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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

Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:1

What is one of the first things children say as soon as they can talk?

"Watch me!"

Even before children can talk, they want to be noticed. When the ability to form words develops, the question they most want to ask is, "Can you see me?"

They know if parents are watching. "Mommy, did you see me do that somersault?" "Daddy, are you watching me run fast?"

Those tricks they perform aren't nearly as much fun if nobody is watching.

As we become older, we often don't grow out of the need to perform for the eyes of others. Why? Because the tricks and feats we perform are not nearly as much fun for us when nobody's watching.

Someone has said that character is what you do when no one is watching. Sounds right, doesn't it? So, what does it say about our character if we are obsessed with people watching what we are doing?

Jesus makes it clear that religious people aren't immune from the "look at me" syndrome. "I wonder who might see me pray or give or fast... and be impressed with me?"

God wants us to pray. To give. But He doesn't want us to perform these, or any other, spiritual disciplines to impress other people. He wants us to do these things because of love and devotion to Him.

If others *happen* to see and are impressed? Well and good. But that is not the motive. The motive for spiritual disciples is loving God and knowing that spiritual practices bring us into a closer relationship with Him.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

Whenever we attempt to express our love for someone, we tend to use extremes. For example, "I would die for them" is something you may have heard someone say before or, perhaps, you have said it yourself. However, I would argue that it isn't the most difficult thing you could do for a loved one. I believe it is much more meaningful to "live" for someone than to die. The Bible would have us do both!

Think about what Paul writes to his student and son-in-the-faith, Timothy. 2 Timothy 2:11 reads, "If we have died with him, we will also live with him." This verse points us to the heart of the Christian life. It is new life through Christ. When we place our faith in Jesus, our old way of living is put to death, and we're given a fresh start. It doesn't mean life suddenly becomes easy, but it does mean we're no longer walking it alone. We share in His life, His strength, and His hope.

You are a representative of the body of believers once you make that confession and are baptized. You are taking on the responsibility of the Great Commission. You are given an incredible purpose. Your life can be used for so much good so long as you allow Christ to take the wheel. It's one thing to be willing to die for Jesus but can you live for Him? Can you be obedient to His commands? Can you share His love in all that you do? I think we all can!

To God be the glory,

Josh



May

2nd - Junior / Senior Retreat

3rd - Senior Night will start with the evening service followed by a slide show and Bible Presentation, then a finger food fellowship to end the night. All seniors need to get your forms and pictures to Teresa by April 19th.

These are our High School Seniors for 2026:
Aiden Liddell, Carol Warren, Carter Bates, Claire Willis, Edwin Wright, Jon Michael Lewis, Joseph McCauley, Sara Beth McClanahan, Skyler Irvin, Sierra Mayberry, Jackson Smith, and Audrey Davidson

Our College Graduates are:
Sara True, Jesse Stacks, Zach Bentley, Carleigh Liddell, and Ethan Willis

Congratulations

5th - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
at the Field House

9th - Fairfield "Spring Fling" 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

10th - 3rd -5th grade devo, during evening
Service at the Field House

16th - Hickman & East Hickman High School
Graduation

17th - Ladies Tea Party

19th - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
at the Field House

31st - 5th Sunday

Women Are Safe
(soon becoming We Are Safe)

Spring 2026 Wishlist

- Any/All Household Cleaning Products
- Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Fabric Softener, & Sheets
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- Trash Bags (13 Gallon)
- Standard Pillows
- Square/Rectangle Plastic Laundry Basket
- Sheet Sets (Twin or Queen)
- Comforters or Blankets (Twin or Queen)
- Towels, Hand Towels, and Wash Cloths



The jail ministry had a baptism last Saturday. **Stevie Tummins** was baptized into Christ.



Sympathy to the family of **Sherry Breece**, a long-time member of our congregation. Her visitation and funeral was Wednesday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Elders will meet with the youth today, April 26th during Sunday School.

If you are interested in the position of youth minister, please contact one of our elders.

We will have a guest speaker, **Denny Sisson** Sunday morning, May 3rd

The Young Adult Class will be hosting a "Spring Fling" Festival for the community Saturday, May 9th from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be food, games, bouncy houses, music, crafts, a photo booth, and lots of flowers, fellowship, and fun! Please tell your friends, and neighbors, and come join us for this opportunity to meet and encourage members of our community. There are yard signs available to help advertise the Spring Fling. Please take one and put in your yard.

The women's Purpose Field Ministry is having a supply drive for Women Are Safe. Needed items are listed in the bulletin, and items need to be brought to the Ladies' Tea Sunday, May 17th or you can bring them before that date and leave them in the basket by the water fountain in the education wing. If you have any questions, you may see Joyce Bruno or Jan Campbell.

There will be an Appreciation Dinner for all members of our church family May 23rd at 6:00 pm. This will be hosted by our elders. Sign up lists will be out soon.

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.



Thank you for hosting the meal for our family after my grandmother's burial for Wilma Green. Thank you all for the love and support shown to me and my family. Granny lived a wonderful life and she loved her church family.

Thanks,
Kasey King

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Barbara Kelley, Jeff Rose, Yvonna Caillouet, Mary Morphis, Woody Woodruff, Amber McDonald, Dana McCaleb, Preston Rochelle, Dot Davidson (home), Gerry Loveless, Shelby Bates, Brandy Sullivan (surgery April 28th), Dave Davidson, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

Friends & Family: Linda Thomasson (grandmother of Dalton), Terry Hicks (St. Thomas Rehab), Tammy Boone, Frances McMeen (friend of Martha Butler-cancer), Mike Avery, Hayes Harrington (3-week-old nephew of Dannie George), Brenda Horner, Richie Spann (brother-in-law of Terri Barber), Hilda Atkinson (home), Doug Gardner (cancer), Gail Barber, Donald Brady, Tammy Wright, Amalia Rose Shaw, Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Randy Pitman, Dottie McClean, 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, Ila Faye Jenkins, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

Life Care: Willie B Coates, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler

NHC Columbia: Leroy Cannon (rehab)

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

From the Fairfield Mission Committee:

One of the mission areas we are supporting is Kenya, Africa. Robinson Magambo, who is the preacher at the Nyangubo church of Christ, is over the mission efforts in their area. In one of the area communities there was an evangelistic gospel meeting March 10-17, 2026. They had 318 people attend the meeting. 54 out of the 318 that attended were baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of sins. Some of the people who attended were civil servants, people from denominations, and the locals. They cooked food for the people who attended. They served rice, beans, green gram, tea, Chapati, and mandazi. The church bought onion seed and Sukuma wiki seed and insecticides for the people who attended. It was to generate income for the people to be self-reliant, support others, and the church. We also paid for 3 boxes of Bibles, which were given to the new converts as a gift.

-Tom Gosser