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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

Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye, then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.

Matthew 7:5

Dr. Evan O'Neill Kane was chief surgeon at Kane Summit Hospital. He performed over 4,000 surgeries during his distinguished career, but his greatest contribution to the world of medicine was pioneering the use of local anesthesia.

Dr. Kane was of the opinion that general anesthesia was an unnecessary risk for some patients. Those with heart conditions or allergic reactions were at increased risk during surgery. He believed that local anesthetic was a better option. However, no one had proven that local anesthetic would work.

Dr. Kane found a volunteer and on February 15, 1923, his patient was prepped for surgery and wheeled into the operating room. After local anesthesia was administered, Dr. Kane cut the patient open, clamped the blood vessels, removed the patient's appendix, then stitched up the wound.

Two days after the surgery, the patient was released from the hospital. It was easy for Dr. Kane to monitor the patient's recovery... because the patient was Dr. Kane himself!

Yes, he believed so deeply that local anesthesia would work that he did surgery on himself.

There are *opinions* and there are *convictions*. Belief in the efficacy of local anesthetic was, for Dr. Kane, a conviction. He believed it enough to act on it... to practice it on himself.

In a world of opinions, Christians are to have convictions. What I believe is to be put into practice first and foremost by myself. None of this "Rules are for thee but not for me" nonsense.

If it's going to be, it's up to me!

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

1 Peter 1:8-9 “Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

We, as people, tend to rely heavily on our own eyesight. “Seeing is believing” is a common phrase that you may have heard before. However, things are a little bit different when it comes to Christianity, and it’s one of the most difficult aspects of our faith. It’s true that we cannot see Jesus with our own eyes, at least not yet. Even though we can’t physically see Jesus, Peter reminds us that we can still truly love Him and that love produces something real: joy. Not just surface-level happiness, but a deep, steady joy that carries us through everything life throws our way. It’s the kind of joy that doesn’t depend on circumstances, because it’s rooted in trust.

That’s what faith is doing in us. We believe in Him, we trust His promises, and over time that trust shapes our hearts. It gives us confidence that God is at work, even when we don’t fully understand what He’s doing.

And Peter points us to the outcome of that kind of faith: the salvation of our souls. In other words, this journey we’re on isn’t random or pointless or something that should be despaired. No! Actually, it’s leading somewhere good and secure. So, even in the uncertainty, even in the waiting, we have every reason to keep loving, keep trusting, and keep rejoicing. Our faith is the evidence of things unseen!

To God be the glory,
Josh

Memorial

Linda Chandler gave a contribution in memory of Clay & Jennifer Chandler.

Mothers Never Really Die

When we lose our mother, she doesn’t die,
Though we did say goodbye,
Even with the heartbreak of parting,
Mother didn’t really die.

We all love to hear the old songs,
For the memories they bring.
Mother’s singing was from a heart of love,
Those lessons still strongly ring.

Mother would stop to help a neighbor,
A heart of gold she had,
A caring soul to serve one another,
Never seeking praise for taking a stand.

Mother went to worship when weary,
Seeking God to guide her way,
With prayer and hard work,
She always found Christian life cheery.

No, we never lose our mother,
Though we said our goodbyes,
Mother’s thoughts and deeds still live,
Because.....“Mothers Never Really Die.”
-Author unknown





May

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: Buddy Chandler
Scripture Reading: Robert Graf
Scripture: Proverbs 1:8-9

Preside Lord's Supper: Gerry Hinson

Left: Josh Copley **Right:** Jerrie W Barber
 Quincy Cochran Dalton Barber
 Ethan Willis Wyatt H Barber
 James Jett Jeffrey Peebles

Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Steve Atkinson
Van Driver: Jack Green (931-994-8317)

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks
Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson
Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-3
Song Leader: Gary Basford
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Lord's Supper: Phillip Coates, Lafayette Spears
Closing Prayer: Randal Halbrooks
Van Driver: Jack Green (931-994-8317)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright
Song Leader: Mike Kelley
Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
Van Driver: Chris Love (931-994-7855)

2026 Seniors



*Congratulations to:
Sara Beth McClanahan -
Austin Peay State University*

*Carol Leigh Ann Warren -
University of Miami*

*Jon Michael Brown Lewis -
Columbia State Community College*

*Claire Willis -
Mississippi State*

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 3, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	219
CONTRIBUTION	\$6,887
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: fcofamily
Website: fairfieldcofc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Craft night will be held Monday May 11th at 6 pm in room 104. They plan to make items for the Ladies Tea.

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 about the supply drive, please see Joyce Bruno or Jan Campbell. There are sign up lists in both foyers if you will be attending the tea. There is also a sign-up list in the foyer between the educational wing and auditorium if you would be willing to help with food for the tea. Belinda Anderson will be the speaker.

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 are now in both foyers. Deadline to sign up is May 17th.

For several years, some of our young people have been taking care of the church sign. They are no longer able to do this. If you are interested in helping with keeping the sign updated, please see one of the elders.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** will meet this coming Tuesday, May 12th 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: Brenda Fly (hip replacement surgery Wednesday, hopes to be home Thursday), Barbara Kelley, Jeff Rose, Yvonna Caillouet, Mary Morphis, Woody Woodruff (home after procedure Monday), Amber McDonald, Dana McCaleb, Preston Rochelle, Dot Davidson, Gerry Loveless, Shelby Bates, Brandy Sullivan (hopes to go home Thursday), 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-Horizon hospital), 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-Vanderbilt Children's hospital), 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 McClellan, 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.



LISTEN, MY SON, TO
YOUR FATHER'S
INSTRUCTION
AND DO NOT FORSAKE
YOUR MOTHER'S
TEACHING.
THEY WILL BE A
GARLAND TO GRACE
YOUR HEAD
AND A CHAIN TO
ADORN YOUR NECK.

PROVERBS 1:8-9



Women Are Safe
(soon becoming We Are Safe)



Spring 2026 Wishlist

Any/All Household Cleaning Products
Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Fabric Softener, & r

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