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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

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Romans 12:18

When Abraham Lincoln was campaigning for president of the United States, one of his greatest political enemies was Edwin McMasters Stanton. Stanton hated Lincoln, and seemed to use every ounce of his energy to degrade Lincoln in the eyes of the public. He called him names such as "the original gorilla" and "a clown."

In the process of choosing his cabinet after his election, Lincoln selected various members and then faced a decision about the important post of Secretary of War. He decided to choose Edwin Stanton!

The President's inner circle erupted in an uproar when they heard his choice. Numerous advisors came to Lincoln warning him that he was making a grave mistake. "Are you familiar with all the ugly things he has said about you? He is your sworn enemy! He will sabotage your plans and programs!"

Lincoln calmly replied, "Yes, I know Mr. Stanton... and I find him the best man for the job."

As Secretary of War, Stanton gave invaluable service to his nation and his President. After Lincoln was assassinated, many laudable statements were made about him, but the words of Stanton were among the greatest. Standing near Lincoln's coffin, Stanton called him "one of the greatest men who ever lived" and said, "Now he belongs to the ages."

The best way to overcome your enemy is to make him your friend! Let's remember this truth in the midst of these divisive times.

In Christian Love,

Mike





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.

REMINDER: Everyone, please check your mail in the foyer!

REMINDERS



We all need reminders. If not for our digital calendars and alarms, our post-it notes, and our spouses, most of us would be lost and would fail to meet most deadlines.

The Lord let Peter know that he had a responsibility to remind his fellow Christians about what was truly important (2 Peter 1:12-15; 3:1-2). The apostle took this charge seriously. He vowed to spend the rest of his life reminding the church about eternally significant qualities and ideas.

In his second epistle, Peter reminds us:

To grow (1:5-11; 3:17-18). Spiritual & intellectual growth will not happen by accident. We must plan and act.

The Bible can be trusted (1:16-21). In an age when Holy Scripture is often ridiculed or forgotten, we must remember to turn to the Word of God first in all circumstances. The Bible must be trusted, loved, and obeyed.

God punishes the ungodly and rescues the righteous (2:1-17). False doctrine destroys both teacher and student. The Christian relies upon the God who rescues.

The Lord is coming back (3:8-15). Our choices matter because, like a thief in the night, the Day of the Lord will be upon us.

Bart Warren
South Green Street church of Christ
Glasgow, KY



Several of our church members are sick at home.

Members: Dave Davidson (St. Thomas West), Floy Cochran, Hester Moss (home), Deborah Perry, Hezekiah Springer, Woody Woodruff, Gene & Ruth Ann Carathers, Tommy McClanahan, Raymond Stoltz, Terry James, John Fly, Dewayne Victory, Mac Breece, Carolyn Phillips, Terry Duncan, Kenneth Chandler (tests), Paul & Noble Victory, Rickey Weems, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan, James Hassell, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Michael Hethcoat (cousin of Deborah Perry), Brenda Nash (friend of Dorothy Noonan), Bobby Mack Dunn (hospice), Dwain Jones, Heather Dickerson, Jo James, Anthony & Rita Stacks, Marshall Carothers, McKinley Moore, John & Brenda Hinson, Grace Haskins (AHC Lewis Co.-Hohenwald), Dot Dickens, Roger Stone, Maxine Christian, Wendall Tidwell, Junior Haskins, Christopher Jackson & family, Randy Hall, Chuck Sherrell, Helen Shanes, Jimmy Jenkins, Trace Warren, Harley Parker, B.J. Springer, Ruby Church, Wayne Winters, Carolyn Nash, Sandy McFarlin, Cornelia Chandler, Jerry Milam, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fagan, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Russell Hargrove, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, 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.

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page



Dec 12 - Drive thru Golden Age/Church Christmas Party starting at 3 pm. Youth can help.

Dec 13 - Puppet show during evening service



We express our sympathy to the family of **Peggy Dean**, grandmother of **Diana Bailey** who passed away recently.



Center Fielders News

“God’s Purposes & Man’s Choices”

All the purposes of God are eternal, but they are conditional when He relates them to man’s power of choice. God established the terms of good and evil and reserved those terms in the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God purposed only good; the evil we know today has its source not in Him but in the devil and sinful man.

Having perfect foreknowledge of sin, God decreed universal salvation for all mankind. This salvation applies unconditionally to all innocent children, and it is available to all adults under the conditions made possible by God’s grace. While salvation is for all, only those are saved who receive it by cooperating with God (the new birth) and a lifestyle of holiness by the indwelling Holy Spirit. This was all planned before the world was created. The grace of God is universal; the promise of the Redeemer is for every child, and none is born in the graceless state of being destined to eternal damnation.

God’s saving grace is forfeited when someone chooses to depart from God and go his own way. But the promise of the Redeemer applies to all whom by grace of God meet the Gospel conditions of faith and repentance. And while God provides grace to remain faithful to Him until death, man can still choose to depart from God, make saving grace vain to himself, and lose his salvation, contrary to what other denominations teach. However, the promise of the Redeemer remains for a straying one who chooses to return to Christ. So, to sum it all up, it is the power of choice that determines each person’s destiny.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

REMINDER:

If anyone should miss the worship stream on Facebook, the sermons are archived and available on our website: www.fairfieldcofc.org

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF December 6, 2020	
MORNING WORSHIP	103
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3991
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE DECEMBER 13

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber
Scripture Reading: Lafayette Spears
Scripture: Matthew 6:31-34
Preside Lord’s Supper: Gary Basford
Alternates: Mike Batts, Gary Wright
Basement: Phillip Coates, Gary Wright
Announcements: Marvin Truett
Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Marvin Truett
Scripture Reading: Edwin Wright
Scripture: Psalms 145:10
Song Leader: Jeff Rose
Opening Prayer: Kenneth Jett
Lord’s Supper: Gary Basford, Phillip Coates
Closing Prayer: James Swaw
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

Your heavenly Father
 already knows all your needs.
 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else,
 and live righteously, and He will give you
 everything you need.

MATTHEW 6:32-33

All you have made
 will praise you, O Lord.
 Your saints will extol You.
 They will tell of the glory
 of Your kingdom.
Psalm 145:10,11

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Expensive Junk and Free Treasure



The zeal with which people will pursue the toy that their kid wants most for Christmas is astounding. Every year seems to have a new fad—a new massively hard-to-purchase toy. A few years ago it was “Shopkins” (tiny collectable rubber toys). When stores sold out parents flocked to eBay and spent thousands of dollars to get them. Normal retail price? Four dollars! Anyone who went to a store on Black Friday may very well have experienced the same kind of passion. And for what? I suspect in most cases those little Shopkins dolls got eaten by the dog or ended up in the trash.

What is interesting to me is trying to figure out where this fiery passion really comes from. My guess is that something in people’s lives feels empty and the goal becomes to fill that void with stuff. People are thirsty and hungry without really knowing what they are hungry for. Nothing satisfies for long, even if it was four digits on eBay. I would encourage people to take to heart these words from Isaiah: “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live” (Isaiah 55:1-3).

You might not be able to afford this year’s latest fad. But guess what? You don’t need it. What you really need you can get by the grace of God. Can you imagine the line if Walmart started handing out free Nintendo game systems? It would be crazy! God is giving out something much better than that. Why spend all your efforts on bread that isn’t really bread? Why spend your money on a drink that won’t quench your thirst? Come to God and He will give you what is good. He will give you the richest of fare, food that will make your soul thrive. And God won’t charge you a dime.

*Doug Wells
Camden Avenue church of Christ
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Quotes and Sayings!

“If you haven’t got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.” — Bob Hope

“I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph.” — Shirley Temple

“It’s true, Christmas can feel like a lot of work, particularly for mothers. But when you look back on all the Christmases in your life, you’ll find you’ve created family traditions and lasting memories. Those memories, good and bad, are really what help to keep a family together over the long haul.” — Caroline Kennedy

“The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of love and of generosity and of goodness. It illuminates the picture window of the soul, and we look out upon the world’s busy life and become more interested in people than in things.” — Thomas S. Monson

“Christmas is a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.” — Washington Irving

“Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.” — Calvin Coolidge

“Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won’t make it ‘white’.” — Bing Crosby

“No man is a failure who has friends.” — It’s a Wonderful Life

“Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmastime.” — Laura Ingalls Wilder

“Like snowflakes, my Christmas memories gather and dance—each beautiful, unique, and gone too soon.” — Deborah Whipp

