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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

(Let us) lay hold of the hope set before us.

Hebrews 6:18

Psychologists tell us that anticipation is an emotion with incredible healing powers.

People who are snowbound in the midst of winter raise their spirits by anticipating the longer and warmer days of spring and summer.

Couples who are separated by military deployment maintain their sanity by anticipating their eventual reunion.

Students feeling overwhelmed with coursework anticipate the end of the semester.

Employees look forward to the weekend or their next vacation.

Engaged couples eagerly await their wedding day.

Can you imagine a world with no anticipation? How would we feel if we had nothing to *really* look forward to?

Welcome to non-Christianity. Without Jesus, there is no ultimate anticipation. There might be momentary excitement, but it fades quickly. Consistent, lasting, unwavering anticipation is missing. The future has no promise. It holds no hope. Everything will end. Everything will die.

For the non-Christian, death is the termination of any happiness that may be found on earth. But, for Christians, death merely brings us to the beginning of an eternity spent in heaven.

Thank God that we have a message of *hope*! Let's live in anticipation today... and every day!

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

It is quite sad how devalued the church is becoming in the eyes of the general public. I have heard countless times from those whom I have encountered that they love God but can't get behind the idea of the church. Now, historically, has the church been perfect? Absolutely not. It has been flooded by its fair share of corruption throughout the ages, but that does not diminish the importance of the church.

The notion that we can be true believers while neglecting the church is simply false doctrine. It is very popular in the modern day to loathe religion while professing a belief in God. Many believe that they are able to follow Jesus, and that there is no need for a church. This can stem from, perhaps, a bad experience with the church or maybe even a neglect or willful ignorance of the Scripture that addresses its importance.

It is crucial that we remember Acts 20:28 and that Jesus bought the church with his blood. We are told that Christ is married to the church. So why should we attempt to devalue the bride of Jesus? Why should we place church on the back burner? The last thing we should be doing, as Christians, is attempting to separate Christ from the church. They go hand in hand. We need a devout love for God, but we need the church to go along with it. We've spoken about "the church" a lot recently but I feel it's important to make these points while our minds are still fresh from the 75th anniversary of Fairfield. Let's honor and give respect to the church because it is an extension; to go even further, it is a part of Christ and we should treat it as such.

To God be the Glory,
Josh



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MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

Scripture Reading: Robert Graf

Scripture: Psalm 134:1-3

Preside Lord's Supper: Norman Moss

Left: Roy McCoy **Right:** Buddy Chandler

Boyce Cannon Wes Crowther

Steve Baker James Swaw

Curtis Edwards Tom Gosser

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Zack Harvill

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson

Scripture: Matthew 10:37-39

Song Leader: Norman Moss

Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Lord's Supper: Wayne Prince, Phillip Coates

Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF December 1, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	263
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4494
2024 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5417





Congratulations to **Joyce Boyd** on the birth of a great grandson on Monday, December 2. **Knox Benjamin Chessor** weighed 5 lbs. 2 oz. He is in the NICU at this time with problems with his breathing. The parents are **Jacob & Jamie Chessor**, grandparents are **Eddie & Carrie Boyd**.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Secret Pal group for 2025, please see **Sheila Brady** before December 11th.

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

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

The **Ladies' Bible Class** will be held December 10th in room 104. This will be the last class for the year and will be concluding the study of the book of Ruth.

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

The jail ministry had one baptism last Saturday. **Justin McKinney** was baptized into Christ on Saturday by the jail ministry. To date this makes 54 baptisms for the year.

Congratulations to Addie Dorton who graduated from the Practical Nursing program at TCAT Dickson.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Shawnda Aymett** who passed away Thursday. She was the niece of **(John) & Brenda Fly**.

We express sympathy to the family of **David Weatherspoon**, whose funeral was Wednesday. He is the uncle of **Toby Warren**.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Carolyn King**, whose funeral was Wednesday. She is the step grandmother to **Tony McCoy**.

Members: Brittany Gilbert (granddaughter of Roy & Sharon McCoy), Angie Stacks, Willie Powers (St. Thomas West), Rita Sullivan, Donna Pitman, Marlin Lawson, Randy Prince, Deborah McClellan, Joyce Boyd, Carolyn Phillips, Kenneth Chandler (call first to visit), Shanon Irwin, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Mildred Rochelle (cousin of Rodney-St. Thomas Hickman swing bed), Kenneth Copley (father of Ken), Amalia Rose Shaw (great-great niece of Sarah Hinson & Brenda Fly-Vanderbilt NICU), Johnny Qualls (brother of Wayne Qualls), Betty Baird, Edna Copley, B.Y. Peery, Doug True, Nancy Coursey, Eugene Harness, Marilyn Mathis, Pam Hinson, Davy Baker (Centennial), Lottie (Terrell) Williams, Mattie Boehms, Ruby Church, Mary Sue Sands, Ronald Cochran, Jeff Clark, Terry Barrenger, Edgar Clyde Beard, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, James Tidwell, Beverly Smith, Paul Harvill, Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Ronnie Carroll, Judy Baggett, Jimmie Jenkins, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, David, Willie Lawler, James Coates (address on the bulletin board), Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, David Talley, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, & Donna Gaspard.

Life Care: Ralph Gossett, Anthony Stacks, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

The Bridge at Columbia: Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard.



Dec 8 - 3rd - 5th Grade Christmas Party-immediately following Sunday school. Bring a gift for Dirty Christmas. Lunch provided

Dec 15 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH

Dec 22 - Puppet Show, during evening service in LO

Dec 29 - Fifth Sunday