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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

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NLT)

Are you having trouble overcoming temptation? Maybe it's related to jealousy, worry, lust, gossip, anger. Whatever it is, you will have more success overcoming it if you have help from a trusted Christian friend.

God made us social. God Himself "socializes" with the Son and the Spirit. During creation, God said "Let *us* make man in *our* own image." Who is the "us" and "our?" It is the Son and the Spirit. The Father, Son, and Spirit have been in fellowship with each other for all of eternity past.

Since we are made in God's image, we need fellowship with other people. We are better together! We are better when we serve together, worship together, rejoice together, grieve together... and when we fight temptation together.

Who is helping you fight temptation? Who is checking up on you? Who is holding you accountable?

You don't have to tell *everyone* about your struggles with temptation, but you need to tell *someone* about them. That person can help you overcome your struggles.

How serious are you about changing? There may be bad (sinful) habits in your life that you will never be able to change on your own. Find and confide in a friend who can help. Oh... and *be* that friend to someone else.

Revealing your feelings is the first step in healing. Remember it! Practice it! Start today!

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV)

When we think about "giving," it goes beyond the verb or the action. It's the essence of every Christian heart. It's also very easy to focus on the gift itself. But in this verse, Paul reminds us that God is just as concerned with the attitude behind our giving as He is with the gift. He doesn't want us to give out of guilt, pressure, or feeling like we "have to." Instead, He invites us to give with willing, grateful, and joyful hearts.

Everything we have is ultimately a gift from God. We must remember this. When we give back to our churches or communities, we are simply reciprocating the gifts first given to us. These gifts can come in many different forms, too. It's not always an impressive amount of money! Sometimes it can be food or even tools. It can also be our time, one of our most valuable resources because it's the only one we can't get back. So, whatever you may be giving, do it with the heart of a Christian!

To God be the glory,
Josh

REMEMBERING 9-11

Many of us recall where we were that morning of September 11, 2001. Whether we were on our way to work, or getting the kids ready for school, whatever we were doing, it all came to a stop as we sat frozen in front of our televisions, watching the unbelievable happen in real time.

Twenty-five years later, we pause to remember.

It is important to remember special events, isn't it? As parents we would never forget our children's birthdays. We remember our wedding anniversary (right guys?).

God knew how important it was for His people to remember important events. The yearly observance of the Passover, and the weekly observance of the Sabbath, were commanded to keep God's presence in their lives "unforgettable." When Jesus asked us to partake of the bread and to drink the cup, He said to do it "in remembrance of me (Luke 22:19)." We remember weekly so that we can never forget His sacrifice on the cross.

As a nation it is important for us to remember important events: The Fourth of July, or December 7th... So, now we sadly add September 11th, 2001, a day of shock, fear, and great loss. Many parents lost a child, many wives lost a husband, husbands lost their wives, and some 3,000 children lost one or both parents. On that day;

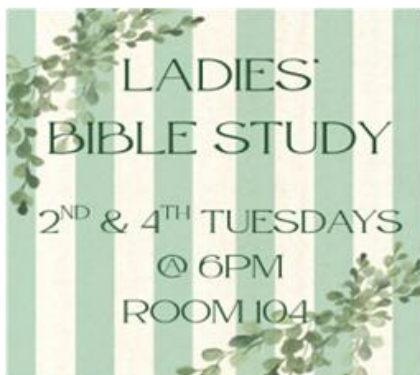
We lost 8 EMT's

We lost 60 police officers and 343 firemen who bravely ran into the burning inferno.

2,753 citizens died in the World Trade Center. Nor do not forget the soldiers who served and the many who gave their lives in Afghanistan.

We remember on this occasion: remember so that we do not forget the cost of freedom, and the battle of good and evil or, forget how blessed we are to live in the United States of America!

-Dennis Doughty





There are no words to describe the love that I have for each of you. During my recent surgery & hospital stay, I had so many texts, calls, cards, food and especially prayers offered up for me and my family. I am so very blessed to be a part of this loving congregation. We love you and appreciate every act of kindness.

God Bless,
Gary & Cindy Bailey

I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to my church family for your prayers, love and encouragement during my healing. The gift cards were such a thoughtful blessing and truly helped me during this time. I am so grateful for each of you and for every prayer lifted on my behalf. God has blessed me with a wonderful church family.

Brandy Sullivan



Things that used to hurt my back:

Jumping off garages
Crashing my bike
Falling out of trees
Diving into the shallow end
Contact sports

Things that hurt my back now:

Sneezing
Mopping the floor
Washing dishes
Brushing my teeth
Tying my shoes
Getting out of bed

I'm getting stronger with age. I can now lift
\$100 worth of groceries with one hand.

I have completed the first item on my
bucket list. I have the bucket.

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture Reading: Robert Graf

Scripture: Hebrews 4:11-13

Preside Lord's Supper: Josh Copley

Left: Phillip Coates **Right:** Mathew Wright

Dalton Thomasson

Edwin Wright

Steve Atkinson

Ronny Pitman

Chris Love

Tom Gosser

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Vance Willis

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

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson

Scripture: 1 Samuel 24:16-18

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Mike Worley

Lord's Supper: Gary Basford, Boyce Cannon

Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF September 6, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP 212

CONTRIBUTION \$5,572

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 deadline has been extended to bring your **MAGI boxes** no later than Sunday, September 13.

Financial reports for July are available in both foyers.

3rd – 5th grade devo will be Sunday, September 13th during evening worship.

Post Game devo for 6th – 12th grade will be after services September 13th until 8:30 pm.

Bible Camp for K – 5th grade will start next Sunday night, September 13th in Lift-off. This will be every Sunday night.

Craft night will be Monday, September 14th at 6 pm in room 104. We will be making fabric pumpkins.

The Golden Agers will be going to Colton's September 24th. Sign up lists are in both foyers.

The National Banana Pudding Festival will be October 3rd and 4th this year. We will be making pudding Friday, October 2nd. Please see Teresa Craft or Cindy Bailey if you are able to help. We will need volunteers at the Festival on Saturday and Sunday. You will need to register as a volunteer before that weekend. Teresa has more information about volunteers.

The youth group will be going to Celebration in Kentucky November 6 - 8th. This is for grades 6 - 12. **Sign up by October 4th** if you plan on attending. See Dalton for further information and if you have any questions.

Mark your calendars for the Fall Festival, which will be Saturday, October 17th. Sign up lists are in both foyers for t-shirt orders. Deadline to order is September 20th.

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.

*"If the devil can't make you bad,
he will make you busy." - Mike Kelley*

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Ronny Pitman, Charlie Lawson, Chris Kimbro, Cindy Bailey, Connor Peebles, Tommie Newsom, Jackson Bates, Lloyd Rochelle, Janice King, Virginia Bailey, Steve Baker, Sharon Rochelle, Brenda Fly, Jeff Rose, Yvonna Caillouet, Woody Woodruff, Dana McCaleb, Brandy Sullivan, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Brenda Carroll, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

Friends & Family: Zander Caroon (Children's hospital in Alabama-Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever), Andy & April Dillingham (parents of Dale), Kim Totty (sister of Ronny Pitman), Ila Fay Jenkins, Kathy Coleman, Lynda Walton, Walker Wright, Jeff Clark, Kathy Baxter, Elizabeth Click, Susan Dotson, Leah Owens (diagnosed with cancer), Philip Edwards, Hilda Atkinson, Lisa Bozeman, Linda Thomasson, Tammy Boone, Frances McMeen, Mike Avery, 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 Street Room 2133
Chicago, IL 60611



Sympathy to the family of **Sherry Talley** who passed away. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Sympathy to the family of **James Accie Green**, brother of **Jack Green** who passed away in Clarksville.