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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

He (David) answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought 'Who knows? The Lord may be gracious to me and let the child live.' But now that he is dead, why should I go on fasting? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."

2 Samuel 12:22-23

David was in a period of mourning. His infant child had died. What David did in this text is instructive to us when we are grieving. He was in a season of *sadness* but took steps which would eventually lead to a season of *gladness*. What did David do? Let's use each letter in the word "glad" to describe David's actions.

First, the word **GO**. David made a decision to move forward... to go on with his life. The child had died. David had not died. He decided that he owed it to God, his family, and the nation to keep living and do his best to keep serving.

Next, the word **LEAN**. David leaned on the Lord in his grief. After learning of his child's death, one of his first acts was to go to worship. He was grieving. No changing that. The question was "Did he want to do it alone or with God?" Wisely, he chose to let God help him walk through his sadness.

Then, the word **ACCEPT**. David accepted the reality of the situation. The child had died. There was no changing that. The goal of grief is to accept that the loss has happened... and decide that you can still lead a good life even in light of the loss.

Finally, the word **DEVELOP**. David was determined to allow his grief to make him better. He was going to do whatever it took to get to heaven so he could be reunited with the child. God wants us not to just go through grief; He wants us to grow through it. David was determined to do that.

When your season of sadness comes, and come it will, remember and follow David's example.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

"For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do." **Galatians 5:17**

This verse points out something most people can relate to: inner conflict. There is a whirlwind that is taking place inside the Christian heart. Paul writes that our natural, fleshly desires often pull in one direction, while what the Spirit leads us toward pulls in another. There's a very real tension between choosing instant gratification and choosing what can truly satisfy us spiritually. The verse isn't even necessarily saying that this struggle means something is wrong with you, individually. It means that you're human, and this is our nature. The point is that these two "directions" don't naturally line up, so living a faith-centered life means learning to recognize which voice you follow!

For everyday life, this can look like choosing patience over reaction, integrity over convenience, or kindness over irritation. Real growth happens in the midst of struggle!

To God be the glory,
Josh

"THE FOURTH"

This coming July 4th is our nation's birthday. On this date, 250 years ago, Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson. Over the next few weeks 56 men would sign this world changing document. Fifty years later, in his last written words, Jefferson wrote of his document, "May it be to the world, what I believe it will be, the signal of arousing men to burst the chains under which monkish ignorance and superstition had persuaded them to bind themselves."

Within those same years, in the same climate of freedom, men like Barton Stone, Thomas and Alexander Campbell, and Walter Scott, would help burst the religious chains of ignorance, superstition and division which had bound the religious world for centuries, and call for a return to the freedom and truth of the scriptures. Stone would write of a "dear bought liberty wherewith Christ has made His people free; a liberty from subjection to any authority but His own, in matters of religion."

Let us celebrate the freedom our founding fathers fought and died for. As well as the courage of the men of the Restoration Movement who led our nation, and the world, back to the concept of New Testament Christianity.

Dennis Doughty

GOSPEL MEETING

**Gospel Meeting at Rocky Valley church of Christ
July 5-8th**

Preacher: Randy Kersey

Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship 10:55 am

Fellowship meal following morning service

Sunday thru Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

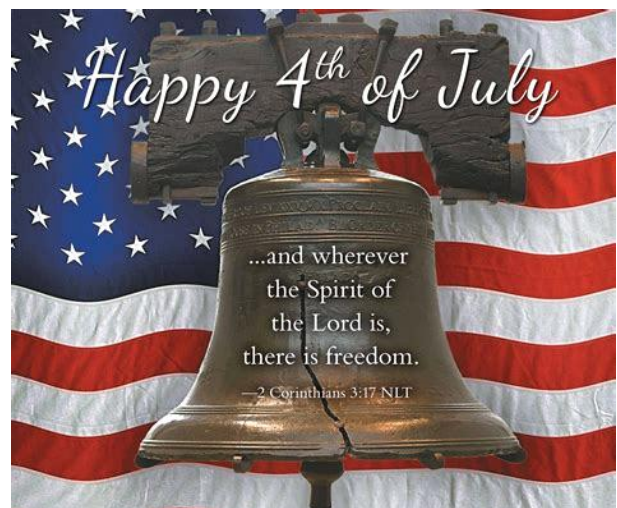
THE LORD OF THE KINGS
VBS 2026

FAIRFIELD Church of Christ

JULY 12: Bill McDonald
JULY 19: Matthew Dotson
JULY 26: Carter Hoover

END OF SUMMER BASH
August 2nd

Classes for all Ages!
Revelation 19:16





JULY

- 1 Asher Demary
George Petty, Jr.
- 4 Roberta Anderson
- 6 Jan Choate
- 7 Meredith Kelley
- 9 Zack Bentley
Kaitlyn Harris
- 12 Keith Plunkett
- 13 Ella Truett
- 14 Miranda England
- 15 Charlie Golden
- 16 Dawn Mayberry
- 17 Don Beard
Dwight England
Adam Jude
- 18 Hudson Bates
- 19 Joni Prince
- 20 Suzanne Lewis
- 21 Kathryn McCoy
- 22 Paulette Baker
- 23 Ryan Brady
Barbara Chandler
- 25 Jeffrey Peebles
- 27 Buddy Chandler
Donnie Fielder
Harry Totty
- 30 Lisa Barber

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno

Scripture: Psalm 51:10-12

Preside Lord's Supper: Mike Breece

Left: Wallace Smith	Right: Don Beard
Gary Bailey	Marty England
Wayne Prince	Cole Patton
Curtis Edwards	Morgan Patton

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett

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

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson

Scripture: Joel 2:12-13

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Mathew Wright

Lord's Supper: Gary Basford, Buddy Chandler

Closing Prayer: Roy McCoy

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Song Leader: Steve Atkinson

Opening Prayer: Ken Copley

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



JULY

- 1 John & Carol Anderson
- 7 Adam & Sarah Jude
- 8 Danny & Deborah Roberts
- 10 Tony & Denise McCoy
- 12 Adam & Charlie Lawson
- 14 Lafayette & Liz Spears
- 15 Rodney & Sharon Rochelle
- 16 Chris & Teresa Kimbro
- 18 Marlin & Barbara Lawson
- 20 Darin & Lori Cochran
- 23 Randal & Renee Halbrooks
- 24 Edward & Melinda Sullivan
- 27 Gary & Janet Basford
Michael & Suzanne Lewis
- 28 Bob & Bobbie Graf
- 31 Dwight & Reba England
David & Tina Johnson

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF June 21, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	209
CONTRIBUTION	\$5,031
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

There will be a 3rd - 5th grade devo, during services and a "Post Game" 6th - 12th grade devo after services until 8:30, June 28th at the Field House.

The cushions on the pews are in the process of being redone. If you have any personal items on the seats, you might want to take them with you until the work is complete.

The book, The Bridge to the New Testament, has been donated to the church library by Paul Gilbert in memory of his parents. This book is the one written by Denny Sissom, who was our speaker a few weeks ago.

The van driver/men to serve sheets for July are ready to be picked up in both foyers.

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 **Davy Baker** who passed away Saturday. His funeral was Friday at McDonald Funeral Home. To his mother, **Paulette Baker**; sisters, **Lisa Hellman & Beth Baker** and to his daughter, **Marley Baker**, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.



Thank you for your calls and concerns.
Steve Baker

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Virginia Bailey, Jennifer McCoy, Carol Mayberry, Steve Baker, Sharon Rochelle, Brenda Fly, Jeff Rose, Yvonna Caillouet, Woody Woodruff, Amber McDonald, Dana McCaleb, Gerry Loveless, Brandy Sullivan, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

Friends & Family: Philip Edwards (father of Stormy Edwards & McKenzie Schommer and brother of Curtis Edwards was involved in an ATV accident and is in step-down unit at Vanderbilt), Lester Davidson (Centennial-pneumonia), Hilda Atkinson (St. Thomas West-infection), John Plemmons, Jr (home), Lisa Bozeman, Linda Thomasson, Tammy Boone, Frances McMeen, Mike Avery, Hayes Harrington (Vanderbilt Children's hospital), Brenda Horner, Doug Gardner (cancer), Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Randy Pitman, Dottie McClearn, 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, 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.

