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Fairfield church of Christ

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Chris Wright - 931-206-6629

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

*Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord!
Let it be according to your word."*

Luke 1:38

Have you heard the saying, "This is bigger than the both of us"?

In the case of Joseph and Mary, this old saying rings true. What started as a simple commitment to God and each other ended in enormous, earth-shaking, mind-bending, history-making events!

Told by the angel Gabriel that she would have a child by the Holy Spirit, Mary submitted to God's plan in simple, yet amazing acceptance and obedience. She said, "Let it be according to your word."

Next, an angel told Joseph what to do in a dream. Joseph immediately and fully committed himself to God's plan. He took Mary as his wife. He named the baby Jesus. He complied with every detail of the instruction, even though it must have made very little sense to him.

Philip Yancey said, "Today as I read the accounts of Jesus' birth, I tremble to think of the fate of the world resting on the responses of two rural teenagers."

But they came through! These teens came through for us all!

When God targets *you* for a task that seems too big to handle, follow Mary and Joseph's lead. Make a simple commitment to be faithful and willing.

If you are willing, God is able! If God *expects* it, He will *enable* it. Believe it!

In Christian Love,

Mike





It was good to see **Carolyn Phillips** back at church last Sunday after being sick. Also, good to see **Kathy Rose** back on Wednesday night.

The annual county-wide Christmas Day Meal will be held again this year for all Hickman County residents. If you would be interested in helping with this event, there are flyers in both foyers with information and contact numbers to call about helping with the dinner.

If you would like to donate money to assist the victims of last week's tornados in Tennessee, please give your donation to Randal Halbrooks or one of the elders within the next two weeks.

The women's bathroom in the front foyer and the front entrance on that side of the building is **closed for remodeling**. This is expected to take a several weeks. Bathrooms in the Educational Wing will be open throughout the construction project.

The updated "Field Guide" directory is now available for pick up in both foyers. Please take **only one directory per family**.

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.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Wayne Rediker**, who passed away last Friday morning.



For our last **5th Sunday** of the year, we will be blessed to have **Woody Woodruff** to speak to us on **December 31, 2023**. Make plans now to attend. We will have a potluck after bible classes and all contribution will be used for building maintenance projects here at the building. Afternoon service is at 12:30 pm.



Members: Sarah Jude, Brenda Yates, Hezekiah Springer (St. Thomas West-pneumonia), Hershel & Carol Mayberry, Roy Wayne McCoy (home), Shanon Irwin, Dannie George, Kenneth Chandler, Terry Duncan (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: Oscar Sullivan (grandfather of Jeffrey Daniels), Renee Dennis (daughter of Lloyd Rochelle & sister of Rodney-NHC Columbia), Grayson Gunter, Dusty Covington, Roy Cochran, Jean Greer, Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer, Jimmie Jenkins, Stephanie Pitman, Jenny Teet, Carolyn Nash, Aaron Barnett, Angelica Essary, James Coates, Laura DeLong, 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: David Talley, 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, Renee Dennis

The men to serve and van driver sheets for January are now available in both foyers.



Jan 2 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH
Jan 14 - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off
Jan 16 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH
Jan 20 - Middle/High School Outing to Zoolumination.
 Sign-up sheet and information in the Field House
Jan 21 - 3rd - 5th Grade Devo, during evening service at Field House



Center Fielders News

“The Spirit of Christmas”

Long ago the Father sent His Son away on the most difficult mission that has ever been undertaken. The mission would require the Son to live and labor among those who would despise and reject Him. He would face every temptation that is common to mankind. There would be sleepless nights of toiling in prayer and chaotic days of ministering to the multitudes. He would not even have a place to call His own or to lay His head at night.

Ultimately, God’s Son would surrender His life in the greatest sacrifice the world has ever known. By His death on the cross, the sinless Lamb of God would redeem humanity from the curse of Adam’s fall. Surely God looked down with an aching heart at the infant Jesus lying in a manger, even as the angels announced the tidings of great joy to the shepherds that first Christmas morning. God already knew every step of the difficult journey to Calvary that lay ahead for His beloved Son.

Each year, immediately after Thanksgiving we see a “spirit of Christmas” reflected in the actions of society. Twinkling lights, jolly Santas, ringing bells, busy merchants, weary shoppers emptying their wallets...and all the while, “O Holy Night” echoes through the shopping malls.

Without a doubt, there is a spirit that inhabits our land this time a year. But let’s don’t forget the “reason for this season.” As we consider the heart of God, and we ponder the tremendous sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf, we should be inspired to commemorate Christ’s birth in a way that radiates God’s amazing love to everyone around us.

Merry Christmas everyone,

Rodney and Sharon

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF December 17, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP	225
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5433
2023 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5104

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber

Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno

Scripture: Galatians 1:10-12

Preside Lord’s Supper: Mike Worley

Left: Mathew Wright **Right:** Randal Halbrooks

Edwin Wright Phillip Coates

Carter Bates Chris Love

Skyler Irvin Don Beard

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Chris Wright

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Kenneth Jett

Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Lord’s Supper: Willie Powers, Wayne Prince

Closing Prayer: Buddy Chandler

Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Charley Stone

Opening Prayer: Boyce Cannon

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

Congratulations!

We are happy that **Claire Willis** was baptized here Sunday afternoon by **Mike Kelley**. Claire is the daughter of **Vance & Jana Willis**, the granddaughter of **Sheila Brady** and the great-granddaughter of **Floy Cochran**.

Congratulations to **Brittany Gilbert**. She graduated Saturday from Lipscomb University with a master’s degree in school counseling. She is the daughter of **Amber McDonald** and granddaughter of **Roy & Sharon McCoy**.

The angels in heaven are rejoicing. Thursday afternoon, **Brandy, Marina & Wyatt Sullivan** were baptized here at the building by Mike Kelley. Brandy is the son of **Butch Sullivan**.



JANUARY

- 1 Dustin Bailey
Randal Halbrooks
- 2 Adam Lawson
- 3 Jon Michael Ward
- 4 Alice Lynn
Melinda Sullivan
- 5 Sadie Stacks
- 7 Carlin Cochran
Alexia Dotson Graham
Wyatt H. Irwin
- 8 Brittany Gilbert
- 12 Mason Ward
Hezekiah Springer
- 13 Brenda Burchard
Kelley Hassell
Lonnie Horner
- 14 Reda Springer
- 15 Jennifer Lynn
- 16 Lafayette Spears
- 17 Phillip Coates
- 18 Dale Dillingham
- 19 Paige Truett
- 22 Sonya Daniels
Dustin Holt
Rita Sullivan
- 25 Quincy Cochran
Zack Harvill
- 28 Crystal Wilson
- 29 Virginia Belle Bailey
- 31 Diana Bailey



JANUARY

- 1 Lewis & Yvonna Caillouet
Jeffrey & Sonya Daniels
- 4 Vance & Jana Willis
- 22 Don & Debbie Beard

PLEASE NOTE

We will have our regular Sunday morning service this morning and NO Sunday evening service.

MEN TO SERVE DECEMBER 31

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Ken Copley
Scripture Reading: Zack Harvill
Preside Lord's Supper: Vance Willis
Left: Adam Jude **Right:** Mike Knight
 Brett Wilson Curtis Edwards
 James Jett Bobby Dunn
 Gerry Hinson John Irvin

Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett
Van Driver: Jack Green 931-994-8317

SUNDAY AFTERNOON: 12:30 PM

Scripture Reading: Wallace Smith
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears

WEDNESDAY NIGHT: Jan 3, 2024

Announcements: Gary Basford
Song Leader: Ronny Pitman
Opening Prayer: Gary Wright
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



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There will be no bulletin next week.