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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

It (love) does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:5

I often read 1 Corinthians 13 while officiating weddings. I challenge the couple to have godly love in their marriage and family life.

One of the best ways to show love to your family is to choose mercy. Mercy is love in action. When you overlook irritations and choose to be kind to your family— even when they don't deserve it— you are being loving.

Love is letting go of past hurts. Do you keep a record of every single thing people do wrong? Are you quick to remind someone of how they have hurt you? Do you get hysterical and *historical*?

The Bible says real love doesn't store up hurts and offenses to be used later for revenge. When you hold onto hurt, you are not being loving.

Do you know why so many people are rude? Many times, they are reacting to a past hurt. They are holding on to the hurt and taking it out on others. Hurt people hurt people. They can't relate well to people in the present.

Are past grudges holding your relationships hostage? Don't hold resentment over your spouse or children's heads.

Your choice to show mercy will create ripple effects. It demonstrates to others that following Jesus brings peace and harmony to your relationships. Letting hurt go shows the world the kind of love that heals and restores.

In Christian Love,

Mike



Just Joshin'

Have you ever noticed that what's going on inside a person eventually finds its way out? Whether it's through our words, attitudes, or the way we treat others, what's in our hearts has a way of showing up in our everyday lives. It's really hard, borderline impossible, to hide on a daily basis from other people and it is most certainly impossible to hide from God!

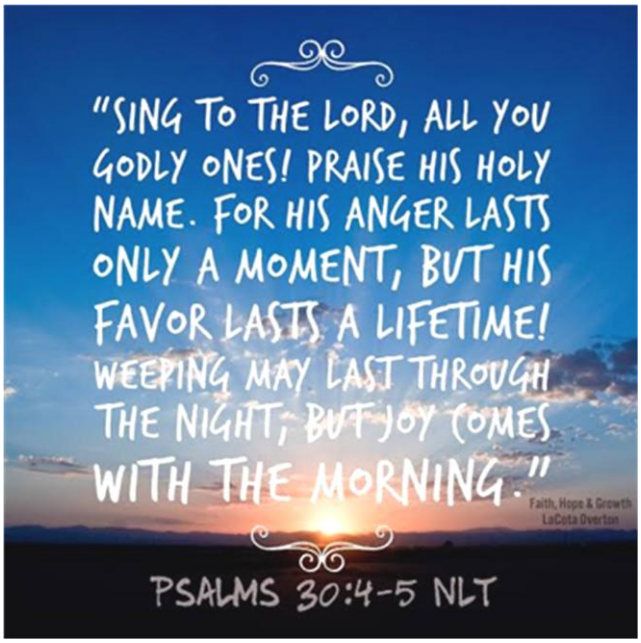
Luke 6:45 says, **"The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."**

Luke gives us a pretty good reminder to take a look at what's filling our hearts. Are we filling them with God's Word, kindness, love, and encouragement? Or are we allowing negativity, bitterness, and frustration to take up too much room? The truth is, we can't expect good things to come out if we're constantly filling our hearts with things that pull us away from God.

To God be the glory,

Josh

"Not every open door is one that God wants you to walk through." - Josh Copley



Upcoming Events:

November 21st - Game night in the fellowship hall.

November 22nd - The elders will meet with the ladies of the congregation at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

November 29th - 5th Sunday with Matthew Kincade.

Be Careful How You Treat People

Standing at the airport ticket counter waiting my turn, the guy ahead of me was giving the attendant all kinds of grief. He complained about his reservations, shouted out loudly about the delayed flight, and with foul language criticized the airline for its inefficiency. He continued his tirade in a sarcastic and rude manner. Finally, after the attendant directed him to his gate, I stepped up to the counter.

I had to say something. I complimented the attendant on the way she had handled the situation and complimented her on how she had managed to remain calm in spite of the anger directed at her.

She thanked me for the compliment, and then said, "Sir, don't think too highly of me. You see, our happy friend is going to Chicago, but his bags are going to Seattle."

A Front Role Seat

Jimmy took his seat in the third row of the arena for the big basketball game. Upon looking around he was surprised to see his young neighbor just in front of him in the very front row. "Hey Jerry" he called out as he waved.

Jerry turned around, "Hi, Jimmy," he called out, "so good to see you."
Jimmy shot back, "How in the world did you get a front row seat. I called weeks ago and they were sold out."

Jerry answered, "I got this one from my older brother." "And where is he," Simone asked?
With a sheepish grin Jerry answered, "At home looking for his ticket."

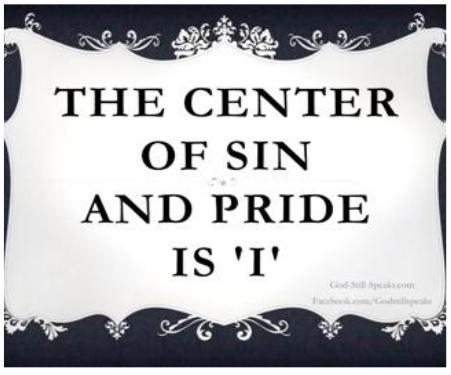
HOW ARE YOUR BUTTONS

A serviceman wrote about a bit of unintended comedy during a company inspection at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. This is where the U.S. Army's guided missile school is located. As the story goes, an inspection was being conducted by a full Colonel. Everything had gone smoothly, until the officer came to the man standing just next to the soldier who recalled the incident. The Colonel stopped, looked up and down, and snapped, ***"Button that pocket, trooper!"*** The soldier, more than a little rattled, stammered, ***"Right now, sir?" "Of course, right now!"*** was the reply. Whereupon the soldier very carefully reached out and buttoned the flap on the Colonel's shirt pocket.

Jesus told a parable, ***"And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." - Matthew 7:2-5.***

Could it be that it is easier to see the unbuttoned pockets of others than it is to see our own? It seems as though some become *"expert speck hunters"*. Does it sound reasonable - - even scriptural - - to begin our inspections with self-first. That just might stop a lot of unjust judgment in our brotherhood. May God help us all with the wisdom to look into our own hearts before ever passing judgment on someone else.

- - Carroll Sites -
Higden, Arkansas



MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:
Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Adam Jude
Scripture Reading: Robert Graf
Scripture: Psalm 30:4-6
Preside Lord's Supper: Jeff Stacks

Left:	**Right:**
Zack Harvill	Steve Atkinson
Chris Love	Cole Patton
Phillip Coates	Boyce Cannon
Marty England	Curtis Edwards

Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Norman George
Van Driver: ***No van service today***

SUNDAY EVENING:
Announcements: Rick Bruno
Scripture Reading: Boyce Cannon
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-23
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Lord's Supper: Ronny Pitman, Boyce Cannon
Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno
Van Driver: ***No van service today***

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:
Announcements: Gary Wright
Song Leader: Ronny Pitman
Opening Prayer: Steve Atkinson
Van Driver: Chris Love (931-994-7855)

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 1, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	**186**
CONTRIBUTION	**$6,327**
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 CONNECTED

Stay in touch with us on social media:
Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ - Field Family
Instagram: fcocfamily
Website: fairfieldcofc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the youth group trip to Celebration this weekend, there will be no bus/van service Sunday, November 8th.

Mission Meeting will be Wednesday, November 11th at 6 pm in Room 104.

The **Golden Agers Holiday meal** will be here at the Fellowship Hall on November 19th at 6:00 pm. Sign up lists are in both foyers. This meal is catered so we will need a head count.

We will begin taking up money next Sunday, November 8th and November 15th for the Christmas gifts for the needy children. You may give your money to Cindy Bailey or one of the elders.

Devo for grades 3-5 during worship at 6:00 pm and post-game for high school from 7:00-8:30 pm Sunday, November 15th.

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** will be Tuesday, November 10th in room 104 at 6pm. **This will be the last class for the year.**

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

The **Field Guide** has been updated and you may pick up a copy. They are in both foyers. Please only **one** per family.



Sympathy to the family of **Janet Barber**, aunt of **Terry Barber & Joyce Swaw**. Funeral was Thursday at McDonald Funeral Home.

Sympathy to the family of **Andrew Dillingham**, father of **Dale Dillingham**. Funeral was Saturday at Austin and Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View.

Sympathy to family of **Anita June Jett**, mother of **Kenneth Jett**. Funeral was Saturday at McDonald Funeral Home in Hohenwald.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Aletha Martin (Dickson Health & Rehab), Dot Davidson (home), O.D. Pratt, Diane Coates (home), Joyce Boyd (St. Thomas Hickman), Donna Pitman, Terry Barber (home), Veronica Brown (see address below), Brenda Yates, Brenda Fly, Mary Morphis, Tina Johnson, Connor Peebles, Tommie Newsom, Lloyd Rochelle, Virginia Bailey, Sharon Rochelle, Jeff Rose, Yvonna Caillouet (back surgery soon), Woody Woodruff (home), Dana McCaleb, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Brenda Carroll, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon (home)

Friends & Family: Hudson Bates, Edith Muse, Dot Dickens (Horizon), Mario Frazier, Ricky Harness (tests), Edwin Garner, Scottie Bass, Tommy Swaw (nephew James & Joyce-cancer), Lisa Warf Meeks, Kenneth Copley (St. Thomas Hickman-therapy), Lennon Delk (leukemia), Colene Beasley, Zander Caroon (Children's hospital in Alabama-Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever), April Dillingham (mother of Dale), Ila Fay Jenkins, Kathy Coleman, Lynda Walton, Elizabeth Click, Leah Owens, Philip Edwards, Lisa Bozeman, Linda Thomasson, Tammy Boone, Frances McMeen, Mike Avery, Doug Gardner, Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Dottie McClearan, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Mildred Rochelle, Edna Copley, Doug True, Linda Canady, Paul Harvill, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Willie Lawler, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Bryan Williams, Kevin Chandler, & Donna Gaspard

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"Focus on what you can control. If you can't control it, why worry? If you can control it, why worry?" – Mike Kelley