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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

See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Hebrews 12:15

If you are holding on to resentment, someone else is controlling you.

Have you ever found yourself saying, "He makes me so mad"? How about "She drives me crazy"? If so, you are admitting that the other person is controlling you. The difficult person is living, rent-free, in your head. They are determining how you feel. Do you like that? Do you want to continue living like that?

If not, there is a solution. Is it easy? No. It is possible. Absolutely.

The solution is to heal the hurt with God's grace.

Do you know a family in which a bitter parent poisoned everyone? Bitterness is contagious and can become generational. Someone needs to break the chain. If bitterness is hurting your family, the someone who breaks the chain can be you.

If you don't embrace grace as a lifestyle, life will make you bitter. Why? Because there is sin in the world. We live on a broken planet. This is not heaven. Evil people get away with evil things all the time. Life is not fair.

You don't forgive a person because it's the fair thing to do. You forgive because it's the *right* thing to do... the healthy thing to do... the holy thing to do.

As Jesus was dying on the cross, He said, "*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing*" (Luke 23:34). In effect, He was saying, "They don't deserve it. They aren't even asking for it. But, Father, please forgive them anyway."

Follow Jesus' example. Offer forgiveness today. Heal your bitterness with His grace.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

Vacation Bible School at Fairfield has come to a close. It's always a somber feeling because you become so accustomed to the antics, dancing, decorations, and the joyous shouting of children that everything seems so empty when it's over. Thankfully, it doesn't have to be that way. As Christians, it's so important that we take events like VBS, bottle up that emotion and spirituality, and take it with us wherever we go. VBS is proof that Christianity can absolutely be fun while maintaining a proper reverence for our Lord! Our strength has been renewed and we can always reflect back upon these events as motivation for the future. We can maintain the community and bonds that have been built up, and allow those to encourage us even when life feels...bland. Isaiah 40:31 says, "but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

To God be the glory,

Josh



August 16 – 3rd - 5th Grade Devo during evening service, Sunday night at the Field House
Post Game after service for High School 6th - 12th Grade

August 26 – Tailgate for 6th - 12th Grade at 5:30 at the Field House

"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life."

1 John 5:13

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Zach Bentley

Scripture Reading: Robert Graf

Scripture: Psalm 95:5-6

Preside Lord's Supper: Vance Willis

Left: Rick Bruno

Right: Wayne Prince

Mike Worley

James Swaw

Rusty Bates

Jeff Stacks

Phillip Coates

Chris Love

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Steve Atkinson

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

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Scripture Reading: Zach Bentley

Scripture: John 13:16-17

Song Leader: Jeff Stacks

Opening Prayer: Randal Halbrooks

Lord's Supper: Phillip Coates, Boyce Cannon

Closing Prayer: Gary Basford

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Zach Bentley

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF August 2, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	226
CONTRIBUTION	\$5,892
Back to School Bash	146
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

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Website: fairfieldcofc.org

VBS PICTURES WEEK 4
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



UPCOMING EVENTS

The blessing box at the highway has been taken down in preparation for the installation of the new sign. It needs some repair work but will be relocated when repaired.

Mission Meeting will be Wednesday night, August 12th at 6 pm in Room 104.

Ladies Bible Study will be Tuesday, August 11th at 6 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.

It is time to start filling up the MAGI boxes. Boxes are in both foyers and should be returned to the building by August 30th. Sheets with information on what items to purchase will be in both foyers. There is a box of items in the library that can be used for the boxes.

Making the Most of Summer

The long days of summer remind us that every day is a gift from God. Each sunrise brings new opportunities to serve Him, encourage others, and share His love. Time passes quickly, so use it wisely. Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work" (John 9:4). Make every summer day count for the Lord.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A woman told her friend, "Our congregation has the friendliest people anywhere." Her friend asked, "How do you know?" She replied, "Because when I fell asleep during the sermon, four different people came over afterward to check on me."

One Sunday the minister preached a long sermon about patience. After the worship service, a little boy shook his hand and said, "Preacher, when I grow up, I want to be just like you." The minister smiled proudly and asked, "Because you want to preach?" The boy said, "No sir — because nobody can make you go to bed when you talk too long."

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Liz Spears, Jackson Bates (home-knee surgery was Tuesday), Barbara Meador (had cataract surgery last Wednesday and this Wednesday), Tommie Newsom (hip surgery August 14th), Ronny Pitman, Lloyd Rochelle, Joyce Boyd, Allie Jean Peebles (successful eye surgery last Monday), Janice King (home), Virginia Bailey, Jennifer McCoy, Steve Baker (surgery soon), Sharon Rochelle, Brenda Fly, Jeff Rose, Yvonna Caillouet, Woody Woodruff (biopsy August 12th), Dana McCaleb, Brandy Sullivan (surgery August 11th), Adam Lawson, Marlin Lawson, Barbara Lawson (home-had surgery last Thursday), Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jackson Bates

Friends & Family: Jean Qualls, Susan Dotson (heart procedure last Friday), Leah Owens (diagnosed with cancer), Philip Edwards, Hilda Atkinson (home), Lisa Bozeman (chemo therapy soon), Linda Thomasson, Tammy Boone, Frances McMeen, Mike Avery, Hayes Harrington, Brenda Horner, Doug Gardner (cancer), Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Randy Pitman, Dottie McClearn, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Mildred Rochelle, Edna Copley, Doug True, Linda Canady, Paul Harvill, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Willie Lawler, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Ila Faye Jenkins, Bryan Williams, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

Yvonna Caillouet's grandson, Walker Wright and his wife, Briley are expecting a baby in November. They have been told it is a high-risk pregnancy. The family would appreciate prayers.

Life Care: Faye Rochelle, Willie B Coates, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler



Sympathy to the family of **Barbara Carpenter**, aunt of **Lisa Barber & Carol Talley**. She passed away last Thursday in North Carolina. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.