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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

So, let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

Galatians 6:9

Sometimes, doing the right thing is tiring. It's often easier to do what's wrong than to do what's right. Have you noticed that?

It's easier to be undisciplined than disciplined. It's easier to lie than tell the truth. It's easier to be selfish than unselfish.

To do what's right, we need willpower— and that's why we get tired. Our supply of willpower is limited.

But God promises that if we keep doing what's right, even when we're tired, we will experience His blessing.

When you plant a seed, you don't instantly get a plant. There is always a delay. You plant and then you wait. There is the season for planting... then, later, the season of harvesting.

In a similar way, there may be a delay between doing the right thing and seeing the blessing. God is not a vending machine, where you put in a good deed and a blessing instantly falls in your lap.

For example, you don't decide to start putting God first on your finances and giving generously to kingdom causes and expect all your problems to instantly go away. That's not how God's promise works.

So, what do we do while we wait for the "just the right time" of God's blessing (Gal. 6:9)? We keep on doing what is right... tired or not.

One of the great tests of faith is how you handle delay— when you're doing the right thing and you don't see the immediate reward.

Determine not to let discouragement overwhelm you. You keep choosing to do the next right thing... and trusting God with the results.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

"For in much wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow."
— Ecclesiastes 1:18

"Ignorance is bliss." I'm sure we've heard the phrase a time or two and, perhaps, that's what comes to mind when you read this verse from Ecclesiastes. If this statement is to be believed that "ignorance is bliss," then that must imply that knowledge is a curse, right? Not necessarily. The more we learn, the more we sometimes realize how broken and complicated life can be. Knowledge can show us problems we didn't notice before, and that can bring frustration or sorrow, this much is true. This verse reminds us that human wisdom has limits, too. Knowing more doesn't always make life easier. However, with enough knowledge, we become smart enough to understand that we need God. We are smart enough to gaze upon creation and realize that its beauty exists because of Him and that its sin and sadness is cleansed by Him. Ultimately, we need to look beyond our own understanding and trust God. Our growing knowledge should lead us closer to Him, rather than leaving us discouraged or doubting.

To God be the glory,
Josh

Kill the Spider

A deacon called on frequently to pray at prayer meetings always concluded his prayer, "And, now, Lord, clean all the cobwebs out of our lives." You know what he was talking about, all the little unsightly words, thoughts, and deeds, that he had let accumulate all week. Finally, it got to be too much for one of the brethren who had heard him say that prayer often. So, on Wednesday night, just after hearing those words again, he jumped to his feet and shouted, "Don't do it, Lord. Kill the spider!"

The Importance of Integrity



The term integrity has been defined in various ways. Some would say it is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. Others would say it is doing the right thing all the time simply because it is the right thing—doing the right thing knowing no one will know whether you did it or not.

I want to suggest, based upon Scripture, a life of integrity is what should characterize each Christian.

A life of integrity makes us like Jesus. "...Jesus Christ...went about doing good..." (Acts 10:38).

A life of integrity protects our reputation. "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us" (Titus 2:7-8).

A life of integrity gives us confidence to face eternity. "Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain" (Phil. 2:14-16).

A life of integrity strengthens the message we share with others. "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation" (1 Peter 2:11-12).

Doing the right thing—doing what Jesus Christ would do—will have a huge impact on our own lives and on the lives of others. Are we known as people of integrity?

*Bart Warren
South Green Street church of Christ
Glasgow, KY*



SEPTEMBER

- 1 Joseph Green
- 5 Lily Knight
- 6 Minnie Powers
- 8 Jeff Rose
- 10 Hadley Graham
- 12 Joyce Boyd
- Angie Green
- Eli Powers
- Seth Williams
- 13 Preston Rochelle
- 15 Katie River Story
- 17 Anthony Diamante
- 18 Christopher Wright
- 19 Deborah Peery
- 20 Matthew Cozart
- Austin Crockett
- 21 Lanty Armstrong
- 22 Adaleigh Harris
- John Harris
- 23 Dallas Bailey
- Kaelynn McDonald
- Adrianna Stone
- 24 Nathan Carroll
- Skyler Irvin
- 25 Connor Peebles
- 26 Tom Gosser
- 27 Maggie Ann Choate
- Brenda Scott
- Carla Woodruff
- 28 Callie Jude
- Vance Willis



SEPTEMBER

- 2 Bill & Martha Butler
- Marty & Jody England
- Ron & Dawn Mayberry
- 5 Wayne & Jewell Prince
- 7 Jerrie Wayne & Terri Barber
- 10 Nathaniel & Hannah Armstrong
- Erik & Kelley Hassell
- 16 Norman & Christina George
- 20 Keith & Shelia Plunkett
- 22 Randy & Joni Prince
- 27 Mike & Fran Batts
- 28 Mark & Betsy Licciardello

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber

Scripture Reading: Norman George

Scripture: Luke 14:15-20

Preside Lord's Supper: Chris Wright

Left: Wallace Smith

Right: Keith Harvill

Dwight England

Zach Bentley

Morgan Patton

Ken Copley

Cole Patton

Tommy McClanahan

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Randal Halbrooks

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

SUNDAY AFTERNOON 12:30:

Scripture Reading: Wallace Smith

Scripture: Jonah 4:6-8

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Closing Prayer: Gary Bailey

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF August 23, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	191
CONTRIBUTION	\$4,041
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.



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. **Michael Staggs** was baptized.

Congratulations to **Hunter & Sara True Mayberry** who were married last Saturday.

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 today, August 30th.

There will be a baby shower for **Zach & Anslee Bentley** Sunday, September 6th at 2 pm in the fellowship hall. The baby is a boy and they are registered at Amazon.

Ladies Day will be Saturday, September 12th at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. The speaker for the day will be Leanne Smith. There are postcards available to pick up for you to invite your friends and family to share in our day. There are sign up lists in both foyers for food sign-up and a list in the front lobby for table decorations.

Mark your calendars for the Fall Festival which will be Saturday, October 17th. There will be more information coming later.

Thank you to **Keith Harvill, Linda Orton, Edwin Wright** and a man living on Cedar Street for repairing the blessing box and getting it back up. It is now on the side at Cedar Street so it will be safer for anyone putting in food and for the ones that are needing food.

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.



Today, our speaker for the day is **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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Tommie Newsom (home), Jackson Bates, Lloyd Rochelle, Janice King, Virginia Bailey, Steve Baker, 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: Ila Fay Jenkins (mother of Bettina Horner (St. Thomas West), Kathy Coleman (mother of Angie Stacks-now home after having a stroke), Lynda Walton, Jean Qualls, Walker Wright (Yvonna Caillouet's grandson & wife), Jeff Clark, Kathy Baxter (home), 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 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, Bryan Williams, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

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

Shirley Ryan Ability Lab Hospital: Glenda Dorton (spinal rehab), 355 E. Erie St. Chicago, IL 60611

