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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 my God, if I have done this:
If there is iniquity in my hands,
If I have repaid evil to him who was at peace with me,
Or have plundered my enemy without cause,
Let my enemy pursue me and overtake me;
Yes, let him trample my life to the earth,
And lay my honor in the dust.*

Psalm 7:3-5

David had been hurt by a rumor.

The seventh Psalm was apparently written during the earlier part of David's public life. As is true of everyone in the public eye, David had his enemies. King Saul, driven in part by the rumors against David, put a target on his head.

If David had done what the rumors said he did, he would have been willing to pay the penalty. But the rumors were false. The charges were false.

Have you been there? Have you been the subject of false rumors? It hurts! What is the proper response?

Follow David's lead in Psalm 7. David gives this hurt to God and makes a five-part request...

Save me. Arise, O LORD, do something. Judge and vindicate me. End their wickedness. Establish the just.

The next time you are falsely accused, find comfort in God's hands. God knows the truth. God is able to defend, vindicate and protect you.

Let your work, action and character be your defense. The people who know you will know the truth.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

There are several misconceptions about the Christian faith and I'm sure you've heard some of them before. "Once I'm saved, I can never lose it!" "I may as well sin because, if I don't, then Christ died for nothing!" Sound familiar? Well, these are some crucial mistakes that believers and non-believers make. It all stems from the age-old question surrounding God's grace: If we are saved by grace and not by the law, does it really matter how we live? The Apostle Paul answers emphatically in Romans 6:15, "What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!"

"By no means," says one of the all-time great teachers and missionaries. Grace is not permission to drift into sin; rather, it is the power that pulls us out of it. Before Christ, we were shackled and made slaves to sin, unable to free ourselves. But through His death and resurrection, we have been given a new identity and a new Master. We are no longer under the condemnation of the law! Instead, we are under the transforming influence of grace. I encourage you to not take God's grace for granted. We ought to live every day with gratitude, demonstrating the example that Jesus set for us! In doing so, we help ourselves and others get closer to Heaven.

To God be the glory,
Josh



March

29th - 5th Sunday

A Christian View of War?

The current conflict in Iran has much of the world's attention. While wars have raged around the world since the beginning of time, Christians have also been fighting a battle among themselves over how a child of God should view war.

Some have taken a **Total Pacifism** position, claiming that war is always evil, with no exceptions, and Christians should never participate or condone war. This cannot be scripturally correct, because God Himself waged war (Ex. 17:16) and commanded the Israelites to do so as well (Num. 31). God cannot be charged with sin (James 1:13), and all of His ways are righteous (Deut. 32:4), therefore war in itself is not sinful.

Others have taken what is sometimes called the **Non-Resistance** view, in which the use of force is right for government, but wrong for individual Christians. However, God also rewarded the Israelites after the enemy was vanquished (Numbers 31:25-31). Since the New Testament authorizes governments to punish evil (Rom. 13:1-7), how could it be wrong for a Christian to serve under such governments, as long as they are not disobeying scriptural principles (Acts 5:29)? Also, John the baptizer had a perfect opportunity to prohibit military service to those who would be followers of God, but he did not do so (Luke 3:14).

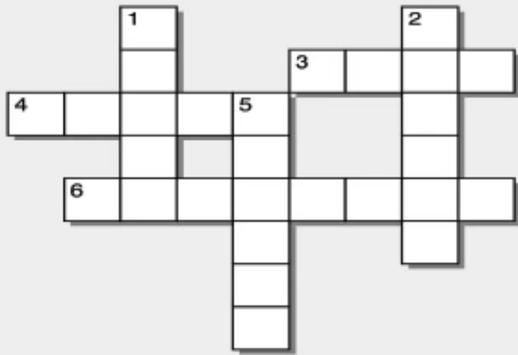
Still others have taken the **Just War** view, which states that Christians are morally obligated to assist if a war is deemed as just and righteous and in defense of innocent people. Since there is no direct command by God to serve in the military, the decision to do so would come down to a personal choice. Therefore, saying Christians are morally obligated to serve, even if it violates their conscience (Rom. 14); must also be wrong.

So, what is the biblical "bottom line" on war for a Christian? We should never enjoy or take glory in war, because ultimately all war comes about because of the sin of mankind (James 4:1-4). But there is no prohibition against serving in the military, unless one is being commanded to do things God's word prohibits for Christians (Acts 5:29).

War will always be with us. The only way for war to be abolished is for all men to obey God's word and live by kingdom principles. Since we know that the majority will not (Matt 7:13-14), we can infer that war will exist as long as this earth does. Until the Lord comes, let us pray continuously (1 Thess. 5:17) for all men, especially those who are in authority (1 Tim. 2:1-2) that their decisions may be closely aligned with God's principles as possible.

Matt Clifton
Judsonia, AR

⚓ CrossWORD



Count the Stars

Genesis 15

Across

- 3) One of two things that appeared to Abram at night.
- 4) What God told Abram to count.
- 6) "And he ___ in the Lord..."

Down

- 1) "You shall go to your fathers in ___."
- 2) Part of Abram's sacrifice.
- 5) "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your ___, you're exceedingly great reward."

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MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

- Song Leader:** Darin Cochran
- Opening Prayer:** Steve Baker
- Scripture Reading:** Rick Bruno
- Scripture:** Psalm 51:15-17
- Preside Lord's Supper:** Chris Wright
- Left:** Rusty Bates **Right:** Wayne Prince
- Curtis Edwards James Swaw
- Tony McCoy Boyce Cannon
- Adam Jude Erik Hassell
- Announcements:** Darin Cochran
- Closing Prayer:** Norman George
- Van Driver:** Jack Green (931-994-8317)

SUNDAY EVENING:

- Announcements:** Gary Basford
- Scripture Reading:** Bob Graf
- Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- Song Leader:** Jeff Stacks
- Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey
- Lord's Supper:** Gary Wright, Edwin Wright
- Closing Prayer:** Roy McCoy
- Van Driver:** Jack Green (931-994-8317)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

- Announcements:** Rick Bruno
- Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman
- Opening Prayer:** Randal Halbrooks
- Van Driver:** Chris Love (931-994-7855)

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 15, 2026

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| MORNING WORSHIP | 240 |
| CONTRIBUTION | \$5,845 |
| 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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Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ - Field Family
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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. We will have a covered dish lunch after Bible Study, with afternoon worship around 12:30 pm. There will be no 6:00 pm service.

Easter is April 5th. We will need individually wrapped candy or plastic filled eggs. If you need eggs to fill or for more information, please see Teresa Craft.

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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Dana McCaleb, Whitney Carroll, Preston Rochelle, Ronny Pitman (home), Linda Smith, Dot Davidson (surgery April 6th), Gerry Loveless, Shelby Bates, Kerry Lynn, Steve Atkinson, Brandy Sullivan, 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: Leroy Cannon (Maury Regional), Jr. McCaleb, Doug Gardner (cancer), Gail Barber, Hilda Atkinson, Donald Brady, Tammy Wright, Maeve McDonald (6 month old-St. Jude hospital-serious condition), Amalia Rose Shaw, J.T. Booker (home), Gail Tidwell, Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Randy Pitman, Deborah Roberts, Dottie McClearn, 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.

Psalm 51:15-17

O Lord,
open my lips, and my mouth
will declare your praise.
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I
would give it; you will not be pleased
with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise.

abandoned to Christ.

Fear God and keep
His commandments,
For this is man's all.
For God will bring
every work into
judgment, including
every secret thing,
whether good or evil.
☞ Ecclesiastes 12:13-14