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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

I will hurry, without delay, to obey your commands.

Psalm 119:60

It happened to me quite often during my years of teaching Classroom Guidance. A student would be so disruptive that I could not get the lesson taught. Finally, after multiple warnings, I would tell the student that I was taking them to the principal's office. And they would *slow walk me!*

They would stand up from their chair and follow me out of the classroom and down the hallway. But they would take tiny, baby steps. They would refuse to walk beside me or even near me. They would fall far behind.

If you are a parent, you will likely recognize the "slow walk." It's where the child is obeying you, but they are doing it *s-l-o-w-l-y!* It is a passive form of disobedience. The student is essentially saying, "I will obey you, but I will do it my way and at my speed so I will stay in charge of the situation."

Parents despise slow walk obedience. Teachers do too. It is infuriating.

Do you "slow walk" God?

When the Creator of the universe tells you to do something, He expects you to do it. Not later. Now. Delayed obedience is disobedience.

We may think of "hurry" as a negative word. It reminds us of the stress and pressure and distraction of this world. But hurry is good when it comes to obeying God. It means you don't pause to question God's guidance. You obey first... and ask questions later!

In fact, you won't fully understand many of God's commands until you have *first* obeyed them. In many cases, it is your obedience that unlocks your understanding.

What has God told you to do that you haven't started doing yet? What are you waiting for? God has your best interests at heart. You can trust Him. So, go ahead and do it. Right now.

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

Galatians 2:21 says, "I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose."

Hearing the words "Christ died for no purpose" might jump off the page at you, as it should. There are two ways we can interpret this. First, why not live our lives in sin because, if we don't sin, then Christ died for nothing. Obviously, that's not the point of the verse, as badly as the world wants it to be, so let's move on to the second interpretation.

Paul makes a simple but powerful point: we can't earn our salvation by being good enough. If keeping a law perfectly could make us right with God, then there would have been no need for Christ to die, which is the opposite end of the spectrum compared to what we mentioned earlier. That doesn't mean obedience is unimportant. It means our obedience is a response to God's grace, not a way of putting God in our debt. We obey because we love Him and trust Him, not because we think we can save ourselves. The cross reminds us that salvation is something we desperately need and something God lovingly provided. So, let's never take God's grace for granted.

To God be the glory,
Josh



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***

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they
sometimes will,

When the road you're trudging
seems all uphill,

When the funds are low and the
debts are high,

When you want to smile,
but you have to sigh.

When things are dragging you down a bit,

Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns,

As every one of us sometimes learns.

And many a failure has turned about,

When he might have won had he
stuck it out.

So don't give up though the
pace seems slow.

You may succeed with one more blow.

Often the goal is nearer than

It seems to a faint and faltering man.

Often the struggler has given up,

When he might have won the victor's cup.

And he learned too late,
as night slipped down,

How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out,

The silver lining of the clouds of doubt.

And you never can tell how close you are,

It may be near when it seems so far.

So, stick to the fight when you're
hardest hit,

It's when things seem worst that
you must not quit.

Author Unknown

ROOTS IN THE STORM



Japan is known for its beautiful landscapes and lush tropical plants. However, Japan also has harsh winters, with heavy snow and ice. Yet many of the plants, including the bamboo, seem to survive and even flourish. One of the reasons the bamboo survives so well is that its roots grow deep into the volcanic-rich soil. Its deep roots allow it to survive the harsh winter storms.

We, too, will face storms in life, stress at work, relationship challenges, financial insecurities, or a whole host of other issues. But when our life is rooted in Christ and His word, we can survive, like the bamboo during a harsh winter.

Colossians 2:7 encourages us to be rooted and built up in [Christ]. Our faith needs to grow deep into the word of Christ, which will produce faith (Rom. 10:17); faith then gives us the victory to overcome the world (1 Jn. 5:4) and the storms of life.

If you are going through a storm today, where have you placed your roots? What is keeping you stable and alive? Sometimes we need to be reminded to keep our roots in Jesus Christ.

Mark T. Tonkery
Norval Park Church of Christ
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MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Mike Breece

Scripture Reading: Keith Harvill

Scripture: Psalm 95:1-3

Preside Lord's Supper: Kenneth Jett

Left: Mathew Wright **Right:** Josh Copley

Edwin Wright

Dalton Thomasson

Brett Wilson

Ethan Willis

James Jett

Carter Bates

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Lafayette Spears

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

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture Reading: Gerry Hinson

Scripture: Psalm 16:10-11

Song Leader: Steve Atkinson

Opening Prayer: Ronny Pitman

Lord's Supper: Rick Bruno, Boyce Cannon

Closing Prayer: Gary Basford

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford

Song Leader: Jeff Rose

Opening Prayer: Dalton Thomasson

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF October 4, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	228
CONTRIBUTION	\$5,033
2026 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5,917

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

It was good to see **Brandy Sullivan** back to worship last Sunday morning after being sick for months.

The October mission meeting will be Wednesday, October 14th at 6:00 pm in room 104.

Devo for 3rd – 5th grade will be Sunday night, October 18th during evening worship. Post Game Devo for 6 – 12th will be October 18th after evening worship until 8:30 pm in the C.L.U.B. house (basement).

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.

A **benefit** is being planned for Woody Woodruff on October 24th. This will be in our fellowship hall. Silent auction items can be dropped off at the Election Commission office or brought here to the building. 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 for more details.

The **Golden Agers** will be going to Family Farmers restaurant October 22nd. The bus will leave at 5:30. Signup sheets will be out soon.

October 31st will be our annual **Halloweenie Roast** from 5 – 7 pm on the front porch. We will be taking donations to purchase candy this year, please give your money to Teresa Craft or one of the elders. The Field Training kids will be making bags to hand out that night. We will need volunteers to help with the event that night.

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 canceled for next Tuesday.

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



We would like to say a big **Thank You** to everyone that came out on Friday to help make puddings and to volunteer Saturday and Sunday at the festival.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Brenda Fly (St. Thomas Midtown), Mary Morphis, Tina Johnson, Charlie Lawson, Chris Kimbro, Connor Peebles, Tommie Newsom, Jackson Bates, Lloyd Rochelle, Virginia Bailey (surgery went well and is home), Sharon Rochelle, 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: Tommy Swaw (nephew James & Joyce-cancer), Lisa Warf Meeks, Kenneth Copley (father of Ken-St. Thomas Hickman-therapy), 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, Ila Fay Jenkins, Kathy Coleman, Lynda Walton, Jeff Clark, Elizabeth Click, Leah Owens, 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

New Address:

Glenda Dorton
House 4 6408N 70th Plaza
Omaha, Nebraska 68104



Sympathy to the family of **Mike Graham** who passed away. He was the father of **Stephen Graham, Stephanie Warren & Emily Roth**. Celebration of life and visitation with the family will be held at the Stables Event Space Friday October 16th from 5 - 9 pm.

Sympathy to the family of **Kim Pieratt**, sister of **Vance Willis** who passed away Monday. Celebration of life will be Tuesday, October 13th at 4 pm at McDonald Funeral Home. We will have a meal for the family after the service, at approximately 5 pm.