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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

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Ephesians 2:10

A successful life is not measured by pleasure, popularity, possessions, power, or position. Please don't buy into that version of success. It is one of the great lies our culture wants us to believe. If you want to measure how successful your life has been, you only need to ask yourself one question: Are you fulfilling the five purposes for which God created you?

What are the five purposes? First, God wants you to know Him and love Him. That's called *worship*. Second, God wants you to belong to His family. That's called *fellowship*. Third, He wants you to grow spiritually, becoming more and more like Jesus. That's called *discipleship*. Fourth, He wants you to serve Him by serving others. That's called *ministry*. Fifth, He wants you to tell others the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. That's called *evangelism*.

If you miss those five purposes, you will merely exist. You won't really *live*. You will drift through life.

So, how do you measure up? The good news? It's not too late to live with purpose. At Fairfield, we believe that every saint has a past and every sinner has a future. Start living with purpose today!

In Christian Love,





Just Joshin'

What an amazing week 3 we had for VBS here at Fairfield! The "Lord of the Kings" theme came to its ultimate conclusion for the final week of classes as we discussed Jesus as the "Victorious King." Of course, Jesus being the "Promised King" and "Humble King" are pretty fantastic but it would all be for naught if our Savior were not victorious in the end. Week 3 saw a stellar lesson delivered by Carter Hoover in our adult class. I have to say being able to have guests from other congregations is one of my favorite parts of Vacation Bible School. We truly are a part of a greater family: God's family! The scriptures focused on Matthew 28, because it tells the story of Jesus's greatest triumph and that is over the grave! His greatest victory turned into our greatest hope. It's a positive, motivational, and uplifting message that we can take with us beyond VBS. If God can defeat death, then there is no obstacle that He can't help us get through. We hope you can join us for our end of summer bash as we conclude the VBS season with food, fellowship, and a whole lot of fun!

To God be the glory,
Josh

Lessons from the Garden

Summer gardens remind us that growth takes time. A seed buried in the soil does not become a harvest overnight. Likewise, God patiently develops our faith through His Word and our daily obedience. Don't become discouraged if spiritual growth seems slow. Keep trusting the Master Gardener. "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9, NKJV). Faithful living always produces fruit in God's perfect time.

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Scripture Reading: Gary Bailey

Scripture: Psalm 145:17-19

Preside Lord's Supper: Buddy Chandler

Left: Tom Gosser

Right: Dalton Thomasson

Gerry Hinson

Boyce Cannon

Brett Wilson

Damon McCoy

Mike Breece

Steve Atkinson

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Jeff Stacks

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

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates

Scripture: Psalm 107:31-32

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince

Lord's Supper: Edwin Wright, Mathew Wright

Closing Prayer: Adam Jude

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Steve Atkinson

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF July 26, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	235
CONTRIBUTION	\$5,612
VBS Week 3	189
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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VBS PICTURES WEEK 3



Too Much Religion?



Jeroboam knew God said to come to Jerusalem and worship Him at the temple. That didn't stop him from changing what God commanded.

"It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem." Those were the words of King Jeroboam to the people of Israel (1 Kings 12:28). He knew God said to come to Jerusalem and worship Him at the temple. That didn't stop him from changing what God commanded. He made it easy for people to "worship." He told them they didn't have to travel all the way to Jerusalem. Just go to Dan and Bethel. They're much closer. But he didn't stop there. He made golden calves and told the people they could worship them. Then he made men who were not of the tribe of Levi priests and ordered a festival of worship at a time the law of Moses didn't authorize.

His main reason for making these changes was political. The motivation of the people was personal. This popular religion was convenient. It was new and different. It was creative. And, it was not "legalistic" and strict like the old way. Moreover, it worked. People flocked to engage in idolatry, and, even sadder, this trendy worship continued for several generations.

The sales pitch of old Jeroboam still works today. The biblical way is "too much" for many today. The masses are looking for a religion that is convenient, entertaining and tolerant. To this generation we ask: Is it too much to require that *men* lead as preachers, elders and deacons (1 Tim. 2:8-3:13)? Is it too much for you to listen to a sermon that reproves your heart instead of a nice little talk that tickles your ears (2 Tim. 4:2-4)? Many today are oblivious as to what worship is. We are to worship God. Worship is not for our convenience. It is not about pleasing us. But as long as people look for bread and fish instead of the Truth, the way of Jeroboam will live on.

Kerry Duke
West End church of Christ
Livingston, TN

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday night will be the final night of VBS with an "End of Summer Bash" starting at 5:00 pm.

Thank you to all the ladies that came out to the Christmas in July ladies' breakfast on Saturday. The non-perishable food items are in the basement and will be distributed to the blessing boxes in the county in the next few days.

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

Back to School Funnies

On the first day back to school, the teacher asked, "Who can tell me what 2 + 2 equals?"

A boy raised his hand and said, "It depends. During the school year it's 4. During summer vacation it's, 'Ask me again in August!'"

A boy sighed on the first day of school and said, "Summer always feels too short."

His grandfather smiled. "Don't worry. Christmas break will feel even shorter."

Mom noticed her son's backpack seemed lighter than usual.

"Did you clean it out?"

"No," he replied. "I just figured out it weighs less if I leave my homework at school."

"Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about."

-Mike Kelley

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Barbara Meador (had cataract surgery Wednesday), Tommie Newsom (hip surgery August 14th), Ronny Pitman, Lloyd Rochelle, Joyce Boyd, Allie Jean Peebles (successful eye surgery Monday), Janice King (St Thomas Hickman swing bed-may come home Saturday), Virginia Bailey, Jennifer McCoy, Steve Baker (surgery soon), Sharon Rochelle, Brenda Fly, Jeff Rose, Yvonna Caillouet, Woody Woodruff (biopsy August 12th), Dana McCaleb, Brandy Sullivan, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson (Horizon hospital), Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

Friends & Family: Elizabeth Click (Terri Barber's mother), Susan Dotson (heart procedure Friday), Leah Owens (diagnosed with cancer), Philip Edwards, Hilda Atkinson (home), 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 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

Yvonna Caillouet's grandson, Walker Wright and his wife, Briley are expecting a baby in November. They have been told it is a high-risk pregnancy. The family would appreciate prayers.

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.



I want to thank you so much for the lantern, phone calls and prayers during the loss of my dad. I will always be thankful for the blessing you are to me. All you shared brought me peace in my time of sadness. In Christian Love,
Charlene Breece