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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

*You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God,
you will receive what he has promised.*

Hebrews 10:36

The Moso bamboo is the slowest, fastest growing plant on earth. Sound like a contradiction? Let me explain.

When a Moso seed is planted, there is no visible growth for five years. The seed stays hidden beneath the soil. To the naked eye, absolutely nothing is happening.

But, behind the scenes, a lot is happening. The Moso is developing a vast underground network of roots. The roots are growing horizontally so they will be ready to support the eventual growth spurt.

When it finally breaks through the surface of the soil, the Moso bamboo grows as much as three feet *per day!* Within six weeks, it can go from zero to ninety feet!

Do you see an application here?

We want things to happen at the speed of light. But, in God's timing, things happen at the *speed of seed*. Your character must take root before your actions bear fruit.

You may very well be growing impatient because you have been planting for years and have no visible results. You have been going to counseling. You've been paying off your debt. You've been dieting and exercising. You've been praying for the prodigal child.

It may seem like nothing is happening. But God is working underneath the surface. Let God grow the root system of your character. Trust that He will do the right thing at the right time.

In Christian Love,

Mike



Just Joshin'



How often do we tell ourselves, "I don't deserve grace?" If you're like me, then it's probably pretty frequently. To be a Christian means to reflect on all of our sins and imperfections. We carry this burden of guilt which can hinder our faith much more than it strengthens it. What we also might not realize is that we undermine the sacrifice of Christ when we dwell on these negative thoughts of unworthiness. Let's take a look at what Paul writes to his student and son-in-the-faith, Timothy, "But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life" (1 Timothy 1:16).

To be a Christian is to be a mirror. What does that mean? Well, simply put, we are to reflect Christ. We can never be "good enough" on our own. Thankfully, Jesus can still shine through us because of how good He is. We have all been extended mercy and we can pass that on to others. We can show others the traits of Christ through our actions! Let's be mindful of this great responsibility and opportunity every single day!

To God be the glory,

Josh



March

15th - Puppet Show during evening service
-in Lift-Off

17th - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30
at the Field House

29th - 5th Sunday

Can't Take It With You

Lying on his deathbed, the rich, miserly old man calls to his long-suffering wife. "I want to take all my money with me," he tells her. "So, promise me you'll put it in the casket."

After the man dies, his widow attends the memorial service with her best friend. Just before the undertaker closes the coffin, she places a small metal box inside.

Her friend looks at her in horror. "Surely," she says, "you didn't put the money in there."

"I did promise him I would," the widow answers. "So, I got it all together, deposited every penny in my account, and wrote him a check. If he can cash it, he can spend it."

When I reached the cemetery, my GPS announced, "You have reached your final destination."

I'm no longer sure I want to get out of the car.

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With the rise of self-driving vehicles, it's only a matter of time before we get a country song where a guy's truck leaves him too.

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If running late were an exercise, then I would be a fitness trainer by now.

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A wife helped her husband, a contractor electrician, to apply online for jobs. One day, mere hours after sending in what she thought was his resume, the company sent back an email: "Thank you, your recipe for the potato salad looks delicious, but we still need your resume. If we call you for an interview, please bring a bowl of it for us to try."

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You never realize how boring you are until someone asks what you do for fun.

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While I was out to lunch, my coworker answered my phone and told the caller that I would be back in 20 minutes. The man asked, "Is that 20 minutes Central Standard Time?"



"Fear knocked at the door. Faith answered. And lo, no one was there." — Anonymous

"A perfect faith would lift us absolutely above fear." — George MacDonald

"If fear is cultivated it will become stronger. If faith is cultivated it will achieve the mastery." — John Paul Jones

"Fear imprisons, faith liberates; fear paralyzes, faith empowers; fear disheartens, faith encourages; fear sickens, faith heals; fear makes useless, faith makes serviceable." — Harry Emerson Fosdick

"A danger foreseen is half avoided." — Thomas Fuller

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." — Abraham Lincoln

"Necessity is the mother of taking chances." — Mark Twain

"Get the facts, or the facts will get you. And when you get them, get them right, or they will get you wrong." — Thomas Fuller

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on." — Robert Frost

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Hope is the first thing to take some sort of action." — John Armstrong

"Hope is the anchor of the soul, the stimulus to action, and the incentive to achievement." — Anonymous

"Hope is not a dream, but a way of making dreams become reality." — L.J. Cardina Suenens

"Hope and patience are two sovereign remedies for all, the surest reposals, the softest cushions to lean on in adversity." — Robert Burton

"Wait'll next year!" Is the favorite cry of baseball fans, football fans, hockey fans, and gardeners." — Robert Orben

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Norman George

Scripture Reading: Keith Harvill

Scripture: Philippians 3:13-14

Preside Lord's Supper: Ronny Pitman

Left: Lafayette Spears **Right:** Jeff Stacks

Ken Copley Vance Willis

Rick Bruno Chris Love

Tom Gosser Wes Crowther

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Steve Baker

Van Driver: Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson

Scripture: Luke 8:16-18

Song Leader: Randal Halbrooks

Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy

Lord's Supper: Wes Crowther, Gary Basford

Closing Prayer: Wayne Prince

Van Driver: Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Ronny Pitman

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Ken Copley

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 8, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	187
CONTRIBUTION	\$5,347
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

The jail ministry had 1 baptism last Saturday afternoon. **Jeremy Tidwell** was baptized.

The **Purpose Field Women's Ministry** will be meeting at Skeeter's on March 19th at 5:30 pm for "Restaurant Meet-Up". Sign-up lists are in both foyers. See Amber Kelley if you have any questions.

There will be a baby shower for **Dalton & Lizzie Barber** Sunday, March 15th in the fellowship hall at 2:00 pm. They are registered at Amazon. The baby is a boy.

Ladies Craft Night will be held March 16th in room 104 at 6:00 pm.

The elders will be meeting with the women of the congregation Sunday, March 22nd at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

The **Golden Agers** will be going to Log Cabin Thursday, March 26th. They will be leaving the building at 5:30 pm. Sign-up lists are in both foyers.

The **Purpose Field Women's Ministry** is collecting NEW WHITE bath towels to have on hand for baptisms. If you would like to donate one, please bring new towels to the church by March 29th.

Fifth Sunday is March 29th Harrison Kelley will be our speaker for the day.

Easter is April 5th. We will need individually wrapped candy or plastic filled eggs. See Teresa for more information.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets the 2nd and 4th 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.

Memorial

A contribution has been given by **Richard & Linda Smith** in memory of **Hester Moss**.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Whitney Carroll (home after spending time in the hospital), Preston Rochelle, Ronny Pitman, Linda Smith, Dot Davidson (surgery April 6th), Gerry Loveless, Shelby Bates, Kerry Lynn, Steve Atkinson, Brandy Sullivan, Harry Totty, Peggy McCoy, Conner Peebles (accident Sunday-home after surgery Monday), 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: Doug Gardner (cancer), Gail Barber, Hilda Atkinson, Donald Brady (home), Jean Smith, Tammy Wright, Maeve McDonald (6 month old-St. Jude hospital-serious condition), Amalia Rose Shaw, J.T. Booker (cancer surgery Thursday-Maury Regional), Gail Tidwell, Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Randy Pitman, Deborah Roberts, 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: Willie B Coates, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler, Wilma Green

NHC Dickson: Woody Woodruff (would like to have visitors, room 108)

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



Thank you for your hospitality, love and kindness. It was a pleasure meeting you and working with you and we loved the live music.

All my best,
Kristina & all of the Team Rubicon Volunteers