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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

I am reading an excellent book entitled *The Barnabas Factor*, written by Aubrey Johnson, the pulpit minister for the Old Hickory Church of Christ. He includes a poem that he wrote, called The Encourager's Prayer. I'd like to share this poem with you here...

"Dear Father, thank You for a new day and the opportunities it will afford me to encourage someone in your name. Thank You for helping me overcome my fears by giving me a spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind. Thank You for helping me overcome discouragement by reminding me of Your unlimited power and abiding presence. Thank You for helping me live courageously and relate effectively.

Teach me to use my mind to encourage others by focusing on solutions rather than complaining or assigning blame. Teach me to use my eyes to encourage others by looking for good in every person and circumstance. Teach me to use my ears to encourage others by being quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath. Teach me to use my lips to encourage others by speaking words of hope and healing. Teach me to use my hands to encourage others by doing small deeds of kindness expecting nothing in return.

Today, Lord, I will help someone to build by nudging her one step closer to her dreams. Today, Lord, I will help someone to blossom by refusing to give up on him no matter how low he has fallen. Today, Lord, I will help someone to believe by showing her that she is valuable, lovable, and capable. Today, Lord, I will help someone to battle by urging him to face his fears instead of running away. Today, Lord, I will glorify You through my ministry of encouragement."

In Christian Love,

Mike





Just Joshin'

I feel like one of the biggest shell shocks during winter is the length of a day. With summer, of course, we become accustomed to the sunshine lasting us until 8pm or maybe even later, however, with late fall/winter, the sun vanishes as early as 5 if not earlier. We love the sunlight. It's refreshing, it's rejuvenating, and it can boost our spirits. So, when the sun starts to take a dive then so can our mental health. Darkness surrounds us physically and, in turn, darkness can creep in mentally and spiritually. If we are to find a solution to this problem then we must find a more effective light!

I know what you're probably thinking: "Josh, how can there be a brighter, better light than the star of our solar system?" Well, the Word of God provides us an answer! John 8:12 reads, "Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" If we are to escape this creeping darkness that encroaches on us spiritually, then we must look no further than to Jesus Christ. Following his commands, finding and maintaining a relationship with him, and living a life that mirrors his serves as a light that is brighter than any other and that can guide us every step of the way!

To God be the glory,

Josh

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 30, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	209
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION	\$12,424
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.

Choose to 'Do Well'

While watching a movie entitled An Old-Fashioned Christmas on the Hallmark Channel, I scribbled down an outstanding observation a character made about choosing a path in this world.

In this movie, which is based on a story set in the 1880's by Louisa May Alcott, one young man took a house guest out to a pub and got him drunk. Later at the dinner table, with the entire family gathered around, his behavior was brought to light. The young instigator played the event off by saying, "It's all part of becoming a man!" His mother profoundly said, "It depends on what kind of man one wishes to become."

The lesson in this simple statement is powerful. What we become depends a lot upon the choices we make. As God told Cain in Gen. 4:7, "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. Its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

Cain didn't amount to much, because he didn't rule over his desire to sin. Like the young man in the movie, if we accept sin as a "rite of passage," we are quite literally choosing sin, and a path that leads away from God and toward destruction.

If you want to become the kind of person God wants you to be, choose to "do well." Refuse sin and live for Jesus!

Matt Clifton
BulletinDigest.com

A Short 'Christmas' Quiz

At this time of the year, more will be said about the birth of Jesus than at any other time of the year. Yet, each year I can't help but be a bit disturbed by all the biblical ignorance and inaccuracies associated with the birth of our Savior. When it comes to one of the most fundamental tenants of Christianity, the incarnation of Jesus, and one of the most pivotal historical events that ever occurred, I find that many cannot discern between fact and faction. As fundamental as the birth of Jesus is, people do not really know the account of his birth as well as they might think.

Doubt me? Then give the following brief "True/False" quiz a shot and see how well you do.

True or False: The Bible says the angel Gabriel appeared to Joseph to inform him that Mary was with child.

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True or False: The Bible says that three wise men came to the manger to worship and give gifts to Jesus.

True or False: The Bible says that an unknown number of wise men came to the manger to worship Jesus.

True or False: The Bible says a bright star appeared in the sky and led the shepherds to the manger.

True or False: The Bible says a bright star appeared in the sky and led the wise men to the manger.

True or False: The Bible says the shepherds and the wise men were present on the night of Jesus' birth.

True or False: The Bible says an innkeeper told Mar and Joseph that there was no room in the inn, thus Jesus was born in a manger.

Okay, so how did you do? Did anyone get them all right? Did you get a passing grade? Well, if you answered any of the questions with a "True," you were mistaken. Every statement is false for one reason or another. Open your Bible and check it for yourself.

What I have discovered through the years is that it is surprisingly easy for us to believe as fact, what is in reality, fiction. Furthermore, this "fiction" is sometimes propagated by religion. How many church lawns and "Christmas" re-enactments will portray a nativity scene which inaccurately portrays the biblical account? Churches that decried the inaccuracies in the movie "Noah" and the "Bible Series" on television may very well do their part in perpetuating biblical inaccuracies this December.

But now here's the point of my article: If we can be misinformed about something as fundamental as the birth of Jesus, what's to make us think we cannot be misled regarding other religious matters?

Friends, make sure your faith is not based on what others have told you is true, but rather make sure your faith is based on what you know to be true from your own personal study. Let the "fiction" you see perpetuated on church lawns and in church pageants this holiday season be a reminder and a warning to you to do your own Bible study, and to never be content with what others say.

"Prove all things; Hold fast what is good"
(1 Thessalonians 5:21).

*Steve Higginbotham
Karns church of Christ*

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Gary Wright

Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno

Scripture: Hebrews 10:23-25

Preside Lord's Supper: Gary Basford

Left: Adam Jude **Right:** Tony McCoy

Chris Wright Roy McCoy

Wes Crowther Steve Baker

Chris Love Steve Atkinson

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Buddy Chandler

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

SUNDAY EVENING:

Scripture Reading: Gary Wright

Scripture: Hebrews 13:20-21

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince

Lord's Supper: Edwin Wright

Gary Wright

Closing Prayer: Roy McCoy

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Song Leader: Gary Basford

Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears

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



December

7th - 3rd - 5th grade Christmas Party, 11:00 - 1:30 at the Field House. Lunch will be provided. Please bring a gift to play Dirty Christmas

13th - Church Christmas Party, 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

14th - Puppet Show Christmas Party, during evening service in Lift-Off

21st - Middle/High School Christmas Party, leaving the church at 4:30. Bring at least \$20 to purchase a gift to play Dirty Christmas when we return. Supper will be provided at Field House

UPCOMING EVENTS

There have been food bags donated for us to give out to needy families. If you know of someone who could use one, or if you could use one yourself, please feel free to take it as you leave the service.

The church Christmas Party will be held December 13th at 4 pm. Sign up lists are in both foyers. This is for the whole family.

The men to serve and van driver sheets for December are ready to be picked up 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.



Thank you for the prayers, blessings and the words of comfort. Both Gary and I appreciate each wonderful prayer and encouragement. Times can be hard to handle but the church was the best thing to get us through. The blessings were so wonderful and so special we do thank each and every one!

With love,
Janet Basford

A "BIG" thank you to everyone for your generous contribution for the children's Christmas. We were able to help 27 children this year. Thank you also to all those who shopped for the children. I really appreciate our Fairfield family and the blessing you are to so many.

Cindy Bailey



Stay in touch with us on social media:

Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ - Field Family

Instagram: fcocfamily

Website: fairfieldcofc.org

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Terri Atkinson, Brandy Sullivan (home), Woody Woodruff (St. Thomas West ICU), Harry Totty (home), Mary Morphis, Peggy McCoy, Conner Peebles (scheduled for surgery December 18th), Dave Davidson (VA hospital), Curtis Edwards (surgery scheduled December 5th), Mike Batts, Steve Atkinson, Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Violet Shelby, Faye Rochelle, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

Friends & Family: Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Sue Essary, Randy Pitman, Deborah Roberts, Michael Harvill, Dottie McClean, Drew Elliott, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Mildred Rochelle, 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, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears (NHC Maury Transitional Care), Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

Life Care: David Talley, 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.



Join us for our annual Christmas Party

Saturday, December, 13, 2025

4:00 P.M.

Fairfield Church of Christ Fellowship Hall