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**Worship & Bible Study:**
**SUNDAY**

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| Worship | 9:00 AM |
| Bible Study | 10:15 AM |
| Worship | 6:00 PM |

**WEDNESDAY**

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| Bible Study | 7:00 PM |

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## Mike's Minute

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love…*

Galatians 5:22

Why are men so stubborn? I refuse to answer that! I am crossing my arms in defiance as I type this… and learning that it is very hard to type with your arms crossed!

Stubbornness is not always a bad thing. In fact, stubbornness is good when it comes to continuing to love someone that is hard to love.

Lasting love is persistent. It is determined. It is diligent. It is resolute. It endures the worst and doesn't give up on a relationship. It is *stubborn*!

The purpose of a relationship is not just to make you happy… but also to make you holy. Relationships, whether with a spouse or a child or even a close friend, teach you to think of others more than you think of yourself. As you stubbornly persevere through difficult times, you will learn things that you would learn in no other way.

Maybe you need to hear this today: Don't give up! Keep on. Persevere. Be stubborn. Don't let go of lasting love just because you have to work at it. It will always be worth the fight.

Learning to love God and others is the greatest lesson of life. If you miss that lesson, you miss everything!

Love is not always easy. Some people are just plain hard to love.

The key to lasting love is letting God's love flow through you. Human love wears out. But having Jesus' love in you lets you offer love to others.

Open your life to Jesus. Then, let Him love others through you.

*In Christian Love,*

*Mike*



## *Just Joshin'*

I always enjoy thinking about common phrases or figures of speech and how they can relate to the Christian life. "Cooler heads prevailed" is one I thought of recently. In a world where emotional flare ups are common and when people frustrate us, it is extremely difficult to keep that "cool head." But did you know that a "cool head" is a biblical principle that we can find in Scripture? Proverbs 29:11 says, "A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back." Some translations say "rage" instead of "spirit" and, either way you look at it, it's true. The pathway to wisdom is a level head. Perhaps you've seen the consequences of uncontrolled anger. It can damage relationships and your mental health with plenty of physical side effects. Follow the path God has set out for you. A path of righteousness. Path of peace and tranquility and love for your fellow man.

To God be the glory,

***Josh***




Sympathy to the family of **Ricky Slaughter**. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Sympathy to the family of **Carlene Stone**, mother of **Dianne Breece**. Visitation and funeral was Friday at at McDonald Funeral Home.




November 21st - Game night in the fellowship hall has been canceled.

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.

## The Danger of Slowly Drifting Away



Most Christians do not wake up one morning and suddenly decide to leave the Lord. Spiritual decline usually happens slowly. A missed prayer here, neglected Bible study there, worship becoming less important, sin becoming easier to excuse, and before long the heart has drifted farther than expected.

Hebrews 2:1 warns, "Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away." Drifting is dangerous because it can happen quietly. A boat does not have to be powered away from the shore to become distant. It only has to stop being anchored.

That is why Christians must guard the heart. Hebrews 3:12–13 says, "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." The passage then tells us to "exhort one another daily. "We need God's Word, faithful worship, prayer, and the encouragement of other Christians to help keep our hearts strong.

The church at Ephesus had worked, endured, and rejected false teachers, yet Jesus said, "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love" (Revelation 2:4). His instruction was clear: "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works" (Revelation 2:5). Spiritual drifting can be stopped, but it must first be recognized.

Ask yourself: Is prayer becoming less important? Is Bible study becoming less frequent? Is worship easier to miss? Are sins being tolerated that once troubled you? Has your love for Christ grown weaker? Do not ignore the warning signs. Remember where you were. Repent where necessary. Return to faithful habits. Stay close to Christ, because drifting away rarely begins with a major decision. It often begins with small compromises that slowly move the heart away from God.

*Jonathan Burns*
*Findlay church of Christ*
*Sparta, TN*




Life moves fast. One day you are driving around listening to loud music. Then one day you're turning it down so you can see better.

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I spent my childhood terrified of quicksand, spontaneous combustion, and the Bermuda Triangle. Turns out I should've been more worried about my knees.

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Whoever designed wet wipe packs where you pull one out and four come with it should have been put in charge of ATM's.

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I hate it when I see an old person and then realize we went to high school together.

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If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?

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I'm at the age where I need at least three weeks advance notice before doing anything spontaneous.

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The cleanliness of my house has two settings: "Company is coming" and "there appears to have been a struggle."

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I was making soup the other day and the recipe called for 5 potatoes cubed. But 125 potatoes seem a bit excessive, doesn't it?

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Kids today complain about road trips while holding an iPad. I used to stare out the window for six hours and hope we passed a cow.

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I grew up in the era where our parents interpreted exhaling too hard as talking back.

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I just got back from a very emotional wedding. Even the cake was in tiers.

*"Our strengths might impress people, but our weaknesses influence them."*

*"When you are born, you cry and the world rejoices. Live your life so that, when you die, the world cries and you rejoice."*
*--Mike Kelley*

## MEN TO SERVE

**SUNDAY MORNING:**
**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran
**Opening Prayer:** Chris Wright
**Scripture Reading:** Keith Harvill
**Scripture: Psalm 119:105-108**
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Ken Copley

| **Left:** | **Right:** |
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| Rusty Bates | Jerrie W Barber |
| Tony McCoy | Dalton Barber |
| Vance Willis | Wyatt H Barber |
| Tom Gosser | Jeffrey Peebles |

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran
**Closing Prayer:** Buddy Chandler
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

**SUNDAY EVENING:**
**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks
**Scripture Reading:** Wayne Prince
**Scripture: Psalm 27:1-3**
**Song Leader:** Steve Atkinson
**Opening Prayer:** Boyce Cannon
**Lord's Supper:** Gary Wright, Rick Bruno
**Closing Prayer:** Ken Copley
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT:**
**Announcements:** Gary Basford
**Song Leader:** Randal Halbrooks
**Opening Prayer:** Zach Bentley
**Van Driver:** Chris Love (931-994-7855)

## FOR THE RECORD

**WEEK OF November 8, 2026**

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| **MORNING WORSHIP** | **213** |
| **CONTRIBUTION** | **$5,092** |
| **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.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Congratulations to **Zach & Anslee Bentley** on the birth of **Westley David Bentley** last Thursday. Westley weighed 6 lb. 3 oz and is 20 inches long. Mom, baby and Dad are doing well and are at home.

Congratulations to **Jana Willis** for being named Principal of the Year for Hickman County.

The jail ministry had a baptism on Saturday. **Cody Westmoreland** was baptized into Christ.

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

Post Game devo for grades 6 – 12 will be Sunday night, November 15th after Sunday night worship until 8:30 pm.

The mission committee meeting has been rescheduled for next Wednesday, November 18th at 6:00 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.

There will be a Men's cookout on Friday, November 20th behind the Field House at 5 pm. Sign up lists are in both foyers. This will be a planning meeting for 2027.

The elders will be meeting with the Ladies of congregation on Sunday, November 22nd at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Any lady interested in participating in Secret Pals for 2027 and you aren't already involved, please see Sheila Brady by December 1st.

**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.

## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

***Members:*** Aletha Martin (Dickson Health & Rehab), Dave Davidson (mild heart attack-surgery Wednesday), Dot Davidson (home), Hudson Bates (had eye surgery Tuesday and is home), O.D. Pratt, Diane Coates, Joyce Boyd (St. Thomas Hickman), Donna Pitman, Terry Barber, Veronica Brown (see address below), Brenda Yates, Brenda Fly, Mary Morphis, Connor Peebles, Tommie Newsom, Lloyd Rochelle, Virginia Bailey, Sharon Rochelle, Jeff Rose, Yvonna Caillouet (back surgery Monday, November 16th), Woody Woodruff, Dana McCaleb, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Brenda Carroll, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

***Friends & Family:*** Elizabeth Angamarca (suffered burns on her arms and chest and has requested our prayers), Edith Muse, Dot Dickens (St. Thomas Hickman swing bed), Mario Frazier, Ricky Harness, 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, 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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"Not every open door is one that God wants you to walk through."
--Josh Copley