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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

I have confidence in you, in the Lord.

Galatians 5:10

The German writer, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, wrote, "Correction does much, but encouragement does more."

My response? Why not both? Correction *and* encouragement do the most!

When Paul wrote to the Galatians, he began by correcting, even criticizing, his readers for drifting from important principles of the gospel. But Paul went on to also encourage them and express his love and confidence toward them.

Constant correction eventually tears down and demoralizes our hearts. When we are the object of nagging, harping, and criticism, things only get worse. We change course in our lives more quickly when surrounded by people who are both honest and uplifting.

Notice that Paul doesn't just say, "I have confidence in you." He adds an intriguing qualification: "I have confidence in you, *in the Lord*." He means, "I have confidence in the Lord, that He can work in you what is pleasing to Him."

Let's not be on people's backs all the time. Don't harp and criticize too much. We are called to be the salt of the earth, but the world needs a little sugar too! Let's add some.

Let me lead the way. To everyone reading these words, let me say, "I have confidence in you, in the Lord."

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

This Sunday we celebrate the incredible gift of mothers—biological moms, adoptive moms, spiritual moms, and every woman who loves, leads, and lifts others up. You show us what God's love looks like in action—through your care, your prayers, your encouragement, and your strength. We know this day brings a mix of emotions for many—joy, gratitude, and sometimes grief for those mothers that have passed on to join our Heavenly Father. To all the moms: thank you. You're a blessing, and we're so grateful for you.

A passage that is used frequently for this holiday and, rightfully so, is Proverbs 31:28. It reads, "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband, also and he praises her..." As the son of an amazing mom, this holiday is certainly an easy one to celebrate. Truthfully, at Fairfield, we are so blessed to be surrounded by so many Godly and faithful mothers. Sometimes, they don't get the credit they truly deserve so let's shower them in love as a church family!

To God be the glory,

Josh



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FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 4, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	200
CONTRIBUTION:	\$6,100
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5,417

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: Jerrie W Barber

Left: Josh Copley

Right: Carter Bates

Quincy Cochran

John Irvin

Ethan Willis

Mathew Wright

James Jett

Edwin Wright

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Woody Woodruff

Van Driver: Angie Green (931-219-7979)

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson

Scripture: Romans 8:1-4

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey

Lord's Supper: Phillip Coates

Lafayette Spears

Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno

Van Driver: Angie Green (931-219-7979)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy

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

BAD BARGAINS IN THE BIBLE

Esau sold his birthright for bread and stew. (Genesis 25:29-34) Some today have sold their birthright for a bowl of the Devil's stew.

Jacob's brothers sold him into slavery for 20 pieces of silver. (Genesis 37:27-38) Some today have sold themselves to Satan for less.

Israel's bargain which allowed the inhabitants of Canaan to live became a stumbling block to them. (Judges 1:27-28) Today, worldliness is a constant threat to God's people.

King Saul made a bargain with the witch at Endor, (1 Samuel 28:7-21) and by not obeying God, lost his kingdom. Today, some have not put away their secret sins.

Judas bargained with the chief priests to betray Jesus. (Matthew 26:1-16) Today, some allow the love for money to replace obedience to God.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." (1 Peter 5:8)



MOTHER'S DAY IS REMEMBRANCE DAY

We pause on the path of the year
 To pay honor and worshipful tribute
 To the Mother our heart holds dear...
 For, whether here or in heaven,
 Her love is our haven and guide,
 For always the memory of Mother
 Is a beacon light shining inside...
 Time cannot destroy her memory
 And years can never erase
 The tenderness and the beauty
 Of the love in a Mother's face...
 And, when we think of our Mother,
 We draw nearer to God above,
 For only God in His Greatness
 Could fashion a MOTHER'S LOVE.

Helen Steiner Rice



A Korean doctor moved to the U.S., but couldn't land a job at a hospital. So, he decided to open his own little clinic and hung a sign outside that read:

"Get treatment for \$20 — If not cured, get \$100 back!"

One day, an American lawyer saw the sign and thought, "Easy money!" So, he walked in.

Lawyer: "Doc, I've lost my sense of taste."

Doctor: "Nurse, bring medicine from box No. 22. Put three drops in the patient's mouth."

Lawyer: "Ugh! That's kerosene!"

Doctor: "Congrats, your taste is back! That'll be \$20."

Annoyed but not giving up, the lawyer returned a few days later.

Lawyer: "I've lost my memory. I can't remember a thing."

Doctor: "Nurse, bring medicine from box No. 22 and put three drops in his mouth."

Lawyer: "Hey — that's kerosene! You gave me this last time!"

Doctor: "Congrats, your memory's back! That'll be \$20."

Now fuming, the lawyer came back one last time, determined to win the \$100.

Lawyer: "Doc, my eyesight is so bad — I can't see a thing!"

Doctor: "I'm sorry, I don't have any medicine for that. Here's your \$100."

The doctor handed him a \$20 bill.

Lawyer (squinting): "Hey, wait! This is only \$20, not \$100!"

Doctor: "Congrats, your eyesight's restored! That'll be \$20."



Where did Mother's Day come from? While naysayers have tried to identify this holiday with past pagan rituals, the truth is Mother's Day began as a day to honor good Christian moms. Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) is credited with bringing in the celebration of Mother's Day with the first observance at a church service held on May 10, 1908. The idea itself did not take long to be spread to churches all over.

Our mothers are worthy of honor! God has given us instruction on how we are to treat our parents. We find this command in Exodus 20:12: "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." The word "honor" means to show respect, to reverence, even to hold in awe. What this means to us is that, no matter what our age (since this is a timeless command), we are to hold our mothers in high esteem. The truth is, we honor God by honoring our mothers.

To all the mothers present today and all who have passed from this life, we say a word of appreciation. Thank you for bringing up your children with good values. Especially thank you for doing your best to bring them up in the Lord!

Larry Fitzgerald
 Abilene, TX



MAY

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

Upcoming Events:

There will be a mission meeting Wednesday, May 14th at 6:00 pm in room 104.

There are sign up lists in both foyers for the **Ladies Tea** that will be held May 18th in the fellowship hall beginning at 2:00. There are two lists, one if you would like to bring food and a list for if you are attending. The theme for the day is "Fill My Cup," and Katie Bell will be the speaker. This is for ladies of ALL ages. Please bring items for Women are Safe or non-perishable food items for the blessing boxes around the county.

The next **Golden Agers** outing will be Saturday, May 24th at 8:00 am at Homestead Restaurant.

The Men to serve & van driver sheets for May are ready to be picked up in both foyers.

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** will meet Tuesday, April 13th at 6:00 pm in room 104.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Clay Chandler**, husband of **Linda** and brother-in-law of **Diane Coates** of our church family who passed away last Thursday, May 1st. He was a long-time member and deacon here at Fairfield. His funeral was Monday at McDonald Funeral Home.

Sympathy to the family of **James Buffington**, brother-in-law of **Gary Bailey**, who passed away in Pennsylvania last Wednesday.

Sympathy to the family of **Preston England**, father of **Marty** and grandfather of **Miranda** who passed away Wednesday morning. His funeral was Saturday.

Sympathy to the family of **Anthony Stacks**, the father of **Jeff Stacks**, who passed away Thursday. Funeral was Saturday in Senatobia, MS.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Sherrie Talley, Charlie Golden (son of Courtney McCoy), 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-there is a meal train started for her. Sheila Brady has the link if you are interested in helping.), Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Jett Owsley, Brent Burt (cancer), Janet Barber, Lois Gilbert (home-rehab), Glenda Coates, 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.



Congratulations to **Carlin Cochran** on graduating last Saturday from UT- Martin.

Response

Jennifer Beasley came forward Sunday morning requesting prayers.

Jerry McFarlin came forward Wednesday requesting prayer.