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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

And the people of Israel began to complain. "Oh, for some meat!" They exclaimed. "We remember the fish we used to eat for free in Egypt. And we had all the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic we wanted. But now our appetites are gone. All we ever see is this manna."

Numbers 11:4-6

Israel was complaining about manna in the passage above. Let that sink in. They were *complaining* about *manna*! Manna was a miracle! It was a miracle that happened to be keeping the Israelites alive!

Manna was food from heaven that sustained Israel during their time in the desert. Their trip through the desert was putting distance between them and their former slavery in Egypt.

Don't miss this. They were *complaining* about a *miracle*.

They were lamenting that they could eat a variety of delicious foods while they were in Egypt, and they could eat them *for free*. Are you kidding me? They were slaves in Egypt. The food was free because *they weren't free*!

Complaining about a miracle. Who does that? Um, we do. The human body is a miracle. The human mind is, too. Marriage is a miracle. Children are a miracle. *Life* is a miracle.

Have you registered any complaints about any of these lately? I thought so. I have too. We complain about miracles all the time. God is so good at blessing us that the blessings become invisible and maybe even tiresome.

We don't see the world as it is. We see the world as we are. You will find what you are looking for. If you are looking for things to complain about, you will find them. If you are looking for things to be thankful for, you will find them.

So, let's close with a question. What are you looking for?

In Christian Love,

Mike



Just Joshin'

"...how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God." Hebrews 9:14 ESV

How many times have we heard the phrase: "this is a 'life or death' situation?" Sometimes, it has some validity and should be addressed urgently. However, there are other instances where we use this phrase hyperbolically and, in many cases, dramatically. We love to blow things out of proportion for the sake of getting our point across. With this article, though, I want us to think about our faith in Jesus while using that phrase as an illustration. When it comes to our souls, it is, in fact, life or death. As the above passage in Hebrews lays it out, life is found in the *living* God!

This passage is comparing the blood sacrifices of goats and bulls as well as other rituals utilized in the Old Testament to the singular sacrifice of Jesus for the sanctification of our souls. Sin always keeps us coming back for more because it is not truly satisfactory. This road eventually leads to death. Similarly, the animal sacrifices of old were not satisfactory. Why else would they have to do it again and again and again? Jesus only had to die once. He resurrected once. Now, He lives eternally at the right hand of the living God and that is where we find our salvation! Following the road of righteousness is satisfactory! This is the road to life!

To God be the glory,

Josh

MEMORIAL & THANK YOU

We are pleased to make a donation to the Quilting Group in memory of **Ruth Ann Carathers**.

Ruth Ann's life touched many people, and we are grateful for the opportunity to honor her memory in a way that supports the meaningful work and fellowship provided through this ministry. It is our hope that this contribution will serve as a small tribute to her life and legacy.

Please accept this donation with our sincere appreciation for all the Quilting Group does for the church and community.

Sincerely,

Connie & Rodney Mayberry

IT'S SUMMER

Well, it's summer. Anyone making travel plans?

Travel Plans for 2026

I have been in many places, but I've never been in **Cahoots**. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in **Cognito**. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work.

I would like to go to **Conclusions**, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in **Doubt**. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in **Flexible**, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in **Capable**, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in **Suspense**! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

I may have been in **Continent**, and I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing.

Life is too short for negative drama and petty things.

So, laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly!

Well, that forgiveness part is up to you!!!

Selected



Sympathy to the family of **Fred Baker**, grandfather of **Cole & Morgan Patton**. His funeral was Sunday at McDonald Funeral Home.

Sympathy to the family of **Bobby C. McCoy** who passed away Wednesday night. There are no arrangements at this time. Watch for updates on Facebook.

JESUS' LAST WORDS

The last words of our Lord were not recorded in the Gospels, or the book of Acts, or in any of Paul and Peter's writings. Rather they are found in the last book, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ." (Re. 1:1). In a real sense we could say that Jesus wrote one of the books of the N.T., using John as his scribe.

In these last words, He encourages us to persevere in the hardships of persecution, famine, sickness and war, which he knows we will face. He warns us of false religions and government oppression. As our reward, Jesus beautifully paints the scene of Heaven and eternal life before His Father's Throne.

At one-point Christ says to John, "Write" this down, its important; **'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'**" The Holy Spirit then shouts, **"Yes!"**, and adds, **"so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them"** (Revelation 14:13). Those who "are faithful in Christ Jesus" (Ep. 1:1) receive the blessing of eternal rest, as their deeds have been remembered, and their names written in "the book of life" (Revelation 20:12,15). In what was truly Jesus' last words He promises, **"Yes, I am coming quickly."** To which John echoes the desire of every faithful Christian, "Amen, come, Lord Jesus." (Revelation 22:20).

-Dennis Doughty

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey

Scripture Reading: Robert Graf

Scripture: Psalm 102:1-2

Preside Lord's Supper: Jerrie W Barber

Left: Gary Basford **Right:** Buddy Chandler

Tom Gosser

James Swaw

Matthew Cozart

Steve Baker

Carter Bates

Trevor Demary

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Mike Worley

Van Driver: Angie Green (931-219-7979)

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Scripture Reading: Gary Bailey

Scripture: Psalm 112:6-8

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Ken Copley

Lord's Supper: Phillip Coates, Boyce Cannon

Closing Prayer: Gary Wright

Van Driver: Angie Green (931-219-7979)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF June 7, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	200
CONTRIBUTION	\$7,248
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.



Stay in touch with us on social media:

Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ - Field Family

Instagram: fcocfamily

Website: fairfieldcofc.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies' craft night will be Monday, June 15th at 6 pm in Room 104. We will be decorating patriotic t-shirts. Please bring a t-shirt to decorate or get with Liz Spears about a shirt. You will also need to bring a sewing machine if you have one.

The Golden Agers will be going to Junk Yard Dog June 25th and will be leaving the building at 5:30 pm. Sign up lists are in both foyers.

The summer cookout for the jail is Saturday, June 27th. Our congregation is responsible for providing potato salad and drinks. If you would like to donate money to help buy these items for this lunch, please give it to Gary Basford.

There are sign up lists in both foyers if you are interested in a t-shirt for VBS. Mark your calendar for the first night of VBS, July 12th. This year's theme is "Lord of the Kings".

The mission committee will meet June 24th at 6:00 pm in room 104.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in room 104.

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.

Memorial

A donation to the scholarship fund was given by **Gerry Loveless**.

Paulette Baker gave a contribution in memory of Ruth Ann Carothers for the quilting class.

Becky Spicer gave a contribution for the quilting class.

Connie Mayberry gave a contribution for the quilting class.

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.
James 1:5 NLT

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Virginia Bailey, Jennifer McCoy, Carol Mayberry (home), Steve Baker (kidney stone surgery scheduled June 17, prayers requested), Sharon Rochelle, Brenda Fly, Barbara Kelley, Jeff Rose, Yvonna Caillouet, Woody Woodruff, Amber McDonald, Dana McCaleb, Preston Rochelle, Dot Davidson, Gerry Loveless, Shelby Bates, Brandy Sullivan, Dave Davidson, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

Friends & Family: Morgan Williams (grandson of Terri Atkinson), Lisa Bozeman (daughter of Dot Davidson), Davy Baker, Leroy Cannon, Brenda Kirk, Linda Thomasson, Terry Hicks (St. Thomas Rehab), Tammy Boone, Frances McMeen (friend of Martha Butler-cancer), Mike Avery, Hayes Harrington (nephew of Dannie George-Vanderbilt Children's hospital), Brenda Horner, Richie Spann (brother-in-law of Terri Barber), Hilda Atkinson (home), Doug Gardner (cancer), Donald Brady, Tammy Wright, Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Randy Pitman, Dottie McClellan, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Mildred Rochelle, Edna Copley, Doug True, Linda Canady, Paul Harvill, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Willie Lawler, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Ila Faye Jenkins, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

Life Care: Willie B Coates, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler

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

****There are still several dishes in the fellowship hall that needs to be picked up from recent meals.****

GOSPEL MEETING

Aetna Church of Christ
June 28, 2026
Speaker: Gilbert Gough, Savannah, TN
Class: 9:45 am
Worship 10:30 am
Fellowship Lunch
Afternoon worship: 1:00 pm
Monday-Wednesday service: 7:00 pm