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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

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and sing joyful songs of praise.

Psalm 95:2

When I am doing premarital counseling, I always talk to the nearlyweds about love languages. Not all people have the same love language. We like to be loved in different ways because we are all different.

Did you know that God has love languages too? God is pleased when we express our love to him in certain ways.

One of the ways God likes for us to show our love to Him is by singing to Him. There are numerous passages, in both the Old and New Testaments, where God tells us to express our love to Him by singing. Expressing our love to God through singing is one of the main reasons for coming together to worship.

You may not like singing. You may not think you sing very well. Maybe you, like me, feel that your "joyful noise" is more *noise* than singing. You may even say, "I just don't sing."

You may not have a beautiful voice, from the world's standards. But you don't sing because of your lovely voice, you sing because God gave you a song.

God loves your voice and wants to hear it because He gave it to you! You need to learn to accept yourself the way God does. God loves to hear you sing praises to Him, no matter how it sounds.

By the way, you don't have to wait until you "go to church" to sing. Sing to God all the time, anywhere, with thanksgiving and joy in your heart because of Who He is and what He has done for you.

All day long we praise our God (Psalm 44:8)

And there, my friends, is your weekly *Mike Drop.*

In Christian Love,

Mike



Just Joshin'

Life has a funny way of always throwing us curveballs and disrupting our routines. Some changes are positive and welcomed, while others we wish never happened. We are mindful of daylight savings time with the clock being moved back an hour, and we can enjoy a little bit more sleep! The time change is one of many changes in our lives and, with change, it's important to take a step back and remind ourselves that God's love and His faithfulness never change! Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." So, through every twist and turn, we know that God stays the same. Remember that we serve the Light of the world and, with Halloween recently in the rearview, I can say that it's a treat with no tricks!

To God be the glory,

Josh

What Time is it?

This Saturday, after all the "Trick or Treat" kids have stopped coming to your door, remember to move your clocks back one hour as Daylight Savings Time is being sent into hibernation. There are other things of note about the telling of time; Greenwich Meridian Time, a clock in a royal park outside of London, marks the starting point of every time zone in the world. Whereas the International Dateline, which passes through the mid-Pacific Ocean, marks the beginning of each new day.

The Jews told time from sunrise to sunset. Jesus was crucified the "third hour of the day," which was three hours past sunrise, or nine in the morning. When the church began on Pentecost, it is interesting that it too occurred, as Peter noted, at "the third hour of the day" (Acts 2: 15). Jesus often referred to his hour of death, in the Garden of Gethsemane, as he prayed, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son, that thy Son also may glorify you" (Jn. 17:1).

The most important day and time for man is when he comes to the Lord; "Behold, now is the acceptable time, behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Co. 6:2). What does Salvations' clock read for you? Has your time and day come to obey the gospel?

-Dennis Doughty

NOTHING

Recently, I was asked to do a devotional for our congregation's "2 Minutes of Truth." As I got closer to the date, I had nothing for a topic. Nothing came to mind. Up until Sunday morning I was thinking about what to say and on Sunday, I had nothing. Nothing. That word just stuck in my head. And I found myself talking it out with my wife as this word just wouldn't leave my mind. Nothing.

It conjures up mostly negative thoughts. The fear children have when they think that they will get NOTHING for Christmas. As adults, when there is NOTHING in our bank accounts and we worry about if there will be NOTHING on the table for our families. In conversations, the word NOTHING can be a dagger of sort. I have NOTHING to say to you. I want NOTHING to do with you.

Biblically speaking, the word NOTHING is like a battery, for it has a positive and a negative side.

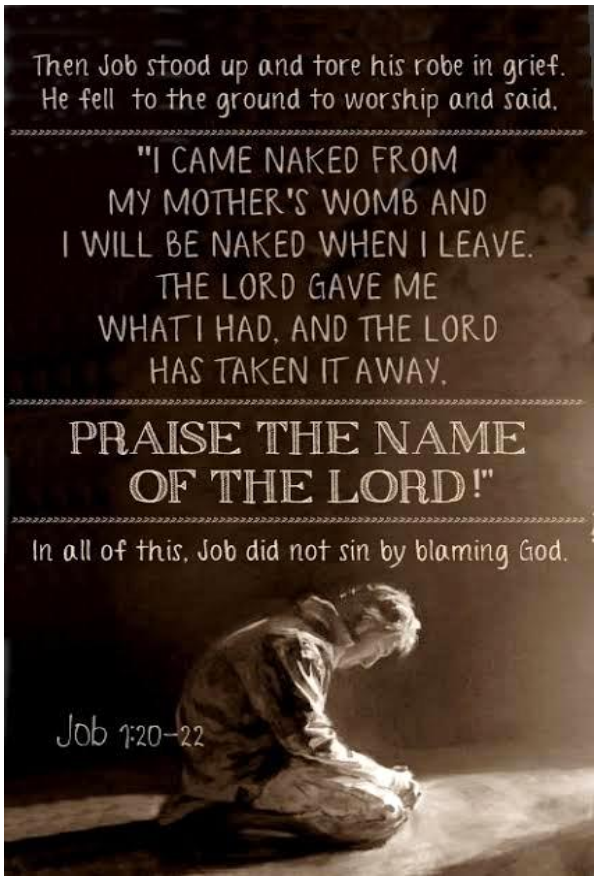
On the positive side: God created all things out of NOTHING. He brought all things into existence. (Psalms 33:6). With God NOTHING is impossible (Luke 1:37). Because all things are possible with God, I should be anxious for NOTHING. (Philippians 4:6). Thus, we should live holy lives and do NOTHING from selfishness (Philippians 2:3).

On the negative side: Quite simply, we are NOTHING without God. We have no salvation. We have no hope. Romans 7:18 For I know that NOTHING good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am NOTHING. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me NOTHING.

If we live to ourselves and according to the flesh, in the end, we will have NOTHING left. During the lesson of the rich man and Lazarus, once the rich man had died, he had no other opportunities for repentance. No other opportunities for relief. He had NOTHING. Likewise, if we do not adhere to God's teachings, accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, we will have NOTHING. No part in Heaven or God's riches. NOTHING, or no one to blame but ourselves.

In conclusion, certainly, there are other passages which contain "NOTHING." So, when asked what the Two Minutes of Truth were about, you can tell folks, "Oh, I talked about NOTHING." But, don't tell them that it was NOTHING of importance.

--adapted



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Over dinner, I explained the health benefits of a colorful meal to my family. "The more colors, the more variety of nutrients," I told them. Pointing to our food, I asked, "How many different colors do you see?" "Six," volunteered my daughter. "Seven if you count the burned parts."

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Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.



MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:
Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Mike Breece
Scripture Reading: Steve Atkinson
Scripture: Job 1:20-22
Preside Lord's Supper: Buddy Chandler
Left: Lafayette Spears **Right:** Kenneth Jett
Matthew Cozart James Swaw
Ronny Pitman Morgan Patton
Vance Willis Adam Jude
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Randal Halbrooks
Van Driver: Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

SUNDAY EVENING:
Announcements: Gary Basford
Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates
Scripture: Psalm 119:105-106
Song Leader: Ronny Pitman
Opening Prayer: Gary Wright
Lord's Supper: Gary Basford, Gerry Hinson
Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Van Driver: Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:
Announcements: Randal Halbrooks
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Kenneth Jett
Van Driver: Jack Green (931-994-8317)

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF October 25, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	**206**
CONTRIBUTION	**$4,615**
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 CONNECTED

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 no bus service next week, November 8th!

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone that helped with the benefit last Saturday for Woody Woodruff. The total raised was approximately $22,000.

Our youth will be traveling to Celebration this coming Friday to Kentucky and returning Sunday.

Bible Camp for K–5th grade is every Sunday night in Lift-off during evening services.

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

The **Ladies Bible Study** is scheduled every second and fourth Tuesday evening of the month.

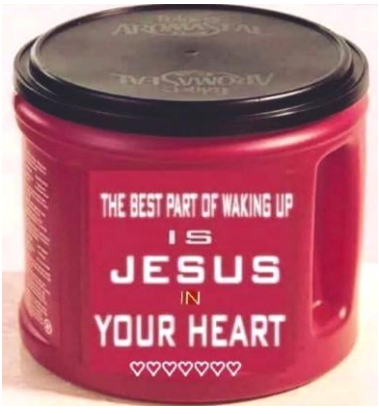
If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday at 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

The **Field Guide** has been updated and you may pick up a copy. They are in both foyers. Please only **one** per family.

The November van driver and men to serve lists are in both foyers.



Sympathy to the family of **Reda Springer** who passed away last Sunday. She and her husband, **Hezekiah** were long time members at Fairfield.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Aletha Martin (fell last Friday), O.D. Pratt, Diane Coates (heart procedure Friday), Joyce Boyd, Donna Pitman, Terry Barber (shoulder surgery and is now home), Veronica Brown (see address below), Brenda Yates, Brenda Fly, Mary Morphis, Tina Johnson, Connor Peebles, Tommie Newsom, Lloyd Rochelle, Virginia Bailey, Sharon Rochelle, Jeff Rose, Yvonna Caillouet (back surgery soon), Woody Woodruff (radiation treatments), Dana McCaleb, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Brenda Carroll, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon (St. Thomas Hickman)

Friends & Family: Jeff Clark (hospice), Edith Muse, Dot Dickens (Horizon), Mario Frazier, Ricky Harness (tests), Edwin Garner, Scottie Bass, Tommy Swaw (nephew James & Joyce-cancer), Lisa Warf Meeks, Kenneth Copley (St. Thomas Hickman-therapy), Lennon Delk (leukemia), Colene Beasley, Zander Caroon (Children's hospital in Alabama-Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever), Andy Dillingham (hospice), April Dillingham (parents of Dale), Ila Fay Jenkins, Kathy Coleman, Lynda Walton, Jeff Clark, Elizabeth Click, Leah Owens, Philip Edwards, Lisa Bozeman, Linda Thomasson, Tammy Boone, Frances McMeen, Mike Avery, Doug Gardner, Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Dottie McClearan, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Mildred Rochelle, Edna Copley, Doug True, Linda Canady, Paul Harvill, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Willie Lawler, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Bryan Williams, Kevin Chandler, & Donna Gaspard

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Cards & Visits welcomed

An older gentleman preached a sermon about Noah. Afterward an old lady came up to him and said she couldn't see how Noah fit all of those animals on the ark.

The old gentleman looked at her and said, "Lady, if God wanted to fit them all on a teaspoon, He could!"