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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

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Mike's Minute

Jeweled With Joy

Growing churches must inevitably be jeweled with joy and hedged about with happiness. The public services must be for all who attend adventures in happiness, not moroseness.

People are searching for joy in America, but there is little to be had! The cost of living is up, the value of the dollar is down, and each morning's headlines herald additional bad news. Homes are collapsing, children are in trouble, businesses are failing, and the threat of war is very much with us. One British author, visiting our shores recently, commented, "You are strange people. With all of your wealth and luxury, you Americans look as tense and glum as we did in the London bread lines during World War II."

In such times, the church is provided an excellent opportunity to convey the joy of Christian discipleship. Seventy-two times in the New Testament we are told to "rejoice" and sixty times the word "joy" is found. In fact, the standing orders of the church triumphant is to "Rejoice in the Lord always." We rejoice in our fellowship with one another (2 John 12), in knowing the gospel story (Luke 2:10), in having received and obeyed the gospel (Acts 8:39), in being granted the privilege of discipleship (Acts 5:4).

Joy is not a product, but a by-product of faithful living. It does not come from courting and coveting, but counting... for Christ. It is not a seed to be planted, but a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:23). Joyless Christians are those who are inactive and indifferent. They are takers, not givers. They are more haunted than helped by religion, for they have just enough of it to be worried, not confident. Such people can kill the spirit of a congregation and make growth impossible.

The total atmosphere of our worship periods should be one of joy and thanksgiving. We "make a joyful noise unto the Lord", not one that is drab and dull and despondent. People visiting our assembly immediately sense the difference and long to know more of the "joy unspeakable and full of glory." Our friendly greetings, our spirited singing, our positive pulpit efforts proclaim afresh, "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound (Psa. 80:15).

Paul Rogers
Building Up The Church In A Small Town

In Christian Love,

Mike





The Secret Pals brunch, to draw names for the new year, will be on Saturday, December 7th. Start arriving at 8:30 am and they will eat at 9:00 am.

Ken needs teachers & field guides for next quarter.

This years all church party's theme is "Tacky Christmas." This will be held in the fellowship hall on Saturday, December 14th at 5 pm. Everyone is invited.

Please check the card boxes in the foyer for your mail!

*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6:00 am in the basement.

*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1st & 3rd Tues. evenings @ 6:00 pm in the basement.

*The Quilters meet every Thurs. morning @ 9:00 am in the basement.

*Narcotics Anonymous meets every Thurs. night at 7:00p in the basement.



Thank you for the prayers, support, love and food during the loss of my father. We really appreciate your outpouring of love.

Thank you,
Renee, Randal, Steve & Tim Halbrooks

I want to thank you for the prayers, hugs, consoling words, cards, phone calls; all of which you are so good at during the long sickness and death of my sister, Lena Harrell. You're the best.

I love you all,
Fran Batts

Thanks to everyone who sent me cards and came to see me in the nursing home. It meant so much to me.

Joyce Boyd

RESPONSES

Chris England came forward Sunday morning and **Renee Dennis**, sister of Rodney Rochelle, came forward Sunday night both asking for prayers of the congregation.

SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy to the family of Mary Carolyn McClanahan. Her visitation is Sunday 4 – 8 pm at McDonald Funeral Home and funeral on Monday at 1 pm. There will be a meal in the fellowship hall.



Members: Dewayne Victory, Sandy Kimbro Bagwell, Patsy Givens, Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Naomi Bailey, Teresa Kimbro, Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, Hester Moss, James Hassell, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Leon Lynn, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Cleo Anderson (aunt of Minnie Powers), Phillip Atkins, Laura Sisk, Elizabeth Dunn, Kitty Pharris, Mark Fagan, Georgia Garner, Wayne England, Jimmy Cline, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Joyce Johnson (hospice), Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Davey Baker, Ron Gossett, Cooper Parker, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, Laura Plunkett, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, Adam Lawson, Mark Wright, Donna Popp, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jean Greer, Jackson Bates, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash, & Jimmy Mathis.

Life Care: Mary Carolyn McClanahan, Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Bill & Helen Shanes, Jo Hudgins (hospice), & Sybil Jenkins.

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown



YOUTH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Dec. 8 – Puppet Christmas show during evening service

Dec. 14 – Church Christmas Party 5 pm. Fellowship hall. Theme: "Tacky Christmas." We will need youth help with this.

Dec. 15 – 3rd-5th grade Christmas Party 5 pm at the Field House. Food will be provided. Bring a present to play Dirty Christmas.

Dec. 22 – Middle/High school Christmas Party. Meet at 3 pm at the Field House. Need \$10 - \$15 to go shopping for a Dirty Christmas present. We will return to the Field House for food and games.



Center Fielders News

“Too Sinful to Save?”

Sometimes people avoid Christ’s offer of salvation because they feel they have messed up so badly that their sins are unforgivable. Perhaps that’s how John Newton, a former slave trader, felt before he experienced God’s mercy and penned this line from his famous hymn: “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.”

The apostle Paul had similar feelings. He saw himself as the worst sinner. I, myself, could give him a strong debate on that subject. But that didn’t stop him from believing in Jesus as his Savior and Lord. In fact, as he looked back at the wonderful display of grace in his life, Paul recognized he was used as an example of how far God’s grace can reach.

Jesus came to save sinners. So, if you are a sinner, His grace is available to you for salvation. In other words, if Paul’s, John Newton’s, and my own sins were forgivable, so are yours!! In fact, those who regard themselves as wretches are in a better position than many who consider themselves good and think a Savior is unnecessary. God’s grace comes to those who acknowledge their sin and see the need for salvation.

No matter how large and how many your sins are, God’s grace is greater and He proved that in my life! The truth is, all human beings are wretches because no one can be good enough to earn acceptance by a Holy God. My friend, your soul will spend eternity somewhere. It will either be pardoned by Christ or it will be punished in hell. If you accept His wonderful salvation, He may even use your past as a witness so that other sinners can be saved.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

DECEMBER EVENTS

- Dec. 9** – Ladies Craft night, working on memory verses, will meet in room 104 at 6 pm
- Dec. 14** – Widows meet at Homestead, 9 am
- Dec. 14** – Golden Agers going to Beacon Light for breakfast leaving the building at 8:00 am
- Dec. 14** – Tacky Christmas party, 5 pm FH
- Dec. 29** – 5th Sunday with Bill McDonald

PLAY NICE WITH OTHERS

By Janice M. King

We live in a stressful world
Every single day
Play nice with others
We often hear people say

We all have obstacles
Each our cross to bear
Have respect for them
Yourself, and everyone every where

Show kindness to each other
They may be having a bad day
You might could change it
By the kind words you say

Show your love for God
Also, your fellow man
We are all in this world together
Do the best that you can

Don't bully, badger
Or begrudge
Just place nice with others
For we are not the judge.



FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 24, 2019	
A.M. WORSHIP:	202
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3871
2019 WEEKLY BUDGET:	\$4167

