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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

When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

Luke 19:5

If you encountered someone who was lost and needed help finding their way, would you offer the person a maze instead of a map? Would you curtly say, "You can't get there from here"? Of course not. You would give detailed directions. You might draw a map. You might even offer to personally escort the lost person to his or her destination.

While Zacchaeus was in the tree looking for Jesus, Jesus was also looking for him. Jesus understood his lost condition and his need for direction in life. So, Jesus stopped what He was doing to spend time with Zacchaeus and offer him life-giving directions.

To always be ready and willing to share our faith means we must first be aware that there are lost people around us. We must look for those who are wandering aimlessly through life and offer to help them find their way, even before we are asked.

To make ourselves available to the lost may interrupt our schedule and change our plans. But so doing puts us on the path already mapped out by Jesus, who came to seek and save the lost.

Look for those who are looking for Jesus! As Vance Havner says to Christians, "The Gospel is not something we come to church to hear; it is something we go from church to tell."

In Christian Love,

Mike



Just Joshin'

**“Whoever walks in integrity walks securely,
but he who makes his ways crooked
will be found out.”**

— Proverbs 10:9

It's no secret that we live in a world of deceit and lies. How do we counteract that? We do it through being trusting, and by being someone worthy of trust. Trustworthiness is one of the quiet strengths of the Christian life and, while it may not be flashy, it's deeply powerful. Proverbs 10:9 tells us that a person who walks in integrity “walks securely.” Simply put, a trustworthy life becomes a steady life. When our words, decisions, and actions are shaped by honesty, reliability, and consistency, we enjoy the stability that comes from a clear conscience and God's approval.

Trustworthiness matters because it reflects the very character of our God. He is faithful. He keeps His promises. He never deceives, never misleads, never lies, never changes His mind. When His people live with integrity, we mirror His nature to the world. They can see Him through us.

Trustworthiness also strengthens the church. Relationships thrive when we know we can depend on one another and when commitments are kept, conversations are genuine, and our actions match our beliefs. A trustworthy church becomes a safe place where love can thrive and sincerity can be foundational.

Finally, trustworthiness is a testimony to those outside the faith. In a world filled with broken promises and shifting values, people notice when Christians live with consistent honesty and faithfulness. Our integrity becomes a light that points others toward Christ.

This week, let's refocus ourselves to walking securely and by living in truth, keeping our word, and mirroring the characteristics of our God.

To God be the glory,

Josh

'Twas the Night Jesus Came

'Twas the night Jesus came and all
through the house,
not a person was praying, not me or my spouse.
The Bible was left on the shelf without care,
for no one had thought the Lord would come there.
The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
not once ever kneeling or bowing their head.
And Mom in the rocking chair with babe on her lap,
was watching the Late Show as I took a nap.
When out of the east there rose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what's the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
tore open the shutters and lifted the sash.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
but angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.
The light of His face made me cover my head,
it was Jesus returning just like He'd said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.
In the Book of Life which He held in his hand,
was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as he searched for my name,
when He said “it is not here,” my head
hung in shame.
The people whose names had been
written with love,
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He rose without sound,
while all the others were left standing around.
I fell to my knees but it was too late,
I waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight,
Oh, if only I'd known that this was the night.
In the words of this poem the meaning is clear
The coming of Jesus is now drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call,
We'll find out that the Bible was true after all...

Author Unknown (adapted)





December

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



A lot of people mistake a short memory for a clear conscience.

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“Do you believe in life after death?” the boss asked one of his employees.

“Yes, sir,” the new recruit replied.

“Well, then, that makes everything just fine,” the boss went on, “because after you left early yesterday to go your grandmother’s funeral, she stopped in to see you.”

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When a man opens the door of the car for his wife, chances are good that either the car is new, or the wife is.

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There goes that fellow who lives just down the road. He’s about the smartest person I’ve ever known. He figured out that brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever! He also has studied a lot about time, and he says that in just two days, tomorrow will be yesterday. This guy is generous with good advice, too. Just the other day I heard him advising one of the neighbors, “If it ain’t broke, fix it till it is.” I’ve had a question in my mind for a long time, and I think he’s just the man that can come up with the answer. I’m confident that he can tell me what disease cured ham had.

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

Scripture Reading: Robert Graf

Scripture: Galatians 4:4-6

Preside Lord’s Supper: Gary Bailey

Left: Kenneth Jett **Right:** Buddy Chandler

James Jett

James Swaw

Vance Willis

Boyce Cannon

Ethan Willis

Tom Gosser

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Zack Harvill

Van Driver: Angie Green (931-219-7979)

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks

Scripture Reading: Gary Hinson

Scripture: Luke 1:46-49

Song Leader: Jeff Stacks

Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Lord’s Supper: Wayne Prince, Phillip Coates

Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno

Van Driver: Angie Green (931-219-7979)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF December 7, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	226
CONTRIBUTION	\$5,927
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 in touch with us on social media:

Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ - Field Family

Instagram: fcocfamily

Website: fairfieldcofc.org

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 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.



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**



There are some lofty theological truths put forth in this letter to the Ephesian church: adoption, redemption, forgiveness, wisdom, inheritance, grace, the seal of the Holy Spirit, and so much more. But a key concept Paul drives home in the letter is how Christians should walk in this world.

The word "walk" is used eight times in this letter in seven different verses.

1. The Ephesian Christians once walked according to the course of the world (2:2).
2. God created Christians in Christ Jesus for good works (2:10).
3. Christians should walk worthily (4:1).
4. Christians should not walk as the Gentiles do (4:17).
5. Christians should walk in love (5:2).
6. Christians should walk as children of light (5:8).
7. Christians should walk circumspectly (5:15).

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Steve Atkinson (Vanderbilt-surgery Wednesday as the result of falling off a neighbors roof), Terri Atkinson, Brandy Sullivan, Woody Woodruff (St. Thomas West-Select Specialty-visitors allowed now), Harry Totty, Mary Morphis, Peggy McCoy, Conner Peebles (scheduled for surgery December 18th), Dave Davidson (VA hospital), Curtis Edwards, Mike Batts, 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: Gail Tidwell (former member had a stroke recently and living in Lewisburg), Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Sue Essary, Randy Pitman, Deborah Roberts, Michael Harvill, Dottie McClellan, 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.



Sympathy to the family of **Farris (Junior) Baker** who passed away on last Friday. His funeral was Thursday.