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Worship & Bible Study:

SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM
Bible Study 10:20 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Family Line:

931-729-9846



Mike's Minute

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

One day, Francis of Assisi said to his followers: "Let us go over to the nearby village and preach."

As they went, they met a man who was obviously upset and full of problems. Francis was in no hurry, so he stopped and took the time to listen to the man as he shared his feelings.

Upon reaching the village, Francis talked with the shopkeepers, spent time with the farmers at their vegetable and fruit stands, and played with the children in the streets.

On the way back to the monastery, he and his followers were met by a farmer with a load of hay. Francis stopped to talk to him. By the time he said good-bye, the day was gone and darkness was falling.

One of the followers seemed disappointed. He said, "Brother Francis, you said you were going to preach. The day is now spent and no sermon has been given."

Francis replied, "But we have been preaching all the way."

Want to let your light shine? Then, don't *preach* the sermon... *be* the sermon! Preach the good news at all times, and, if necessary, use words.

In Christian Love,





Just Joshin'

A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before the great." – Proverbs 18:16

Last week, our young adult class wrapped up a study on "spiritual gifts," which actually made for a much tougher discussion than you might assume. In this article, I wanted to briefly convey some similar thoughts using Proverbs. God has given each of us unique gifts, talents, and opportunities. Sometimes we think of "gifts" only as presents we give or receive, but in this verse, the gift is what God has placed inside of us. Your kindness, your ability to encourage, your willingness to serve, your skills—these are all gifts from the Lord.

When we faithfully use those gifts, God opens doors we could never open on our own. He places us in situations where our gifts can bless others and point people back to Him. It's not about self-promotion, but about being faithful with what God has entrusted to us.

So don't underestimate the gift God has given you. Use it with humility, with joy, and with the confidence that the Lord will use it to make an eternal impact.

To God be the glory,
Josh

How Much Does It Cost?

The cost of consecrated living for Christ can be high.

- Abraham had to yield up his son (Genesis 22:1-19).
- Daniel was cast in the lions' den (Daniel 6).
- Stephen was killed by stoning (Acts 7).
- Paul spent years in prison (Act 7).
- Jesus died on the cross (Hebrews 12:2).

How much does it cost me?

"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Luke 9:32).



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Blood Drive

Centerville Community Fairfield Church of Christ

Fellowship Hall
1860 Hwy.100
Centerville, TN 37033

**Monday, September 15, 2025
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**



You can schedule online at redcrossblood.org or at 1-800-RED-CROSS with code Centerville 19.

Join us for our
3rd Annual Fall Festival

Saturday, October 11, 2025
11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Food 11 am - 2 pm
Fun for all ages
Hay Ride
Door Prizes
Games
FREE

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The "Celebration" Youth Rally will be held **November 14th - 16th in Gilbertsville, KY** for Middle and High Schoolers. Cost is \$80.00. Sign up list is in the Field House. Deadline to sign up is **September 28th**. Please encourage your middle and high schoolers to join the Youth Group for this time of fellowship and fun!



Please mark your calendars for **Banana Pudding Festival**. We will be making puddings for the Relay Team starting about noon and the Youth Group starting about **4 pm on October 3rd**. We will need volunteers to help with both groups and also to work the Pudding Path on **Saturday and Sunday**. Please see Teresa Craft for more information.



The 3rd annual Fall Festival will be held **October 11th**. Sign up lists are in the foyer for volunteers to help the day of the festival, for food and drinks, t-shirt and door prize baskets

Please invite your neighbors, friends, and family. This is an event for fellowship, fun, and especially to meet and share the love of God with our community!

If you have any questions about how you can help, please contact Teresa Craft, Sarah Jude, or Cindy Bailey.

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Jerrie W Barber

Scripture Reading: Robert Graf

Scripture: Psalm 30:11-12

Preside Lord's Supper: Josh Copley

Left: Wayne Prince

Right: Roy McCoy

Tony McCoy

Randal Halbrooks

Ronny Pitman

Gary Basford

Erik Hassell

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: Proverbs 2:20-22

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Mike Worley

Lord's Supper: Phillip Coates

Boyce Cannon

Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rodney Rochelle

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey

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

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Your presence is an encouragement, and you are always welcome. Please fill out an attendance card, which you will find in the pew rack and drop it in the basket, or leave it on the seat and it will be picked up.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF September 7, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	222
CONTRIBUTION	\$5,387
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5,417

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thank you to everyone that worked so hard on our Ladies Day last Saturday. We had a wonderful day with 55 ladies present.

Relay for Life is selling luminaria bags that will be lit on Relay night September 20th. They are \$5.00 each and can be purchased from any Relay for Life team member. These can be purchased in memory or honor of anyone affected by cancer.

There will be a bridal shower for **Garrett & Cayton Cochran** on September 28th at 2 pm in the fellowship hall. Congratulations to this couple who were married recently. They are registered at Amazon.

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.



Sympathy to the family of **Troy Parks**. His funeral was Thursday.

Sympathy to the family of **Debra Clark Holt**, mother of **Sharon Burns**. Her funeral was Sunday.

Proof That God Governs

More than 200 years ago, Benjamin Franklin stood before the Constitutional Convention and said, "I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live the more convincing proof I see of this truth: that God governs the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall without His notice, is it possible that an empire can rise without His aid?"

Dumb Animals?

Birds build their nests and rear their young, and so far as is known no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbor; no fox ever fretted because he had only one den; no squirrel ever died of anxiety because he had not laid up enough nuts for two or three winters ahead; and no dog ever lost sleep because he did not have sufficient bones buried in the ground for his declining years. And we call them dumb?

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Willie Powers (home), Ronny Pitman, Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Jan Hopkins-Campbell (surgery Friday), Curtis Edwards, Barbara Kelley, Violet Shelby, Melinda Sullivan, Faye Rochelle (broken foot), Woody Woodruff (heart procedure Thursday), Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Terry Duncan, Dana McCaleb, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty

Friends & Family: Michael Harvill (brother of Keith-open heart surgery Thursday), Dottie McClearn, Drew Elliott, Rodney Tune, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Jett Owsley, Mildred Rochelle, Amalia Rose Shaw, Edna Copley, B.Y. Peery, Doug True, Davy Baker, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, Paul Harvill, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, Willie Lawler, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson (home), Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

Life Care: Jean Barber, Floy Cochran, Willie B Coates, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Sue Davidson, Wilma Green

The Bridge, Columbia: Hattie Mayberry

If you have a **prayer request**, please write it on a blue card and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.



SEPTEMBER

14th - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off

16th - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 - 8:30, at the Field House

21st - 3rd - 5th grade Devo, during evening Service at the Field House