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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

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon me and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

During the Great Depression, J.C. Penney, the founder of the famous department stores, sank into his own depression. Penney found himself on the brink of bankruptcy and divorce. He even considered taking his own life.

The emotional crisis landed Penney in a "sanitarium" ... a mental health hospital. It was there that he found his way to God. Walking the dark corridors of the sanitarium, he heard a hymn that he remembered from his childhood:

"Be not dismayed what e're betide
God will take care of you.
All you need He will provide
God will take care of you."

Penney followed the sound of that song. He wandered into a chapel inside the sanitarium, where doctors and nurses were worshipping God. One of the worshipers stood and read aloud the words of Jesus: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Penney found "rest" in those words.

J.C. Penney opened a store, which he called "The Golden Rule Store." The store did so well, he opened another... then another. Later he changed the name of the chain of stores to "J. C. Penney". Penney lived to the ripe old age of 95. When he died, in 1971, his chain of department stores had become the second largest retailer in America, behind only Sears.

According to his biography, *Fifty Years with the Golden Rule*, Penney was an incredibly generous giver to kingdom causes. In fact, at the end of his life, Penney practiced "reverse tithing." That is, he kept 10% of his earnings and gave 90% to God.

Have you found rest in Jesus? There is certainly no guarantee that the rest Jesus provides will make you materially rich. But I can guarantee, based upon the Word of God, that Jesus will make you *spiritually* rich. Find rest in Him today!

In Christian Love,





Just Joshin'

We are on our third and final week of classes for VBS 2026. I wasn't sure if we would be able to top the first week, but my uncertainty was sorely misplaced. Fairfield Church of Christ had the incredible number of 218 attendees! A new record! What an exciting week it was, and seeing so many in one place, celebrating our Savior was so special. Week 2 focused on Jesus as the "Humble King," with a tremendous lesson by Matthew Dotson in our adult class and another great lesson by Zach Bentley in the teen class. John 13:1-17 was the primary scripture and it spoke about how Jesus, although He was the King of kings and Lord of lords, chose to wash feet and humble Himself. He set the example for how we are to be as Christians: we are to swallow our pride and serve others. This was taught in contrast to King Nebuchadnezzar of the Old Testament, who was immensely self-obsessed and even built a golden statue dedicated to himself. It's been a fun VBS so far, but let's look to make it even better with each week. See you there and remember to bring a friend...or two!

To God be the glory,

Josh

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Kenneth Jett

Scripture Reading: Keith Harvill

Scripture: Psalm 148:1-5

Preside Lord's Supper: Mike Breece

Left: Vance Willis

Right: Buddy Chandler

Jeff Stacks

James Swaw

Rusty Bates

Curtis Edwards

Wes Crowther

Rick Bruno

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Steve Atkinson

Van Driver: Jack Green (931-994-8317)

SUNDAY EVENING:

Song Leader: Jeff Stacks

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Speaker: Carter Hoover

Lord's Supper: Ronny Pitman, Lafayette Spears

Closing Prayer: Gerry Hinson

Van Driver: Jack Green (931-994-8317)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF July 19, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	237
CONTRIBUTION	\$4,674
VBS Week 2	218
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.



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Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ - Field Family

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VBS PICTURES WEEK 2



AUGUST

- 1 Barbara Kelley
Mike Worley
- 2 Maggie Zervas
- 4 Gary Bailey
Zane Carroll
Deana Graham
- 6 Andrea (Wright) Levenhagen
- 8 Jackson Bates
Lelia Mai Poore
- 9 Bentley Barber
Kay Story
- 10 Roni Mae Golden
Gary Jacobs
Brenda Yates
- 11 Justin Bates
Rick Bruno
Sydney Irwin
Faye Williams
- 12 Joshua Copley
Jeff Stacks
- 13 Charlene Breece

- 14 Terri Atkinson
Asher Carroll
Dorothy Weatherspoon 95 yrs old
- 18 Dalton Thomasson
- 20 Richard Kiesel
- 21 Jesse Stacks
- 22 Korie Cochran
Dot Davidson
Mark Licciardello
Allie Jean Peebles
- 25 Sierra Brown
Jon Michael Lewis
Michael Lewis
- 27 Carol Anderson
- 29 Celena Atkinson
Aletha Martin
Darla McClanahan
- 30 Glenda Newsom
- 31 Jerrie Wayne Barber



AUGUST

- 3 Matthew & Alyssa Cozart
- 14 Gary & Cindy Bailey
- 15 Dalton & Lizzie Barber

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

There will be a planning meeting for the upcoming Ladies Day Sunday, July 26th at 5 pm in room 104. Ladies Day is scheduled for September 12th.

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. There is a box of items in the library that can be used for the boxes.

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

The **Ladies Bible Study** will be Tuesday, July 28th at 6:00 pm in room 104.

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



Gospel Meeting at Upper Sinking church of Christ
August 2 thru 5

Speaker: Jeremy Butt

Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am

Fellowship meal after morning service

Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 pm

Monday thru Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

Summer Gospel meeting at
Columbia Avenue church of Christ
August 2

Speaker: Demetrius Nelson

Sunday School 10:00 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

Lunch after worship

Evening Service 2:00 pm

*"If you're serious about changing your life,
you have to get into the Bible so the
Bible can get into you." Mike Kelley*

"Beware the wrath of a patient person."

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Lloyd Rochelle, Joyce Boyd, Allie Jean Peebles (eye surgery Monday), Janice King (successful knee replacement surgery Monday-St Thomas Hickman swing bed), Virginia Bailey, Jennifer McCoy, Steve Baker (surgery soon), Sharon Rochelle, Brenda Fly, Jeff Rose, Yvonna Caillouet, Woody Woodruff, Dana McCaleb, 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, Hilda Atkinson (St. Thomas Hickman-rehab), Lisa Bozeman (chemo therapy soon), Linda Thomasson, Tammy Boone, Frances McMeen, Mike Avery, Hayes Harrington, Brenda Horner, Doug Gardner (cancer), 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, Bryan Williams, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

Life Care: Faye Rochelle, 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 **Bill Cannon**, uncle of **Boyce Cannon**. Graveside service was Tuesday at Nickell Memorial Park.

Memorial

Dorothy Weatherspoon made a contribution in memory of **Ruth Ann Carathers**.

Anita Wherry made a contribution to the quilt ministry.

Samuel Weatherspoon made a contribution in memory of **Ruth Ann Carathers**.