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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

But I have been the LORD your God ever since you came out of Egypt. You shall acknowledge no God but me, no Savior except me.

Hosea 13:4

I'm currently reading a great book about the Minor Prophets written by Bruce Green, one of the ministers of the 10th Street Church of Christ in Opelika, Alabama. Following are his comments related to Hosea 13:4...

"With all the hype involved in political campaigns (especially those at the national level), it isn't always easy to remember that we're electing politicians rather than saviors. The candidates are everywhere—in televised debates, on late night talk shows, at town hall meetings, in all of the news reports, and in every other commercial. Billions are spent keeping their names before us. They promise security through national defense, strong trade policies, and diplomacy. They assure us prosperity through higher wages, lower taxes, and better health care. It's easy to see them as the answer to all our problems, but it's a big mistake."

"If you've been around awhile, you know that's not the way it works out. The campaign ends, someone gets into office, and the person elected is unable to deliver on most of the promises he made. Shame on him for making promises he couldn't keep, but shame on us for often putting the kind of faith in him that should be reserved for God."

"Israel and Judah weren't any different. Hosea repeatedly tells us how they failed to put their trust in Yahweh and acknowledge Him as the source of their life and blessing. Instead, when the going got tough, they looked to other nations (and their gods) to deliver them."

Trusting other nations and other gods did not work out well for Israel. It won't work well for us either.

Do we *hope* our government performs well? Of course we do! But we *know* our God will perform well. And we put our trust in Him!

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

Proverbs 10:9 reads, "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out." We live in a world of deceit, lies, betrayal, and insincerity. Trustworthiness is more than just a moral trait; it is a reflection of Christ in our daily lives. When we are dependable, honest, and consistent in our words and actions, we show others the steadfast nature of God. In a world that often rewards shortcuts and compromise, living with integrity stands out as a testimony of our faith.

Being trustworthy means others can count on us—not just in big moments, but in the small, unseen ones too. Whether it's keeping a promise, being honest when it's hard, or simply showing up when needed, these acts speak volumes.

As followers of Christ, let's strive to be people who keep our word, act with integrity, and live in a way that honors the trust others place in us. In doing so, we point others to the One who is always faithful.

To God be the glory,
Josh

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF June 15, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	261
CONTRIBUTION:	\$6,419
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5,417



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BEAUTIFUL



A grandmother and a little girl whose face was sprinkled with bright red freckles spent the day at the zoo. The children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted by a local artist who was decorating them with tiger paws. "You've got so many freckles, there's no place to paint," a boy in line cried.

Embarrassed, the little girl dropped her head. Her grandmother knelt down next to her. "I love your freckles," she said. "Not me," the girl replied. "Well, when I was a little girl, I always wanted freckles," she said tracing her finger across the child's cheek. "Freckles are beautiful!" The little girl looked up, "Really?" "Of course," said the grandmother. "Why, just name me one thing that's prettier than freckles."

The little girl peered into the old woman's smiling face. "Wrinkles," she answered softly.

What a beautiful story of love! How wonderful it is when those who are filled with the wisdom that comes with age can still see the beauty in those who are younger and have much to learn. And how wonderful when those just learning to spread their wings can see the beauty in those who have flown so long, they are weary from flying.

"The glory of young men is their strength, And the splendor of old men is their gray head" (Proverbs 20:29).

With a heart of love, may we see the beauty of God's children both young and old.

Selected

Dad Jokes

What kind of shoes do frogs wear? Open-toad sandals.

I just built an ATM that only gives out coins. I don't know why no one's thought of it before: it just makes cents!

Why do crabs never volunteer? Because they're shell-fish.

I had a quiet game of tennis today. There was no racket.

What's a shark's favorite saying? "Man overboard!"

Why did the electric car feel discriminated against? Because the rules weren't current.

I'm such a good navigator, a self-driving car once asked me for directions.

Why do melons have weddings? They cantelope.

What did the buffalo say to his son when he left the ranch? Bison.

Watch what you say around the egg whites. They can't take a yolk.

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One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her small boy into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?"

The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't, dear," she said. "I have to sleep with Daddy."

A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."

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A four-year-old boy was eating an apple in the back seat of the car, when he asked, "Daddy, why is my apple turning brown?"

"Because," his dad explained, "after you ate the skin off, the meat of the apple came into contact with the air, which caused it to oxidize, thus changing the molecular structure and turning it into a different color."

There was a long silence. Then the son asked softly, "Daddy, are you talking to me?"

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After tucking their three-year-old child Sammy in for bed one night, his parents heard sobbing coming from his room.

Rushing back in, they found him crying hysterically. He managed to tell them that he had swallowed a penny and he was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking was helping.

His father, in an attempt to calm him down, palmed a penny from his pocket and pretended to pull it from Sammy's ear. Sammy was delighted.

In a flash, he snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed, and then cheerfully demanded, "Do it again, Dad!"

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno

Scripture: Psalm 96:1-3

Preside Lord's Supper: Mike Breece

Left: Phillip Coates

Right: Don Beard

Gary Bailey

Gerry Hinson

Steve Atkinson

Chris Wright

Norman George

Tony McCoy

Announcements: Gary Basford

Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett

Van Driver: Gary Basford (931-628-80355)

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson

Scripture: Romans 15:1-3

Song Leader: Steve Atkinson

Opening Prayer: Mathew Wright

Lord's Supper: Phillip Coates

Boyce Cannon

Closing Prayer: Roy McCoy

Van Driver: Gary Basford (931-628-80355)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Randal Halbrooks

Opening Prayer: Rodney Rochelle

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

GOSPEL MEETING

Twomey church of Christ

Homecoming & Fellowship Meal

Sunday, June 29th

Special Guest Speaker: Joe Bates

10:00am Worship

11:30am Fellowship Meal

Singing Service to follow Fellowship meal

40th Anniversary of the church



Make plans now for our 5th Sunday June 29th as Mark McFarlin will be our speaker for the day. Worship at 9 am, Bible study to follow and a potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Afternoon service will be about 12:30pm.

Upcoming Events:

The jail ministry had one baptism last Saturday, **Andy Brumit** was baptized into Christ.

The **Fairfield Relay for Life** team is taking orders for t-shirts. Samples are in the library if you are interested. See Cindy or Sheila to order. Deadline to order will be June 22nd.

There will be a mission meeting next Wednesday evening, June 25th at 6:00 pm in room 104. We will have a special guest to speak with us.

The **Golden Agers** will be going to **Junk Yard Dog** Thursday, June 26th. They will leave the building at 5:30 pm. Signup sheets are in both foyers.

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

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

The Tuesday evening **Ladies' Bible Class** led by **Jan Campbell & Joyce Bruno** has begun a summer study on "**Slowing Down and Getting to Know God Better.**" This group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month in room 104 at 6:00 pm. The next class will be next Tuesday, June 24th.



Words cannot express our gratitude for the visits, cards and phone calls we have received. For the delicious meal that was prepared, we cannot thank you enough. Also, for the beautiful lantern. God bless you all.

Love,

Phil & Diane Coates

Memorial

A contribution was given in memory of **James Coates** by **Phil & Diane Coates**.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Deborah Peery (surgery Friday-torn meniscus left knee), Faye Rochelle (broken hip-surgery was Tuesday), Barbara Kelley, Woody Woodruff (home), Gerry Loveless (home), Jewell Prince, Glenda Newsom (home), Gary Wright, Brenda Carroll, Willie Powers, Sherrie Talley, 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, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty

Friends & Family: Melinda Sullivan (aunt of Brandy Sullivan-surgery Monday), Donna Martin, Lorrie O'Guinn (hospice), Drew Elliott (cousin of Erik Hassell), Lois Gilbert (hospice), Tanya Rochelle, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Jett Owsley, Brent Burt, Janet Barber, 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, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, Willie Lawler, 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: Willie B Coates, Debra Clark (mother of Sharon Clark Burns), Carolyn Phillips, 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.



Plans are underway for "HAPPY TALES BIBLE RANCH" VBS which will begin on Sunday night July 13 during evening worship. Sign up lists are in both foyers for volunteers for Trailblazers (teachers) and Wranglers (assistants) and also a t-shirt list. Deadline to order shirts is JUNE 29th. Flyers and postcards are available to use to invite others. The other nights will be July 20th and 27th, and the final night will be August 3rd.