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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

Praise Him in the heights!

Psalm 148:1

A typical climb of Mount Everest, the tallest mountain on earth, takes about 2 months. Hikers must spend several days at each of several base camps, giving their bodies time to acclimate to the high altitudes and thin air.

The average cost of an expedition to the peak of Everest? \$40,000. This high expense is based on the need for government permits, high quality gear, oxygen supplies, and hiring experienced guides.

Even given the steep cost (pun intended) of climbing Everest, some 7,300 people have done it! An estimated 400 more have died trying.

Obviously, most of us will never climb Mount Everest. However, we ascend to even greater heights whenever we're caught up in the joy of thanksgiving and praise!

We are in rare air when we breathe in the lofty atmosphere of joy and gratitude. We are living above the heads of 99 percent of the world when we learn to see blessings amid problems, count our mercies instead of our miseries, and thank God in all things, knowing that this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning us.

Live in the heights. Climb to the top of the world. How? Simply be thankful. Come on... the view is great from up here!

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

As a church and as a people, we find ourselves in that unique "in-between" stretch of the year. While, yes, it can be chaotic, it can also be a time for positive reflection! Thanksgiving has just passed, and Christmas is drawing near. It is a season that invites us both to look back and to look ahead.

Thanksgiving reminds us to look back with gratitude, echoing the words of David: "*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!*" (Psalm 118:1). Christmas, however, calls us to look forward with hope and toward the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Light who shines in the darkness (John 1:5).

In this brief space between the holidays, we have a moment to stop and think. It is a time to reflect on God's faithfulness behind us and His promises ahead of us. The Apostle Paul really sums it up in his letter to the church in Rome, "*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*" (Romans 12:12).

May this "in-between" period be a special time for us. A time where gratitude shapes our hearts, and hope focuses our eyes on the Savior whose birth we soon celebrate. Let us walk these days with thanksgiving, anticipation, and renewed devotion to Christ!

To God be the glory,
Josh

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 23, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	209
CONTRIBUTION	\$5,756
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.

THANKSGIVING

For all things beautiful, and good, and true;
For things that seemed not good yet turned to
good;

For all the sweet compulsions of Thy will
That chased, and tried, and wrought us to Thy
shape:

For things unnumbered that we take of right,
And value first when they are withheld;
For light and air; sweet sense of sound and smell;
For ears to hear the heavenly harmonies;
For eyes to see the unseen in the seen;
For vision of the Worker in the work;
For hearts to apprehend Thee everywhere;
We thank Thee, Lord.

-John Oxenham

THANKSGIVING AND FAMILY

There are special holidays throughout the year. Easter is for finding eggs and for the empty tomb. July Fourth brings cookouts and fireworks and a celebration of freedom. Halloween is for kids, costumes, and bags full of free candy. Christmas is for Santa, shopping, and giving gifts. These are days that have filled our memories and given us joy all our lives.

But the best of all is Thanksgiving! Best because it brings families together; moms and daughters cooking in the kitchen; grandparents spoiling the grandkids, cousins playing together, and then everyone gets together around the dinner table. And let me say, it brings together the best of the menu: turkey and dressing, ham, yams, and pumpkin pie! It is a time when we look around and realize just how much we have to be thankful for; our homes, our food, our nation, and for everyone that makes up our family tree. Jesus best expressed it when he said, "They will pour into your lap a good measure-pressed down, shaken together, and running over" (Lu 6:38). It is through our families that we best realize how much

God has blessed us. So, in our worship and our prayers, "Let us enter his Gates with Thanksgiving...give thanks to Him, bless His name" (Psalm 100:4).

-Dennis Doughty



Join us for our annual Christmas Party
 Saturday, December, 13, 2025
 4:00 P.M.

Fairfield Church of Christ Fellowship Hall



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MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince

Scripture Reading: Zack Bentley

Scripture: Proverbs 27:17

Preside Lord's Supper: Norman George

Left: Keith Harvill **Right:** Zack Bentley

Erik Hassell Jeff Stacks

Matthew Wright Gary Bailey

Edwin Wright Brett Wilson

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Zack Harvill

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

SUNDAY EVENING:

Scripture Reading: Wallace Smith

Scripture: Philippians 1:12-14

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Ronny Pitman

Closing Prayer: Boyce Cannon

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Song Leader: Steve Atkinson

Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey

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



December

7th - 3rd -5th grade Christmas Party, 11:00 - 1:30 at the Field House. Lunch will be provided. Please bring a gift to play Dirty Christmas

13th - Church Christmas Party, 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

14th - Puppet Show Christmas Party, during evening service in Lift-Off

21st - Middle/High School Christmas Party, leaving the church at 4:30 pm. Bring at least \$20 to purchase a gift to play Dirty Christmas when we return. Supper will be provided at Field House

UPCOMING EVENTS

There have been food bags donated for us to give out to needy families. If you know of someone who could use one, or if you could use one yourself, please feel free to take it as you leave the service.

Congratulations to Wyatt and Rebecca Barber who were married recently.

Congratulations to Lane and Addie Roberts, who were married on Sunday, Addie is the former Addie Dorton, daughter of Darla McClanahan and granddaughter of Minnie Powers.

Just a reminder, if you took names and money to buy gifts for the children, gifts should be back by Sunday.

Today (30th) is our 5th Sunday; Craig Shelton is our speaker for the day. 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.

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

The church Christmas Party will be held December 13th at 4 pm. Sign up lists are in both foyers. This is for the whole family.

The men to serve and van driver sheets for December are ready to be picked up in both foyers.

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.



Thank you for the calls, cards, prayers, wind chimes, donations and the meal.

Family of Jean Barber

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Brandy Sullivan (Horizon-emergency surgery Tuesday), Woody Woodruff (St. Thomas West), Harry Totty (Horizon hospital), Mary Morphis, Peggy McCoy, Conner Peebles (scheduled for surgery December 18th), Dave Davidson, Curtis Edwards (surgery scheduled December 5th), Mike Batts, Steve Atkinson, Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Violet Shelby, Faye Rochelle, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty

Friends & Family: Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell (daughter of Teresa-had surgery Tuesday), Sue Essary, Randy Pitman, Deborah Roberts (home), Michael Harvill, Dottie McClean, Drew Elliott, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Mildred Rochelle, 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, 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.



Sympathy to the family of **Carol Canady**, aunt of **Sheila, Kita, and Darin** who passed away on Monday. Her graveside service is/was Saturday at Harpeth Hills.

Sympathy to the family of **Arch McCord**, who passed away Wednesday. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.