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Dalton Thomasson - 931-996-9920

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

Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.

Proverbs 10:9 (NIV)

When making decisions, remember the integrity test. Integrity is a one question test. "Does your private life and public life match?" If the answer to this question is "yes," you are living with integrity.

Would you want *everyone* to know about the decision you are about to make... the action you are about to take? If "no", don't do it!

You may be able to fool everyone else (at least for a while), but you can't fool God and you can't fool yourself.

Sometimes, we know we are about to do the wrong thing. We know we shouldn't do it. But we decide to go ahead and do it anyway. After all, God is a forgiving God.

Here's the problem. You can't do something God says is wrong without having *consequences*. That's the very reason God doesn't want you to make that decision. It's not to keep you from having fun but rather to keep you from the painful consequences that He knows will come from every bad decision. He knows bad decisions will leave scars in your life and He wants better for you because He loves you.

Does God forgive? He does. He is a gracious God. But there's no promise that forgiveness will free you from the painful consequences that come with bad decisions. You can be forgiven and still live with serious regrets. You can be forgiven but still suffer from broken relationships.

God created you and He knows what's necessary for you to have a full and purposeful life. Let Scripture guide your decisions!

In Christian Love,





Just Joshin'

It really blows my mind how many people buy into the phrase "sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me." I've always been under the belief that words are much more potent than any physical weapon. Flesh wounds will heal, but sometimes harsh words spoken to us can last forever. That's why it's important to be mindful of how we speak to others. As Christians, it's our job to build up and not break down.

Proverbs 16:24 reminds us, "Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." What a beautiful picture of the power our words can have. Every day, we have opportunities to encourage, comfort, and build others up through what we say. A kind word, a sincere compliment, or a simple expression of gratitude may not seem like much on the surface, but it can make a lasting difference in someone's life.

Our words have the ability to reflect the love and grace of Christ. When we choose patience over frustration, encouragement over criticism, and gentleness over harshness, we become a blessing to those around us. Sometimes the very words we speak are the answer to someone's silent prayer for hope or reassurance.

As we go through this week, let's be intentional about using our words to bring life and encouragement to others. Whether at home, at work, at school, or in our church family, may our conversations point people toward God's love. A heart filled with His grace will naturally produce words that are sweet to the soul and healing to the heart. May we ask the Lord to help us speak in ways that will honor Him and bless everyone we meet.

To God be the glory,
Josh

"ATTENTION YOUTH"

Tailgate Devo for grades 6 - 12
Wednesday, September 30th at 5:30 pm
in the basement before Bible Study



Dear Church Family,

For some time now, I have been dealing with health issues-- the most recent being Melanoma skin cancer. I want to thank each of you for the prayers and thoughts that have been expressed on my behalf. I am presently in the recovery stages from surgery for Melanoma and need your continued prayers and support. I am blessed that, at this time, I will not be having any treatments. I cannot truly express in words how much my church family means to me—your care and concern give me daily encouragement.

In Christian Love,
Wayne Prince



Blood Drive Centerville Community Fairfield Church of Christ

Fellowship Hall
1860 Hwy. 100
Centerville, TN 37033

**Monday, October 12, 2026
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: Centerville19

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Download the Blood Donor App today. Get your digital donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and follow your donation on its way to a hospital.



Fall into the habit of donating! Get a \$15 e-gift card when you come to give blood Sept. 21-Oct. 18.





OCTOBER

- 1 Tori Daniels
Amber McDonald
Barbara Meador
- 2 Anthony Canady
Mackenzie Kisiel
Paula Slack
- 3 Donna Pitman
- 4 Jeffrey Daniels
Cole Irwin
Faye Rochelle
- 5 Wyatt Houston Barber
Tina Johnson
- 8 Steve Craft
Robert Wilson
- 10 Patsy Givens
- 11 Cindy Bailey
- 13 Jill Ward
- 16 Dianne Breece
- 17 Emily Anderson
Annalyn Holt
Courtney James
- 19 Reba England
- 20 Kenneth Jett
O.D. Pratt
Arielle Wright
- 21 Ken Kimmons
- 24 Diane Coates
- 26 Carrie Crowther
Chris Love
- 27 Gary Basford
- 28 Jerry Perry
- 30 Sheila Brady
Stormie Edwards
- 31 Edward Sullivan



OCTOBER

- 1 Ronny & Donna Pitman
Corey & Brittany Rogers
- 2 Jerry & Teresa Perry
- 6 Toby & Brandy Warren
- 12 Tommy & Alison Stanley
- 13 Mike & Jill Ward
- 18 Dwight & Sharon Burns
Jack & Angie Green
Caleb & Paige Truett
- 21 Dave & Dot Davidson
Ralph & Patsy Givens
- 24 Lyle & Kayla Shepherd
- 26 Charles & Rita Sullivan

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Ronny Pitman

Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno

Scripture: Philippians 3:20-21

Preside Lord's Supper: Steve Baker

Left: Adam Jude	Right: Jerrie W Barber
Gerry Hinson	Wyatt H Barber
Gary Bailey	Dalton Barber
Curtis Edwards	Jeffrey Peebles

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Randal Halbrooks

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

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Scripture Reading: Wes Crowther

Scripture: Psalm 55:16-18

Song Leader: Steve Atkinson

Opening Prayer: Ken Copley

Lord's Supper: Randal Halbrooks, Wayne Prince

Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Ronny Pitman

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF September 20, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	207
CONTRIBUTION	\$5,079
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

We are rejoicing with **Mike Ward, Mason Ward, & Emma Willis** who were baptized Sunday afternoon by **Craig Shelton**. Mike is the son-in-law of **Bobbie Graf** and Mason is her grandson. Mason & Emma are getting married October 10th.

We are also rejoicing with **Jason Sheppard**, who was baptized by **Mike Kelley** on Monday.

The **elders' meeting with the deacons** will be this Sunday, September 27th at 5 pm in the fellowship hall.

We are getting together a money tree/gift card shower for **Courtney McCoy**, bride elect of Robert Price. Please place your money/gift card in the basket in the front lobby or give to Cindy Bailey or Teresa Craft by October 4th.

A **benefit** is being planned for Woody Woodruff on October 24th. This will be in our fellowship hall. We will be needing canned drinks for both the Fall Festival and the benefit for Woody. If you bring drinks, please put the drinks for the Fall Festival in the fellowship hall and drinks for the benefit in the front lobby. See the flyer on the bulletin board or tv screen for more details.

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 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 or if you have any questions.

Mark your calendars for the **Fall Festival**, which will be Saturday, October 17th. There are information sheets and flyers you may pick up to invite others.

Bible Camp for K-5th grade is every Sunday night in Lift-off during evening services.

The **Men's Prayer Breakfast** meets Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the basement.

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

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday at 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Tina Johnson, Jan Campbell, Emily Copley, Charlie Lawson, Chris Kimbro, 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: Lennon Delk (leukemia), Colene Beasley, Zander Caroon (Children's hospital in Alabama-Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever), Andy Dillingham (hospice), April Dillingham (parents of Dale), Kim Totty (sister of Ronny Pitman), Ila Fay Jenkins, Kathy Coleman, Lynda Walton, Jeff Clark, Elizabeth Click, Leah Owens (diagnosed with cancer), Philip Edwards, Hilda Atkinson, Lisa Bozeman, Linda Thomasson, Tammy Boone, Frances McMeen, Mike Avery, Doug Gardner, Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, 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: John Thomas Givens, 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 **Bobby Copley**, brother of Charlene **Breece** and uncle of **Jody England**. The funeral is/was Saturday at McDonald Funeral Home.

Sympathy to the family of **Bettye Joyce Patton**, grandmother of **Cole & Morgan Patton**. Visitation with the family will be Monday September 28th from 4 - 8 pm, and the funeral will be Tuesday September 29th at 11 am at Oakes and Nichols Funeral Home in Columbia.