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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

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Romans 12:15

What do we say to those who mourn? Let me mention 5 helpful things. This list was included in a recent Grief Share newsletter.

1. "I'm so sorry. I wish you didn't have to go through this." This simple acknowledgment speaks volumes. You are not trying to fix their pain. You are, instead, simply entering into it with them. This is what it means to "mourn with those who mourn."
2. "I'm here. You don't have to do this alone." Grieving can feel incredibly isolating. Let your friend know they are not alone and they do not have to experience their grief by themselves.
3. "Tell me more about your loved one. I'd love to know more about who they were and what they were like." Giving them a chance to talk about their deceased loved one honors their relationship and keeps their memory alive.
4. "Would it be ok if I brought a meal this week?" Don't just offer to help... make your care tangible. Whether it's food, child care, lawn care, driving them to appointments, or grocery shopping, show love with action.
5. "I'm praying for you. Is there anything specific I can pray for?" Spiritual support is powerful— but it's even more meaningful when you ask how to pray.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

"...who builds his upper chambers in the heavens and founds his vault upon the earth; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth— the Lord is his name."
(Amos 9:6)

You may have heard the old saying "God is bigger" and, while it's a cliché to some, I promise that it holds true. Amos 9:6 reminds us just how big God really is. The verse paints this incredible picture of God building His upper chambers in the heavens and setting the foundations of His world on the earth. He's the one who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the land. In other words, God is not distant, small, or disconnected. He's actively holding everything together. Nature, history, and everyday life all fall under His authority.

That's both humbling and comforting. Humbling, because it reminds us that we're not in control the way we sometimes think we are. Comforting, because the same God who rules the skies and seas also knows us personally and cares deeply about our lives. When things feel chaotic or uncertain, Amos points us back to a steady truth: the Lord is sovereign, present, and trustworthy. Today and always!

To God be the glory,
Josh



Thank you so much for your generous donation to the work of the Sojourners. We appreciate your interest in our ministry and we are glad you decided to participate in our work for the Lord.

**God Bless you all,
Sally Crossley for the Sojourners**



If you truly don't believe that you are saved, why would you want to share Jesus with others? — Mike Kelley

Think about this the next time you read your Bible: "The Spirit of God feeds the word of God to the children of God to do the work of God." — Tuesday Ladies class

"I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I wish to be, I am not what I hope to be; but by the grace of God, I am not what I was." — John Newton

"Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them." — Ann Landers

"If we do not do the work we were meant to do, it will forever remain undone." — Anna Lindsay

"Laziness may appear attractive, but work gives satisfaction." — Anne Frank

"The roots of excellence are the freedom to dream the unthinkable and to finance the impossible." — Arthur C. Frantzreb

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream, not only plan but also believe." — Anatole France

"Somehow we learn who we really are and then live with that decision." — Eleanor Roosevelt

"Life is the sum of all your choices." — Albert Camus

"Decisions determine destiny." — Frederick Speakman

"Full maturity...is achieved by realizing that you have choices to make." — Angela Barron McBride

ROOTS IN THE STORM



Japan is known for its beautiful landscapes and lush tropical plants. However, Japan also has harsh winters, with heavy snow and ice. Yet many of the plants, including the bamboo, seem to survive and even flourish. One of the reasons the bamboo survives so well is that its roots grow deep into the volcanic-rich soil. Its deep roots allow it to survive the harsh winter storms.

We, too, will face storms in life, stress at work, relationship challenges, financial insecurities, or a whole host of other issues. But when our life is rooted in Christ and His word, we can survive, like the bamboo during a harsh winter.

Colossians 2:7 encourages us to be rooted and built up in [Christ]. Our faith needs to grow deep into the word of Christ, which will produce faith (Rom. 10:17); faith then gives us the victory to overcome the world (1 Jn. 5:4) and the storms of life.

If you are going through a storm today, where have you placed your roots? What is keeping you stable and alive? Sometimes we need to be reminded to keep our roots in Jesus Christ.

*Mark T. Tonkery
Norval Park Church of Christ
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MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Josh Copley

Scripture Reading: Damon McCoy

Scripture: Psalm 103:1-5

Preside Lord's Supper: Ken Copley

Left: Wes Crowther	Right: Jerrie W Barber
Boyce Cannon	Dalton Barber
Rick Bruno	Wyatt H Barber
Vance Willis	Steve Baker

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Gary Bailey

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

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Boyce Cannon

Scripture: Psalm 16:6-8

Song Leader: Randal Halbrooks

Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

Lord's Supper: Gary Wright, Edwin Wright

Closing Prayer: Wayne Prince

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF January 11, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	212
CONTRIBUTION	\$5,510
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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UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be a short meeting after Bible Class this Sunday, January 18th in the fellowship hall for all ladies interested in the **Ladies Cruise** being planned for 2027.

The **Golden Agers** will have a soup, sandwich and dessert meal Thursday, January 22nd at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a planning session for 2026. Anyone 50 years or older is invited to join us.

Hickman County **Relay for Life** is taking orders for chocolate covered Strawberries for Valentine's Day. See any Relay member and the deadline to order is February 8th.

Congratulations to **Steve & Terri Atkinson** on the birth of a great granddaughter, **Brooklyn Marie Abrams**, born January 10th. She weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. Mother and baby are doing well.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in room 104.

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.



Sympathy to the family of **Mary Spears**, mother of **Laff**. She passed away Wednesday afternoon. Her visitation is Friday, January 16th from 4 pm till 8 pm and the funeral is Saturday, January 17th at 11:00 am and a meal will follow the burial at McDonald Funeral Home.

Sympathy to the family of **Jean Reeves**, a long-time member of Fairfield. Visitation with the family will be Monday, January 19th from 10 am until service time at 12 noon at McDonald Funeral Home.

Memorial

A contribution was made to the Youth Group by **Linda Chandler** in memory of **Jean Reeves, Willie Powers, & Jo Ann Totty**.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Paul Gilbert, Jan Hopkins-Campbell, Steve Atkinson (St. Thomas Hickman swing bed), Brandy Sullivan, Woody Woodruff (St. Thomas inpatient rehab), Harry Totty, Peggy McCoy, Conner Peebles, Dave Davidson, Curtis Edwards, Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson (shoulder surgery this past Monday), Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Violet Shelby, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

Friends & Family: Tammy Wright (undergoing chemo treatments), Maeve McDonald (4 month old-St. Jude hospital), Amalia Rose Shaw (released Wednesday from Vanderbilt), JT Booker, Daisy Hudgins (Horizon hospital), Gail Tidwell, Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Sue Essary, Randy Pitman, Deborah Roberts, Michael Harvill, Dottie McClean, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Mildred Rochelle, Edna Copley, Doug True, Davy Baker, Linda Canady, 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, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

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

NHC Dickson: Daisy Hudgins

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



January

18th - Puppet show, during evening service
In Lift-Off

20th - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30
at the Field House