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Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:20 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846



Mike's Minute

O LORD, hear me as I pray; pay attention to my groaning. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I pray to no one but you. Listen to my voice in the morning, LORD. Each morning, I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.

Psalm 5:1:3

Want to be sure that you are putting God first? Here is a simple plan. Give Him the first part of everyday by praying in the morning. Then, give Him the first part of every week, by worshipping every Sunday, which is the first day of the week.

Simple, but oh so effective...

*I met God in the morning
When the day was at its best,
And His presence came like sunrise,
Like the Glory in my breast.*

*All day long the Presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.*

*Other ships were blown and battered,
Other ships were sore distressed;
But the wind that seemed to drive them
Brought us Peace and Joy and Rest.*

*Then I thought of other mornings,
With a keen remorse of mind,
When I, too, had loosed the moorings,
With the Saviour left behind.*

*So, I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled way;
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day.*

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

Ecclesiastes 3:1 – “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

This last week, we could really start to *feel* the change in seasons. We had been able to see it through the changing colors of the leaves, but now we began to feel the bite of the cold that accompanied it. We even saw a few flurries earlier in the week. When we face the colder temperatures, we seek to bundle up and find warmth. We find comfort in heavy coats, blankets, or maybe a warm drink.

I believe we can also reflect on God’s warmth in our souls amidst the dropping temps. Our spirits can certainly cool off as well. Life circumstances can try their best to keep us frigid, and even more so when we give in to the biting cold of sin. However, we know that just as changing seasons are necessary, trials are, too. Tribulation pushes us into God’s warm, loving embrace. If we bundle ourselves in righteousness, then we’ll be free from the bitterness of sin.

We aren’t expected to keep this warmth to ourselves, though! Let’s take time to check on neighbors, offer a warm meal, or simply share a kind word. In doing so, we become the hands and feet of Christ, bringing His warmth to those who may be feeling the chill both physically and spiritually. May we remember that even in the coldest days to come, the light of Christ shines brightly within us.

To God be the glory,
Josh

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 9, 2025

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| MORNING WORSHIP | 212 |
| CONTRIBUTION | \$5,061 |
| 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.

BEING MORAL WON'T SAVE YOU

Satan is not opposed to good morals. He’s opposed to Jesus Christ. Satan doesn’t care if you’re a “good person.” He doesn’t care if you volunteer at the food bank, recycle your trash, and help old ladies cross the street. He doesn’t care if you’re kind, generous, and well-liked by everyone in your community. He cares that you don’t bow the knee to Jesus.

Satan has convinced people that morality equals spirituality. That being a “good person” is the same as being a Christian. That if you just live right, treat people well, and avoid the “big sins,” you’re acceptable to God. This is a lie straight from the pit of hell.

The Pharisees had impeccable morals. They followed the law meticulously. They were respected, disciplined, and religiously devoted. Jesus called them children of the devil. Why? Not because their morals were bad. Because their morals replaced Christ.

Satan’s greatest trick isn’t making bad people worse. It’s making good people think they don’t need a Savior.

The moral Christian who goes to church, pays his tithe, and avoids scandal thinks he’s saved without surrender. Morality doesn’t save. Jesus saves. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

Satan loves moral people who reject Jesus. They’re his best advertisement for the lie that you can earn your way to heaven. The most dangerous people in hell won’t be the murderers and rapists. They’ll be the moral, upstanding citizens who thought their goodness was good enough. Their morals became their idol. Their goodness became their god. And Satan smiled because he’d accomplished his goal: Keep them from Jesus. Satan doesn’t need to make you do bad things. He just needs to keep you from doing the ONE thing that matters: surrendering to Christ. If he can get you to trust your morals instead of Christ’s sacrifice, rely on your goodness instead of God’s grace, believe in your works instead of Jesus’ finished work, he’s won.

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You can live a moral life and still die lost. You can be a good person and still face judgment. You can avoid all the “big sins” and still end up separated from God forever. Because the only sin that damns you eternally is rejecting Jesus Christ. “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” John 3:36

The moral, religious person who rejects Christ is damned. That’s why Satan loves morality without Jesus. It sends people to hell with a smile on their face, convinced they were good enough. Stop trusting your morals. Start trusting Jesus. Your goodness won’t save you. Your works won’t redeem you. Your morality won’t justify you. Only the blood of Jesus Christ can wash away your sin and make you acceptable to a holy God. Everything else is just Satan’s distraction from the one thing that actually matters.

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“Johnny,” called the mother, “tell your sister to come in the house out of the rain.”
 “I can’t, Mom,” the boy called back.
 “And just why can’t you?” demanded his mother.
 “We’re playing Noah’s Ark, and she’s a sinner!”

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One thing that might solve the problem of bringing up children in the way they should go would be for all of us to swap children. It seems everybody knows what ought to be done to the other folks’ kids.

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“Don’t worry if your job is small,
 and your rewards are few.
 Remember that the mighty oak
 was once a nut like you.”

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A little boy call once told a preacher he wanted to hear a sermon about Shadrach, Meshach, and a Billy Goat.

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Josh Copley

Scripture Reading: Keith Harvill

Scripture: Psalm 146:1-2

Preside Lord’s Supper: Ken Copley

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| Left: Rusty Bates | Right: Jerrie W Barber |
| Tony McCoy | Dalton Barber |
| Trevor Demary | Wyatt H Barber |
| Tom Gosser | Ethan Willis |

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Buddy Chandler

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Scripture Reading: Robert Graf

Scripture: Romans 8:37-39

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Kenneth Jett

Lord’s Supper: Edwin Wright
 Gary Wright

Closing Prayer: Ken Copley

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Song Leader: Randal Halbrooks

Opening Prayer: Zack Bentley

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



We want to extend our gratitude for all acts of kindness shown to our family during this difficult time. The beautiful cardinal lantern you sent to the funeral home will be forever cherished. The meal that was prepared for our family was such a tremendous help during this time. Thank you again for all the cards, calls, text messages, food and prayers you all offered during Willie’s sickness and passing. We will forever be grateful to our church family.

The Willie Powers family

UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the youth going to Celebration, there will be no bus or van service on November 16th for worship service.

The Golden Agers Holiday meal is Thursday, November 20th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up lists are in both foyers. This meal is catered but we need a head count.

If you are a lady interested in **Secret Pals 2026** and aren't already involved, please see Sheila Brady by December 3rd.

November 30th will be the 5th Sunday; Steve Baggett will be the speaker. There will be a potluck after classes and an afternoon service around 12:30 pm. All of the contribution that day will be donated to the families affected by the accident at AES.

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.



November

18th - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 - 8:30
at Field House



Stay in touch with us on social media:

Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ - Field Family

Instagram: fcocfamily

Website: fairfieldcofc.org

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Mary Morphis, Peggy McCoy, Ronny Pitman, Conner Peebles (scheduled for surgery in December), Mike Worley, Dave Davidson, Curtis Edwards, Mike Batts, Steve Atkinson, Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Violet Shelby, Melinda Sullivan, Faye Rochelle, Woody Woodruff, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Dana McCaleb, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty

Friends & Family: Sue Essary, Randy Pitman (brother of Ronny), Deborah Roberts (scheduled for surgery in November), Patrick Brady, Don Luther, Michael Harvill, Dottie McClellan, Drew Elliott, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Mildred Rochelle, Amalia Rose Shaw, Edna Copley, Doug True, Davy Baker, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, Paul Harvill, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, Willie Lawler, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears (NHC Maury Transitional Care), Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

Life Care: David Talley, Willie B Coates, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Sue Davidson, Wilma Green

The Bridge, Columbia: Hattie Mayberry

If you have a **prayer request**, please write it on a blue card and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.

Memorial

A contribution has been given to the Floy & Carl Cochran Scholarship Fund in memory of Jean Barber:

**Linda Chandler
Phil & Diane Coates**