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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

... but we had hoped he (Jesus) was the one who was going to redeem Israel.

(Luke 24:21)

Had hoped... How often have you heard that phrase? It doesn't have a happy ending, does it?

"I had hoped to get the job."

"We had hoped the treatment would work."

"He had hoped that the surgery would get all the tumor."

"She had hoped to get pregnant."

The words are colored gray with disappointment. What we wanted didn't happen. What happened, we didn't want.

So, we limp along. Our spirit dampened and our faith injured. "What kind of God would let me down like this?" So, the thinking goes.

Let me offer a couple of thoughts about unrealized hope.

First, our problem is not that God doesn't know how to give us what we hope for, but that we don't know the right things for which to hope.

Second, hope requires patience.

Moses hoped to enter the promised land. He finally did. But it wasn't the way he expected. As he *finally* stood in the promised land, Aaron and Miriam weren't beside him. Elijah and the transfigured Jesus were (Matthew 17).

How about the two disappointed disciples who are the subject of the passage at the top of this article? They too would soon be surprised by hope.

They would soon reach out to accept a piece of bread and notice that the hands serving it are pierced (Luke 24:30-32). Hope happened for them. Just different and later than they expected.

Keep hoping in God! And buckle up for a wild ride!

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

For those who know me, you know that I've been a fan of the Cincinnati Reds baseball team my entire life. Last week, they clinched the playoffs. This is something that I've only seen a few times in my life because, truthfully, they aren't usually very good. But we all have our teams that we root for no matter what, right? Through thick and thin. We've also heard the term "fair-weather fan" — someone who's around when things are going great, but disappears when things aren't going so great. Someone who only cheers during successes but can't be found during the losses. Sadly, it's possible to be a "fair-weather Christian," too. What does that mean? Simply put, it's someone who follows Jesus when life is easy, but when challenges or hardships come, their faith takes a backseat.

In the book of James 1:2, we're reminded to *"count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds."* This is a big ask, isn't it? How many times do we feel like throwing in the towel when things get tough? But James points out that our trials can actually strengthen our faith and draw us closer to God.

Being a fair-weather Christian might look like coming to church on Sundays when life is smooth, but ignoring God during stressful seasons, or praying only when things get rough. Jesus calls us to follow Him all the time—not just when it's easy. When Jesus talks about being His disciple, He says in Luke 9:23 that we need to "take up our cross daily." Daily. Not just when everything's going well.

It's not about having it all together or knowing all the answers; it's about trusting God through every season. He promises to be with us *always*—not just when the sun is shining. It's much more spiritually rewarding to stand by God all the time and through all things. It makes the good times feel sweeter and the bad times not as daunting. Christianity isn't some "quick fix;" we're in this for the long haul!

To God be the glory,
Josh



October

5th – National Banana Pudding Festival
Noon – 5 pm

7th – Middle/High School Devo
6:30 – 8:30 pm @ the Field House

11th – 3rd Annual Fairfield Fall Festival
11 am – 5 pm

12th – 3rd - 5th Grade Devo
During evening service at the Field House

19th – Puppet Show
During evening service in Lift-Off

21st – Middle/High School Devo
6:30 – 8:30 pm @ the Field House

31st – Halloweenie Roast
5 pm – 7 pm on the Front Porch
Individually wrapped candy and volunteers needed

Also.... 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!





MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

Scripture Reading: Steve Atkinson

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

Preside Lord's Supper: Jerrie W Barber

Left: Steve Atkinson

Right: Tom Gosser

Ken Copley

Vance Willis

James Swaw

Boyce Cannon

Cole Patton

Erik Hassell

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Roy McCoy

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

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates

Scripture: Psalm 28:6-7

Song Leader: Jeff Stacks

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Lord's Supper: Edwin Wright

Mathew Wright

Closing Prayer: Zack Bentley

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rodney Rochelle

Song Leader: Steve Atkinson

Opening Prayer: Kenneth Jett

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF September 28, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	253
CONTRIBUTION	\$5,876
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5,417



Stay in touch with us on social media:

Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ - Field Family

Instagram: fcocfamily

Website: fairfieldcofc.org

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The ladies meeting with the elders that was scheduled for last Sunday has been postponed until a later date.

The October men to serve and van driver sheets are in both foyers.

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.



Brayden Pyburn has placed membership here at Fairfield. Welcome to the Fairfield family.

Memorial

The following have given a contribution in memory of Floy Cochran to the Floy & Carl Cochran Scholarship Fund:

Sandra Harrington, Wayne & Jewell Prince, Roy & Sharon McCoy, Randy & Joni Prince, and an anonymous giver.

The following have given a contribution in memory of Terry Duncan & Floy Cochran to the Floy & Carl Cochran Scholarship:

Linda Chandler & Phil & Diane Coates.

AREA EVENT:

Please join us to support and help
Brenda Hudgins Potts Isbell
with her fight in beating her lung cancer on
Saturday, October 11, 2025

from 11:00am-4:00pm at

10244 New Hope Baptist Church in Bon Aqua, TN
in the fellowship hall. We will have plate lunches, a
silent auction and some live music.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Mike Batts, Steve Atkinson, Willie Powers (St. Thomas Hickman swing bed-visitors are now welcome), Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Jan Hopkins-Campbell, Curtis Edwards, Violet Shelby, Melinda Sullivan, Faye Rochelle, Woody Woodruff, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Dana McCaleb, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty

Friends & Family: John Plemmons, Jr, David Talley (St. Thomas Hickman swing bed), Michael Harvill, Dottie McClean, Drew Elliott, Rodney Tune, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Jett Owsley, Mildred Rochelle, Amalia Rose Shaw, Edna Copley, Doug True, Davy Baker, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, Paul Harvill, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, Willie Lawler, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears (NHC Maury County), Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

Life Care: Jean Barber, 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.



We continue to express our love and sympathy to the family of **Floy Cochran** who passed away. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Carl & Floy Cochran Scholarship fund. If you brought food for the meal, please check the fellowship hall for food and dishes.

Sympathy to the family of **Grady Gilbert**, uncle of **Paul Gilbert**. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.