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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

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Luke 6:27-28

How can we love those people who are hard to love? Jesus gives us 3 steps...

First, *do good*. Look for ways to do good to and for difficult people. What can you do to serve them, meet their needs, help them, and benefit them? Go the second mile. Offer them practical help. Do them a favor. Discover their needs and respond to them.

Second, *bless them*. What does it mean to bless someone? It refers to the way we talk *about* and *to* those who treat us badly. A blessing is simply a positive word spoken to or about others. We don't put them down, either to their face or behind their back. We lift them up. We encourage them. Proverbs 12:18 says, "The tongue of the wise brings healing." Are you wise... or otherwise?

Finally, *pray for them*. Praying for people will not only change them, it will also change us. Pray that God will bless those who mistreat you. The goodness of God can lead to repentance! Maybe God will bless these people so much that they will want to change. But, even if they don't change right away, praying for them will change our attitude toward them.

There is the formula... right from the lips of Jesus. Try it, you'll like it. And, who knows? You might even start liking your enemy!

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

For the next few weeks, I want to utilize my bulletin article as a "VBS recap." Our theme for this year is "Lord of the Kings" and, admittedly, the topic came about since I'm something of a "Lord of the Rings" nerd. The author, JRR Tolkien, was a devout Christian, and wove Christian themes into his works. There are so many lessons we could pull, but we chose to identify how Jesus is the true King of kings, using Revelation 19:16 as the foundational verse. Last Sunday, we had an incredible opening week with a tremendous lesson by Bill McDonald in the auditorium. The opening topic spoke on how Jesus is the "Promised King," with Isaiah 9:6 as the quoted passage. Christ was foretold many years before He took on flesh, and that was evident in this passage. Jesus had His eyes on the Father, unlike several kings in the Old Testament. That's one of many details that set Him apart from the others. We had an outstanding turnout, too: 177 people, if you can believe it! Let's aim even higher for week 2 as we discuss Jesus as the "Humble King!" 200 is within reach so bring a friend!

To God be the glory,
Josh



"The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing." — Socrates

"The best index to a person's character is how he treats people who can't do him any good, and how he treats people who can't fight back."
— Abigail Van Buren

"I am determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may find myself. For I have learned that the greater part of our misery or unhappiness is determined not by our circumstance but by our disposition." — Martha Washington

"Patience is the companion of wisdom." — Augustine

"Patience makes lighter what sorrow may not heal." — Horace

"Wise men learn by other men's mistakes, fools by their own." — H.G. Bohn

"Don't let being right talk you out of being kind." — Bob Goff

"Your life doesn't get better by chance. Your life gets better by change."
— Jim Rohn

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Zach Bentley

Scripture Reading: Wallace Smith

Scripture: Proverbs 16:18-20

Preside Lord's Supper: Norman George

Left: Adam Jude **Right:** Chris Love

Tom Gosser Keith Harvill

Damon McCoy Zack Harvill

Tony McCoy Ronny Pitman

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Zack Harvill

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

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Kenneth Jett

Speaker: Matthew Dotson

Lord's Supper: Wayne Prince, Boyce Cannon

Closing Prayer: Mathew Wright

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Song Leader: Steve Atkinson

Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF July 12, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	240
CONTRIBUTION	\$5,311
VBS Week 1	177
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

VBS PICTURES WEEK 1



MID-WEEK DEVOTIONAL AND BIBLE STUDY

Classes for all ages!

Babyland

Room 101

Sandra Harrington

K-5th Grade

Upstairs in Liftoff Room

Amber Kelley, Dr. Belinda Anderson,
Lori Cochran, Teresa Craft



6-12th Grade

Field House

Dalton and Carlin Thomasson

Adults

Auditorium

Mike Kelley

UPCOMING EVENTS

Congratulations to **Mabry James**, who was baptized at Camp Meribah recently.

VBS continues this Sunday night at 6:00 pm. Matthew Dotson will be the auditorium speaker.

The **Golden Agers** will be having a cookout here at the pavilion Thursday, July 23rd at 6 pm. Sign up lists are in both foyers to let us know if you are attending and what you will plan to bring.

Ladies, mark your calendars for the **Christmas in July Ladies Breakfast** which will be Saturday, July 25th in the basement at 9 am. Please bring your favorite breakfast food and a Christmas Ornament to exchange and enjoy a time of fellowship, food and fun. Our theme is "Let Your Light Shine." Please bring nonperishable food items for the blessing boxes around the county. Sign up lists are in both foyers.

It is time to start filling up the MAGI boxes. Boxes are in both foyers and should be returned to the building by August 30th. Sheets with information on what items to purchase will be in both foyers.

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

The **Ladies Bible Study** is every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Room 104 at 6 pm.

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

GOSPEL MEETING

You're Invited to our Gospel Meeting
July 19-22, 2026

With speaker: Larry Murdock

Brushy church of Christ

Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 am

Sunday worship: 10:00 am

Fellowship Meal following worship

Sunday evening worship: 7:30 pm

Monday - Wednesday evening worship 7:00 pm

"God has never stopped being good, we've just stopped being grateful."

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Janice King (surgery soon), Virginia Bailey, Jennifer McCoy, Steve Baker (surgery soon), Sharon Rochelle, Brenda Fly, Jeff Rose, Yvonna Caillouet, Woody Woodruff, Dana McCaleb, Gerry Loveless, Brandy Sullivan, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore (home), & Dorothy Weatherspoon

Friends & Family: Philip Edwards (home), Hilda Atkinson (St. Thomas Hickman-rehab), John Plemmons, Jr, Lisa Bozeman (chemo therapy soon), Linda Thomasson, Tammy Boone, Frances McMeen, Mike Avery, Hayes Harrington (home), 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.



Sympathy to the family of **JT Wright** and the family of **Charles Worley, Sr.** who passed away recently.

Memorial

A contribution was given in memory of **Ruth Ann Carathers** by **Sam (Ray) & Anita Weatherspoon**.

"Prayer is the most important conversation of your day. Take it to God before you take it to anyone else!"