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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

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand.

Zechariah 4:10

In 1847, a civil engineer named Charles Ellet Jr. was commissioned to build a bridge across the Niagara Gorge. The first and greatest challenge was getting the first cable across an 825-foot chasm with 225-foot cliffs on either side.

Theodore Graves Hurley, a local iron worker, heard about the dilemma and had an idea. A kite-flying contest.

A fifteen-year-old boy named Homan Walsh won the ten-dollar cash prize for flying the first kite across the chasm. The day after that successful flight, a stronger line was attached to the kite string and pulled across. Then, a rope. Finally, a cable consisting of thirty-six strands of ten-gauge wire.

The bridge would eventually become the world's first railroad suspension bridge. It would connect two countries. It was strong enough to support a 170-ton locomotive.

And it all started with a single kite string!
Don't despise the day of small beginnings!

Many of us want to do amazing things for God. But, that isn't our job. God is the One who does amazing things. We just fly the kite. God can take our meager efforts and build the bridge!

No matter how big the dream, start small. Do the little things over the long haul. Collect small wins and build on the momentum. If we do little things like they are big things, God will do big things like they are little things.

So... go fly a kite!

In Christian Love,

Mike




Just Joshin'

"Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered." Proverbs 11:13 ESV

The sin of "gossip" is, arguably, the most normalized sin in our culture. In a world where sharing is instant and oversharing is normal, this proverb hits us close to home. It reminds us that our words carry weight. Passing along someone else's business, even when it's just in casual conversation, can do real harm. Gossip might feel harmless in the moment, but it withers away trust and damages relationships.

On the flip side, there's something deeply Christlike about being a safe haven for others. A trustworthy person knows when to speak and when to stay silent. They protect what's been shared in confidence and resist the urge to "just mention" something that isn't theirs to tell.

This week, let's be mindful of how we handle the words and stories entrusted to us. Are we building trust, or breaking it? A faithful spirit doesn't just speak truth! It also knows when to be silent.

To God be the glory,

Josh









10 Reasons Not To Take A Bath

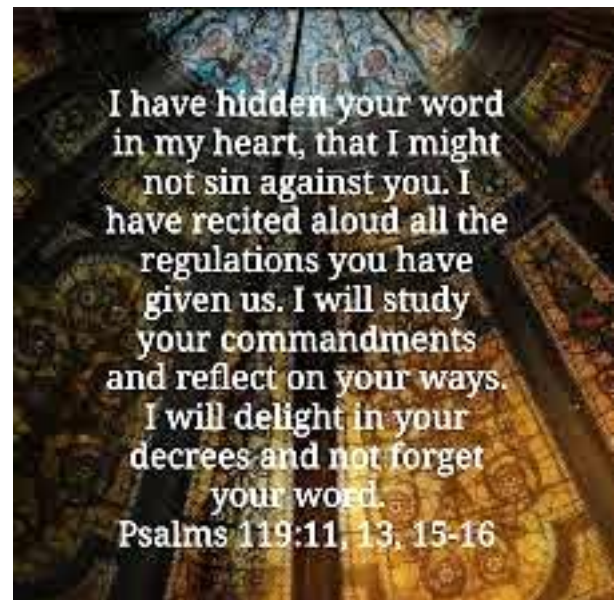
If the same excuses that people use for not going to church are applied to other important areas of life, it's easy to see how inconsistent our logic can be. For example, 10 reasons not to take a bath:

1. I was forced to bathe as a child.
2. People who make soap are only after your money.
3. I bathe on special occasions like Christmas and Easter.
4. People who take baths are hypocrites – they think they are cleaner than everyone else.
5. I would bathe but there are so many different kinds of soap, can't decide which one is best.
6. I used to bathe, but it got boring so I stopped.
7. The bathroom is never warm enough in the winter or cool enough in the summer.
8. I'll start bathing when I get older and dirtier.
9. I just don't have the time to bathe.
10. None of my friends take baths.

*via Beech Grove church of Christ
Spring Hill, TN
Bulletin Digest*

HOW TO SHARPEN SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

	Feed on God's Word Daily Know truth. Spot lies. Psalm 119:105		Guard Your Mind Like a battlefield Protect your thoughts. Reject lies 2 Cor. 10:5
	Walk in Obedience Do what the Word says. James 1:22		Be Led by the Holy Spirit John 16:13
	Test Everything Don't trust it. Test it. 1 Thessalonians 5:21		Stay spiritually alert Eyes open. Enemy active. 1 Peter 5:8
	Pray for Wisdom Ask. Listen. Apply. James 1:5		Treasure Truth Hold tight to God's Wisdom Proverbs 23:23





May

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

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

Scripture Reading: Chris Love

Scripture: Psalm 119:10-12

Preside Lord's Supper: Ronny Pitman

Left: Wes Crowther **Right:** Kenneth Jett

Buddy Chandler Tom Gosser

Mike Worley Trevor Demary

Jack Green Rick Bruno

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Norman George

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

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates

Scripture: Psalm 119:9-10

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince

Lord's Supper: Edwin Wright, Gerry Hinson

Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF April 26, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	226
CONTRIBUTION	\$6,575
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.

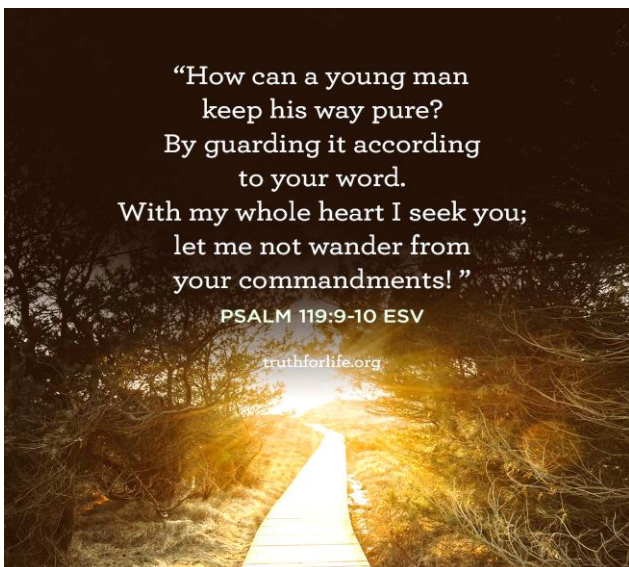


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Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ - Field Family

Instagram: fcocfamily

Website: fairfieldcofc.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

We will have a guest speaker today, **Denny Sisson**.

There will be a short planning meeting for the Ladies Tea on Sunday, May 3rd at 5:30 in room 104.

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.

Danny Roberts name has been put before the congregation as deacon in charge of our security. If you have any scriptural reason he should not serve as a deacon, please submit in writing with your signature and give to one of the elders before May 3rd.

Men to serve sheets for May are in both foyers.

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

Paulette Baker made a contribution in memory of **Hester Moss, Wilma Green and Sherry Breece**.

Linda Chandler made a contribution in memory of **Sherry Breece**.

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 (), 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: Leroy Cannon (home), Brenda Kirk (mother of Tracy (Edwards) McCord), 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 McClearn, 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

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

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