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Chris Wright - 931-206-6629

Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:15 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846



Mike's Minute

For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith— and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Laura Ingalls Wilder writes in *Little House in the Ozarks* about an old dog, Shep, who was learning to sit up and shake hands.

“Try as he would, he could not seem to get the knack of keeping his balance in the upright position. After a particularly disheartening session one day, we saw him out on the back porch alone and not knowing that he was being observed. He was practicing his lesson without a teacher. We watched while he tried and failed several times, then he finally got the trick of it and sat up, paw extended. The next time we said, ‘How do you do, Shep?’ he had his lesson perfectly.”

As he grew older, Shep’s eyesight became poor and he didn’t always recognize friends. Wilder writes, “Once he made a mistake and barked savagely at an old friend whom he really regarded as one of the family, though he had not seen him for some time. Later, as we all sat in the yard, Shep seemed uneasy. At last, he walked deliberately to the visitor, sat up, and held out his paw. It was so plainly an apology that our friend said, ‘That’s all right, Shep, old fellow! Shake and forget it!’ Shep shook hands and walked away perfectly satisfied.”

Is there an apology you need to make today? If you are like me, you are an *old dog*. But, like Shep, you can learn a new trick! Apologize. Forgive. Shake hands. Move on.

Let it go... and it will let *you go*!

By the way, heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit, you would stay out, and your dog would go in!

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

Anger is something we all feel from time to time. Maybe it's when someone cuts you off in traffic, when things don't go as planned, or when you're hurt by a friend or relative. Maybe it's over something serious or something trivial. I know I find myself getting most angry over that which doesn't matter. Sports are a good example. In those moments, it's easy to let anger take over.

But what does the Bible say about anger? Ephesians 4:26-27 says, "Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil."

Anger in itself isn't sinful—it's a natural emotion. But how we handle it is what matters. The key is not letting anger control us, but instead choosing to respond in a way that reflects God's peace and grace. Remember, peace isn't the absence of anger—it's the ability to choose a response that reflects God's love, even in the midst of it.

This week, when anger rises, try to pause, reflect, and choose peace. Let God help you transform that anger into something good.

To God be the glory,

Josh



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FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF April 27, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	215
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4,620
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5,417

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

Scripture Reading: Chris Love

Scripture: Psalm 25:1-5

Preside Lord's Supper: Ronny Pitman

Left: Rick Bruno

Right: Kenneth Jett

Buddy Chandler

Tom Gosser

Mike Worley

James Swaw

Jack Green

Roy McCoy

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Norman George

Van Driver: Jack Green (931-994-8317)

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates

Scripture: Romans 6:1-4

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince

Lord's Supper: Edwin Wright

Gerry Hinson

Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Van Driver: Jack Green (931-994-8317)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

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



MAY

6th - Middle/High School Devo

6:30 - 8:30 at Field House

11th - 3rd-5th Grade Devo during evening

service at Field House

17th - East Hickman HS Graduation - 10:00 am

Hickman County HS Graduation - 2:00 pm

18th - Puppet Show during evening

service in Lift-Off

20th - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 - 8:30

at Field House

JUNIOR/SENIOR RETREAT



EASTER SUNDAY



SENIOR NIGHT



Upcoming Events:

Randal Halbrooks' name was put before the congregation to be appointed an elder. There were no objections to this, and he became an elder on April 27th. Thank you, Randal, for your willingness to serve the congregation in this way.

There will be a meeting today at 4:30 pm in Room 104 to finalize the plans for the **Ladies' Tea**. Sign-up lists will be available soon.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the **Fellowship Hall**. Please come join us!

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday at 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in room 104.

DEEPEST sympathy

To the family of **James Buffington**, the brother-in-law of Gary Bailey, who passed away on Wednesday in Pennsylvania.

To the family of **Tommy Martin**, son of Brad and Alice Martin. His visitation was May 3rd at McDonald Funeral Home.

Baptism

The **jail ministry** had 2 baptisms recently. Those baptized were **Brooklyn Franklin & Shirlene Gregory**.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Sherrie Talley, Charlie Golden (son of Courtney McCoy, home), Willie Powers, Deborah Roberts, Bobby C. McCoy, Tommy McClanahan, Billy McCoy, Floy Cochran, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Marlin Lawson, Deborah McClellan, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty

Friends & Family: Tanya Rochelle (home), Preston England, Mark Tune (home), Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Jett Owsley, Brent Burt (cancer), Janet Barber, Lois Gilbert (home-rehab), Glenda Coates, Anthony Stacks (hospice-home), Mildred Rochelle, Amalia Rose Shaw, Edna Copley, B.Y. Peery, Doug True, Davy Baker, Lottie (Terrell) Williams, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, Beverly Smith, Paul Harvill, Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Ronnie Carroll, Judy Baggett, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, Willie Lawler, James Coates, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

Life Care: Carolyn Phillips, Joe Qualls, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Sue Davidson, Wilma Green

The Bridge, Columbia: Hattie Mayberry

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

COMMUNITY-WIDE, WIDOWS & WIDOWERS LUNCHEON



SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025 (at) NOON
GUEST SPEAKER: TERESA PURCELL

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RSVP BY MAY 7TH
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