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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

Family Line:

931-729-9846



Mike's Minute

For I am full of words, and the spirit within me compels me.

Job 32:18

God wants us to live a life compelled by His Spirit. When the Spirit within us says yes, we are obligated to follow His lead.

It may interfere with our comfort. It may interrupt our plans. It may cause us to say no to other opportunities. It may cause us to sacrifice. No matter. We follow His lead.

If we are compelled to speak, then we speak with grace and boldness. If we are compelled to teach, we teach with accuracy and relevance. If it is to speak a good word for Jesus, we do so with love and acceptance. If it is to mentor others, we mentor with humility and wisdom.

What is the Spirit compelling *you* to do? How is He prompting you to love and serve Him and others?

What compels others may not compel you. Fine. What compels you may not compel others. Also, fine. What others think of you is none of your business.

Assess your talents. How can you use them for ministry inside the church and missions outside the church?

Answering that question and acting on the answer will prove to be a tremendous blessing to both you and those around you.

In Christian Love,

Mike




Just Joshin'

It feels as if "confidence" is, sometimes, one of our great struggles as people. This is a glaring issue that can be seen in many facets of life. Lack of confidence can hinder our careers, our relationships, and it can even impact our faith. Thankfully, we have an entire Bible that is full of motivation. David writes in Psalm 27:3, "Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident." Now, I understand that we might not always be fighting physical battles or have soldiers from foreign lands invade our home, but we do fight spiritual and mental battles every day. It might seem like you've engaged in an unwinnable war, but we can know that God is always in control. We will never find true confidence if we rely solely upon ourselves. Much like David, he never could have had that confidence if he didn't know that God was with him every step. The confidence that we find in the Lord is a real life superpower. We can approach every obstacle with the assurance that, one way or the other, God's will is going to be done and we'll be exactly where He needs us!

To God be the glory,
Josh



Thank you so much for the beautiful candle that I received during the loss of our dear mother. Also, thank you for the visits, calls, cards and most of all prayers.

In Christian Love,
Teresa Perry



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Facebook: *Fairfield church of Christ - Field Family*

Instagram: *fcocfamily*

Website: *fairfieldcofc.org*

FROM THE ELDERS 2026

Philippians 3:13-14

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Things our Field family achieved in the year 2025 is as follows:

1. We had 6 baptisms into Christ at church
2. There were 35 Jail Ministry baptisms
3. We added 2 new elders, Ronny Pitman and Randal Halbrooks
4. We had the 3rd annual Fall Festival, which was a success
5. We added 14 new members
6. Missions donated to team Rubicon, Church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund, Magi boxes, donated school supplies, helped with local children's Christmas, helped distribute bags of groceries from Chappell's, and raised money for the AES victims
7. We have been fortunate enough to keep the buildings and grounds updated
8. We have reached several people through Facebook live
9. We are thankful to have blessed our members and community with the fellowship hall

A special thank you to our Pulpit Minister Mike Kelley, Associate Minister Josh Copley, Youth Minister Chris Wright, all our staff, members, Deacons and visitors.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

The Elders,

Randal Halbrooks, Ronny Pitman, Wayne Prince, Lafayette Spears, and Gary Wright

CHRISTIAN'S RESOLUTIONS

What is the point of New Year's resolutions? Good question. Isn't it meant to encourage us to do things that will make our lives better? The fact that we make a resolution implies that some part of our lives needs improving. The resolution itself indicates we are failing in some respects.

Christianity is constantly asking you to improve your life. We are encouraged to "set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." (How's that for a New Year's Resolution?). To "put to death" earthly things such as "sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, covetousness...anger, wrath, malice, slander and obscene talk from your mouth" (Colossians 3:2-8).

Paul's resolution of "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead" (Philippians 3:13) is an encouragement to look forward to ways to improve our lives in Christ and to prepare for our own resurrection. A resolution to lose weight pales in comparison to Peter's challenge to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). This year, make some spiritual, life-changing, meaningful New Year's Resolutions!

-Dennis Doughty



Good Reason for Quiet Children

A mother was having a difficult time getting her young son to be quiet during the preaching. Finally, she leaned over and whispered something to him. From that point on he sat still and was quiet as a mouse. A person who had observed this asked the mother after services if she would share what she had told her young son in order to get him to behave the way he did. She said, "I told him he was disturbing the preacher and if he lost his place in his lesson, he would have to start all over again."

Like Father, Like Son

A father, mother, and their three sons, John (the oldest), Mike (middle), and Steve (youngest), were conversing around the table after dinner.

The subject of traits of parents being passed on to children came up.

The father said, "John has my eyes, Mike has my creativity, and Steve has my intelligence."

Steve responded, "Daddy, what's intelligence?"

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Ronny Pitman

Scripture Reading: Jerrie W Barber

Scripture: Psalm 63:1-4

Preside Lord's Supper: Buddy Chandler

Left: Phillip Coates

Right: Lafayette Spears

Cole Patton

James Swaw

Morgan Patton

Gerry Hinson

Marty England

Kenneth Jett

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Adam Jude

Van Driver: Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson

Scripture: Revelation 21:4-5

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy

Lord's Supper: Gary Bailey, Gary Basford

Closing Prayer: Chris Wright

Van Driver: Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Boyce Cannon

Van Driver: Chris Love (931-994-7855)

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF December 28, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	198
CONTRIBUTION	\$4,965
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5,417

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF January 4, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	209
CONTRIBUTION	\$6,019
2026 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5,417

Welcome to all our visitors. Please fill out a visitor's card and leave it on the seat so we can have a record of your visit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The ladies' Bible class taught by Jan Campbell and Joyce Bruno will begin a new study this month about Jesus' interactions with women in the Bible. We will be learning more about the culture and lifestyle of people in that time. Please join us for our next class, which will be Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00 pm in room 104. All ladies are invited.

All ladies are invited to a Ladies Breakfast on January 17th at 9 am. Please bring your favorite breakfast food and ideas for activities for 2026. We will be making plans for the Purpose Field Women's Ministry.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the **basement**.

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



Sympathy to the family of **Samantha Jane Turner** Austin, mother of **John Austin**. Her funeral was December 31st in Lafayette, TN.

Sympathy to the family of **Hattie Mayberry**, sister-in-law of **Minnie Powers**. Her funeral was January 4th at McDonald Funeral Home.

Sympathy to the family of **Ray Gordon**, uncle of **Mike Breece**. His funeral was Tuesday.

Memorial

A contribution was made in memory of **Willie Powers, Jean Barber, & Jo Ann Totty** for the Fairfield church of Christ Youth Group by **Paulette Baker**.

A contribution was made to the Carl & Floy Cochran Scholarship Fund in memory of **Jean Barber, Willie Powers & Floy Cochran** by **Gary & Glenda Jacobs**.

A contribution was made in memory of **Willie Powers & Jo Ann Totty** by **Phil & Diane Coates**.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Paul Gilbert, Jan Hopkins-Campbell, Steve Atkinson (St. Thomas Hickman swing bed), Brandy Sullivan, Woody Woodruff (St. Thomas West-Select Specialty), Harry Totty, Peggy McCoy, Conner Peebles, Dave Davidson, Curtis Edwards, Mike Batts, Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Violet Shelby, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

Friends & Family: Maeve McDonald (4 month old-St. Jude hospital), Amalia Rose Shaw (released Wednesday from Vanderbilt), Mary Spears (ICU-Horizon), JT Booker, Daisy Hudgins (Horizon hospital), Gail Tidwell, Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Sue Essary, Randy Pitman, Deborah Roberts, Michael Harvill, Dottie McClearn, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Mildred Rochelle, Edna Copley, Doug True, Davy Baker, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, Paul Harvill, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, Willie Lawler, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

Life Care: David Talley, Willie B Coates, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Sue Davidson, Wilma Green

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



January

11th - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service at the Field House

18th - Puppet show, during evening service In Lift-Off

20th - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at the Field House

Congratulations to **Bobbie Graf** on the birth of a great granddaughter, **Cecelia Ann Christ** born Monday, January 5th. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.