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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

Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!"

Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

Forgiveness is rarely a one-time event. How often do you have to keep forfeiting your right to get even? The answer is simple but not easy. Keep releasing your right to get even until you stop feeling the hurt. When you stop feeling the hurt, you'll know that you have forgiven.

Peter thought he was going the extra mile in the above passage. According to the Jews, you had to forgive a person three times. After you had forgiven a person the third time, that was it. That was as far down the forgiveness road that you had to travel.

Peter was thinking, "People say three times. How about I double it... and then add one for good measure? God is going to be *really* impressed with that!"

Jesus says, "Wrong! You aren't even close. How about seventy times seven!" He's saying you just keep on forgiving. Keep it up until your pain stops.

When you remember the hurt, make an intentional choice to say, "Heavenly Father, that person really hurt me. It still hurts. But, because I want to be filled with love and not resentment, I am choosing to give up my right to get even. I am choosing to bless those who hurt me. Father, please bless their life— not because they deserve it. They don't. But I don't deserve your blessing either. I pray you will show grace to them like you've shown to me."

You may say, "I don't feel like forgiving." Who does? The answer is *nobody*! You do it because it is the right thing to do... and you do it to get on with your life.

The process isn't easy but, with God's power, you can do it.

In Christian Love,





Just Joshin'

3 John 1:4 (ESV) says, *"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."*

Truthfully, I don't believe a better feeling exists than seeing hard work pay off. Especially, when it comes to the Christian faith and evangelism. There's something special about seeing someone you care about, not just know the truth, but actually live it out. John's joy came from hearing that those he had invested in were walking faithfully with the Lord. Their lives showed that their faith was more than just words.

That's a good challenge for us today. Are we walking in the truth in our everyday lives? In the way we treat people, handle difficult situations, use our time, and make decisions? Following Christ is lived out in the ordinary moments, not just on Sunday mornings.

It's also a reminder that our faithfulness affects other people. Parents, grandparents, friends, teachers, strangers, and church family can all be encouraged when they see someone choosing to follow Christ. Likewise, we have the opportunity to encourage others by living consistently and pointing them to Jesus.

To God be the glory,
Josh

FOR SOME IT IS A CHOICE; FOR OTHERS IT IS A DESIRE

Sunday is the Lord's Day.

The saints will assemble to worship the Almighty God (Acts 20:7). There will be singing, prayers, giving, the Lord's Supper, and a message from God's holy Word.

Some individuals will be there by choice. In other words, they will wake up and have to decide whether or not they will be in the worship assembly.

For others, it is not a choice. It is a desire. Their choice was made long ago when they yielded to the demands of the gospel and were saved by the blood of Jesus Christ. From that point onward, they desired to praise their Lord. It is not a question of "Will I go?" it is a matter of "Where do we assemble?"

Both responses are heart issues. One sees Christianity more as a duty. The other sees Christianity as a blessing.

One sees Christianity as effort. The other sees Christianity as a gift.

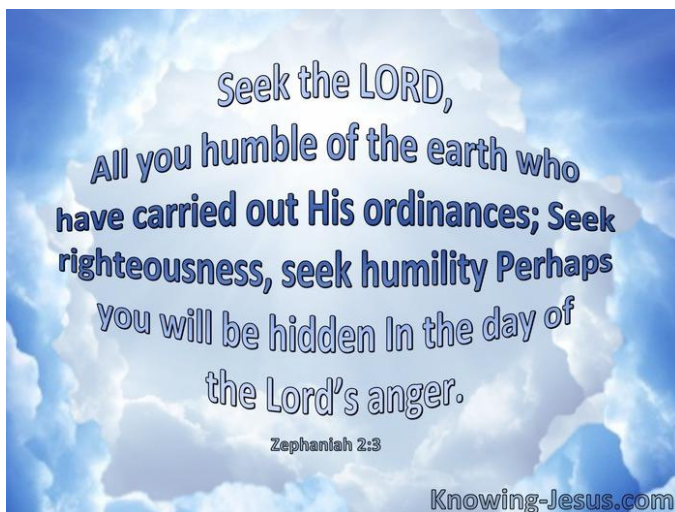
One sees Christianity as doing enough to please God. The other see Christianity as a relationship of love that knows the Father is well-pleased with his/her life.

One sees Christianity as "I hope I make it" in the last day. The other can't wait to be absorbed in the presence of God knowing he/she is a faithful servant.

How will you approach worship this morning? Will you have to get up and make a decision to attend? Or, can you not wait to praise, honor, and thank your God for all that He has done, continues to do, and will do in your life?

"One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple" (Psalm 27:4).

Submitted by Cindy Bailey



MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Chris Wright

Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates

Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-25

Preside Lord's Supper: Jerrie W Barber

Left: Adam Jude	Right: Don Beard
Wes Crowther	Trevor Demary
Lafayette Spears	Vance Willis
Curtis Edwards	Marty England

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Zack Harvill

Van Driver: Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:45-46

Song Leader: Damon McCoy

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Lord's Supper: Gary Basford, Gerry Hinson

Closing Prayer: Wayne Prince

Van Driver: Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Song Leader: Randal Halbrooks

Opening Prayer: Josh Copley

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF August 16, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	225
CONTRIBUTION	\$5,850
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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"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!' The Lord is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him."
Lamentations 3:22-25

Love the Lord
your God with
all your heart
soul, & strength.

DEUTERONOMY 6:5

UPCOMING EVENTS

The jail ministry had two baptisms last Saturday. **Larry Hargrove** and **Skylar Berryhill** (attended Fairfield many years ago) were baptized.

There will be a meeting this Sunday night, August 23rd at 5:00 pm in room 104 for those wanting to help plan the **Ladies' Day** in September.

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 **Golden Agers** will be going to the Beacon Light Thursday, August 27th. The bus will leave at 5:30 pm. 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 **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.



Sympathy to the family of **Betty Hudgins**, aunt of **Sheila, Kita, & Darin**. She passed away on Friday in Indiana.



August 26 – Tailgate for 6th - 12th Grade at 5:30 pm at the Field House, before Wednesday Bible Study

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Tommie Newsom (home), Jackson Bates, Lloyd Rochelle, Janice King, Virginia Bailey, Steve Baker (surgery soon), Sharon Rochelle, Brenda Fly, Jeff Rose, Yvonna Caillouet, Woody Woodruff (home-results soon), Dana McCaleb, Brandy Sullivan (home), Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

Friends & Family: Glenda Dorton (St. Thomas West ICU-critical condition), Walker Wright (Yvonna Caillouet's grandson & wife), Jeff Clark, Jean Qualls, Kathy Baxter (regular room), Elizabeth Click, 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

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



Sunday, August 30th, our speaker for the day will be **Craig Shelton** from the Centerville congregation. We will have a potluck after class, a 12:30 pm afternoon service and no 6:00 pm service. Make your plans now to attend.

"When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you."

Isaiah 43:2 NLT