong with me."

"Well, in plain English," the doctor replied, "you're just lazy."

"Okay," said the man. "Now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife."

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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