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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

*Don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries.
Today's trouble is enough for today.*

Matthew 6:34

One good thing about the future is that it doesn't hit you all at once. If you had your entire life thrown at you at one time, you would be overwhelmed. So, God gives it to you in bite-sized, twenty-four-hour segments.

Since God gives you only one day at a time, that's how He expects you to approach your life. You only have to live one day at a time. No matter what you are facing, you only have to do it for a day!

Don't borrow trouble. If there is something happening next week, don't mess up today worrying about it. Don't pull tomorrow's clouds over today's sunshine!

God gives you all the grace you need— but just enough for today. He doesn't stockpile power for your next week or month. He wants you to take life one day at a time.

In uncertain times, just take care of today. You can plan, pray, and trust God for the future. But put your energy into making today count.

One practical way to do that is to reduce your media intake. Focus instead on the things God loves and cares about... like your spiritual growth and caring for people in need. That's how you make the day count.

Plan for tomorrow, but live for today. God will give you the grace you need to be obedient in both.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

Matthew 10:39 says, *"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."*

Jesus makes a pretty bold claim in Matthew 10:39, and it probably catches most Christians off guard. Do we have to die to find ourselves or to have a strong faith? Not exactly. Jesus, instead, is urging us to put our desires to rest and live for Him each and every day. It's easy to spend our lives chasing what makes us comfortable, successful, or happy. We naturally want to hold onto our plans and do things our own way. But Jesus reminds us that following Him means being willing to let go. Sometimes that means giving up our own desires, putting others before ourselves, or trusting God when we don't understand what He is doing.

The good news is that when we surrender our lives to Christ, we don't really lose anything that matters. Instead, we find the life He intended for us! This is a life with purpose, peace, and a closer relationship with Him. Are we holding too tightly to our own plans, or are we willing to give them to Christ and trust Him? That is the question.

To God be the glory,
Josh

HOW ARE YOUR BUTTONS

A serviceman wrote about a bit of unintended comedy during a company inspection at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. This is where the U.S. Army's guided missile school is located. As the story goes, an inspection was being conducted by a full Colonel. Everything had gone smoothly, until the officer came to the man standing just next to the soldier who recalled the incident. The Colonel stopped, looked up and down, and snapped, *"Button that pocket, trooper!"* The soldier, more than a little rattled, stammered, *"Right now, sir?"* *"Of course, right now!"* was the reply. Whereupon the soldier very carefully reached out and buttoned the flap on the Colonel's shirt pocket.

Jesus told a parable, *"And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."* - Matthew 7:2-5.

Could it be that it is easier to see the unbuttoned pockets of others than it is to see our own? It seems as though some become "expert speck hunters". Does it sound reasonable - - even scriptural - - to begin our inspections with self first. That just might stop a lot of unjust judgment in our brotherhood. May God help us all with the wisdom to look into our own hearts before ever passing judgment on someone else.

- - Carroll Sites - -
Higden, Arkansas



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

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

Deep seated joy is NOT based on what you possess; but on WHO possesses you.

"Memorizing scripture is a sure defense against sin."

What is patience? The ability to survive the season of "not yet."

"Say you were standing with one foot in the oven and one foot in an ice bucket. According to the percentage people, you would be perfectly comfortable." — Bobby Bragan

More Announcements

Memorial

Tina Devore made a contribution to the quilt/craft group.



Gospel Meeting at
Five Points church of Christ - Bon Aqua, TN
August 16-19
Speaker: Kenley Bates
Sunday: 9:00 am Class
10:00 am Worship
Lunch Provided
1:00 pm Worship
Monday - Wednesday: 7:00 pm



Sunday, August 30th, our speaker for the day will be **Craig Shelton** from the Centerville congregation. We will have a potluck after class and a 12:30 pm afternoon service and no evening service. Make your plans now to attend.

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Wallace Smith

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40

Preside Lord's Supper: Kenneth Jett

Left: Zack Harvill

Right: Mathew Wright

Carter Bates

Edwin Wright

Josh Copley

Ethan Willis

Tony McCoy

James Jett

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno

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

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Mathew Wright

Scripture: Acts 13:22-23

Song Leader: Steve Atkinson

Opening Prayer: Ken Copley

Lord's Supper: Gary Wright, Jeff Rose

Closing Prayer: Gerry Hinson

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Mike Worley

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF August 9, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	225
CONTRIBUTION	\$4,873
2026 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5,417

*If He should come today
And find my hands so full
Of future plans, however fair,
In which my Saviour had no share
What would He say?*

*If He should come today
And find that I had not told
One soul about my heavenly Friend
Whose blessings all my way attend,
What would He say?*

*If He should come today,
Would I be glad, quite glad?
Remembering He died for all,
And none thru me had heard His call,
What would He say?*

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: fcocfamily

Website: fairfieldcofc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

The jail ministry had one baptism last Saturday. **Tommy Sullivan** was baptized into Christ.

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

There will be a meeting for those helping with the Ladies Day Sunday night, August 23rd at 5:00 pm in room 104.

Relay for Life will be celebrating all cancer survivors with a dinner Saturday, August 22nd at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Sheila Brady by August 16th.

The Golden Agers will be going to the Beacon Light Thursday, August 27th. Sign-up lists are in both foyers.

Just a reminder to be filling up the MAGI boxes. Boxes and sheets with suggestions for the children are in both foyers and should be returned to the building by August 30th.

The new sign was installed last week. We will be working on learning how to program it in the next few days.

The date for the Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 17th. We will have our first planning meeting Sunday, August 23rd after Bible class in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and share their ideas for this opportunity to minister to the people of our community.

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.

The **Ladies Bible Study** is every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in Room 104 at 6:00 pm.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Gerry Loveless, Barbara Meador, Tommie Newsom (back surgery August 14th), Jackson Bates, Ronny Pitman, Lloyd Rochelle, Joyce Boyd, Allie Jean Peebles, Janice King, Virginia Bailey, Jennifer McCoy, Steve Baker (surgery soon), Sharon Rochelle, Brenda Fly, Jeff Rose, Yvonna Caillouet, Woody Woodruff (home-results in 1 to 2 weeks), Dana McCaleb, Brandy Sullivan (surgery went well & should be home by the weekend), Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

Friends & Family: Jeff Clark (Vanderbilt), Jean Qualls, Kathy Baxter (heart surgery August 13th), Elizabeth Click (Terri Barber's mother), Susan Dotson, Leah Owens (diagnosed with cancer), Philip Edwards, Hilda Atkinson, 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 McClellan, 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



We can't thank you enough for the ministry that hosted our family for a meal after the funeral service of our mom, **Ruth Ann Carathers**. Fairfield has been an important part of her life and the life of her parents. We are so grateful for the prayers and support during her illness and passing. We appreciate every visit and story from her life there - especially about the caramel pies! Please share the recipes with anyone that would like to have it.

With much gratitude,

Tina DeVore, Christopher Martin, Tracey Outman & families