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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

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, when you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1:2-5

In the passage above, James tells us what to do when we don't know what to do. Been there? Me too. He lists three things:

First, when you don't know what to do, be *positive*. Whether you think you can or think you can't, you are right! Choose to believe that God is bigger than your problem. Open up a can of "can" and face the situation positively.

Second, when you don't know what to do, be *patient*. You are never a failure until you quit and it's always too soon to quit. Sometimes, all you can do is wait in faith. Those who wait in the Lord will eventually soar. Believe it. Live it. And, hustle while you wait! When you don't know what to do, just do the next right thing while you wait on God to do His work!

Third, when you don't know what to do, be *prayerful*. Ask God for help and strength and guidance. James later tells his audience; *you do not have because you do not ask*. Will God answer my prayer the way I want Him to? That's His business. But, one thing is sure, He won't answer if I don't ask! So, I ask for wisdom. And I trust with every fiber of my being that He will guide me. I listen for the answer and believe it will come.

Next time you don't know what to do, be *positive, patient, and prayerful*. You will not be disappointed with the results!

In Christian Love,





Just Joshin'

This past week, we heard all about the looming winter storm that was supposed to hit our area. There was winter storm watches put into effect and everyone was sent into a frenzy. The supplies of bread and milk at grocery stores were flying off the shelf as people were preparing to be snowed in for who knows how long. Meteorologists were calling for between 10 and 24 inches of snow and we heeded those warnings very seriously. Now, did it actually do all that? I can't say for certain because I'm writing this bulletin article before the weekend, on the Tuesday before to be exact. Regardless of whether it snowed or not, that leaves me with a question: how seriously do we heed God's warnings?

The Bible is a wonderful book and it is full of love. It instructs us to love God and others, but it is also very blunt about the consequences of sinful living. I don't mean to sound like doom and gloom, but I'm afraid our society has painted a false image of Jesus. He is the kind, compassionate, and perfect Savior but He also never minced words. He said in Matthew 25:45-46, "Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Heaven is real and it is beautiful. We are promised to obtain it if we live righteously; however, Hell is also very real. God does not hide it from us. He was gracious enough to let us know ahead of time and to send His Son to keep us out. I urge you not to simply gloss over the consequences of sin. I encourage you to heed the Word of the Lord to find shelter from the storm!

To God be the glory,

Josh

**"Christians are not better than the world.
We are just better off than the world."**

-Rodney Rochelle

The Importance of Integrity

The term integrity has been defined in various ways. Some would say it is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. Others would say it is doing the right thing all the time simply because it is the right thing—doing the right thing knowing no one will know whether you did it or not.

I want to suggest, based upon Scripture, a life of integrity is what should characterize each Christian.

A life of integrity makes us like Jesus. "...Jesus Christ...went about doing good..." (Acts 10:38).

A life of integrity protects our reputation. "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us" (Titus 2:7-8).

A life of integrity gives us confidence to face eternity. "Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain" (Phil. 2:14-16).

A life of integrity strengthens the message we share with others. "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation" (1 Peter 2:11-12).

Doing the right thing—doing what Jesus Christ would do—will have a huge impact on our own lives and on the lives of others. Are we known as people of integrity?

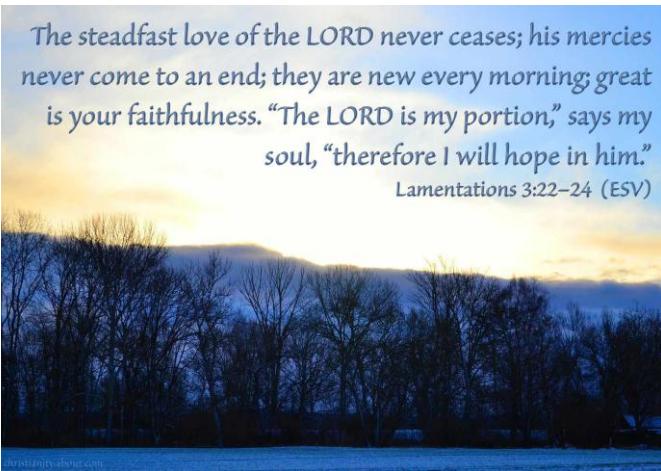
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February

**3rd - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30
at the Field House**

7th - Valentine Banquet in Fellowship Hall



HOW A CHRISTIAN SHOULD LIVE

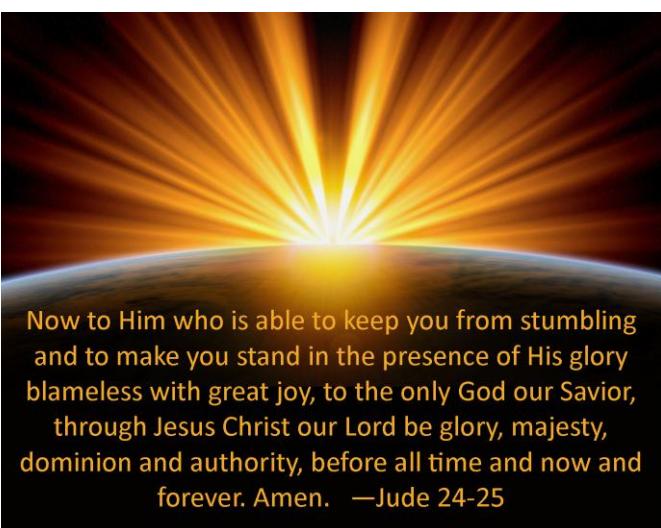
For the grace of GOD has been revealed, bringing SALVATION to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures.

We should live in this evil world with WISDOM, RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND DEVOTION TO GOD.

while we look forward with HOPE to that wonderful day when the glory of our great GOD and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, will be revealed.

He gave His life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us His very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

Titus 2:11-14



MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Norman George

Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno

Scripture: Jude 24-25

Preside Lord's Supper: Kenneth Jett

Left: Keith Harvill **Right:** Chris Love

Zack Harvill Tom Gosser

Tony McCoy Wayne Prince

Trevor Demary John Irvin

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Buddy Chandler

Van Driver: Angie Green (931-219-7979)

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Scripture Reading: Gary Wright

Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-23

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Chris Wright

Lord's Supper: Ken Copley, Phil Coates

Closing Prayer: Randal Halbrooks

Van Driver: Angie Green (931-219-7979)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF January 18, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP **202**

CONTRIBUTION **\$4,847**

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 in touch with us on social media:
Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ - Field Family
Instagram: fcocfamily
Website: fairfieldcofc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Congratulations to **Ella Truett** who was baptized on Sunday at Brushy. She is the granddaughter of **Lisa Truett**.

Anyone who recently brought food for funeral meals, please check the fellowship hall for dishes and/or food. Also, please check if you are missing any dishes.

The Elders will be meeting with the deacons Sunday January 25th at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Valentine Banquet** will be held February 7th at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The theme this year is "Green Acres." This is for the whole family. There will be an attended nursery for anyone with small children. Sign up lists are in both foyers.

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.

The **Ladies Breakfast** that was postponed last week, has been changed to February 21st.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** will meet this Tuesday 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 **James Wayne Bates**, grandfather of **Justin Bates**. Visitation and funeral was Thursday at McDonald Funeral Home.

Sympathy to the family of **David Talley**, father of **Lisa Barber & Carol Talley**. Visitation and funeral was Friday at McDonald Funeral Home.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Kerry Lynn (Maury Regional-back surgery Tuesday, January 27th), Paul Gilbert, Jan Hopkins-Campbell, Steve Atkinson (St. Thomas Hickman swing bed), Brandy Sullivan, Woody Woodruff (St. Thomas Rehab), Harry Totty, Peggy McCoy, Conner Peebles, Dave Davidson, Curtis Edwards, Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, 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: Stetson Irwin, Tammy Wright (undergoing chemo treatments), Maeve McDonald (4 month old-St. Jude hospital), Amalia Rose Shaw, JT Booker, Daisy Hudgins, Gail Tidwell, Regina Elkins (surgery January 27 @ Centennial hospital), Kathryn Purcell, Sue Essary, Randy Pitman, Deborah Roberts, Michael Harvill, Dottie McClearan, 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: Willie B Coates, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, 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.



Because of the anticipated winter storm heading our way this weekend, the elders ask that you keep checking Facebook, Lifeline or your text messages for any updates about Sunday's church services.