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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

...to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:7-8

There is a difference in expecting God to be faithful and anticipating the specific ways He will demonstrate His faithfulness.

The first attitude trusts in God's constancy and wisdom. The second assumes that we know best. If we get the two confused, we are liable to be disappointed in the results.

Even though God always gives believers good things in the long run (Romans 8:28), we will sometimes be disappointed in the short term because He didn't answer our prayers according to our exact agenda.

A passage like the one above does not forbid us from telling God what we want. It simply teaches us to express even our most fervent desires with the underlying understanding that God ultimately knows what is best.

God sees what we can't see. He knows what we don't know. He sees the inside and the outside. The beginning and the ending.

Sometimes the answer to our prayer is delayed. Sometimes, as in the case of Paul's thorn in the flesh, the answer is no. However God responds to our prayers, we can be sure that a much bigger and better plan is in motion.

God's will is greater than my wants.

In Christian Love,

Mike




Just Joshin'

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

This will be the final article that you read from me before Christmas Day and I want to keep this one simple and sweet. I hope you weren't expecting a deep, theological study because all I want to say is this: Merry Christmas! I pray that you may find peace, joy, and comfort during this holiday season. I pray that you might enjoy delicious food, warm cookies, and precious time with loved ones. I hope that you may open many presents and share many laughs and memories. I hope that you can bundle up next to a fire and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate.

I only ask one thing: please don't forget why you do these things or why you are even able to. The answer is Jesus, ladies and gentlemen. The greatest gift ever given. A child, born of a virgin, who would become the Savior of all mankind. He's the reason we proclaim "Merry Christmas" instead of "happy holidays." You can't spell "Christmas" without "Christ". So, don't neglect the Lord; it is His birthday after all. A birth prophesied many, many years before it ever happened. Amidst all of your celebrating, have a heart of gratitude and thankfulness for the blessings we have received.

One final note: Perhaps Christmas isn't a time of joy for you. Maybe it's a time where you feel alone or sorrowful because of life circumstances. If that's the case, you have a church full of people who would love to be with you and celebrate this joyous holiday by your side. Don't hesitate to reach out (my phone number is in this bulletin article, too). We're in this together!

To God be the glory,

Josh

931-994-3944

MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Ronny Pitman

Scripture Reading: Wallace Smith

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-3

Preside Lord's Supper: Kenneth Jett

Left: Lafayette Spears **Right:** Damon McCoy

Keith Harvill

Tommy McClanahan

Jeff Stacks

Mathew Wright

Ken Copley

Edwin Wright

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Steve Baker

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

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Rick Bruno

Scripture Reading: Boyce Cannon

Scripture: Colossians 1:17-20

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Adam Jude

Lord's Supper: Gary Wright, Edwin Wright

Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Wright

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Ken Copley

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

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF December 14, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP 175

CONTRIBUTION \$5,430

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

Fairfield Church Christmas Party 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS

We WILL have services on Wednesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve. It will be a singing 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.



I would like to thank my church family for all the thoughts and prayers during my recent months of tests and procedures. I got a good report on my biopsy on Friday evening, a blessing for sure.

With love,
Curtis & Barbara Edwards

We wanted to express our appreciation for the use of your fellowship hall. It provides a beautiful space for our gatherings!

Sincerely,
Hickman Couty Retired Teachers Association

Memorial

A contribution was given in memory of Floy Cochran to the Carl & Floy Cochran Scholarship fund by **John Plemmons, Jr.**



Sympathy to the family of **Faye Wilson**, aunt of **Kim Clayton**. She passed away in Millington, TN. The family would appreciate our prayers.

Sympathy to the family of **Neil Jobe**. His visitation will be December 27th 10:30 am till service time at 1:30 pm at McDonald Funeral Home.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Members: Steve Atkinson (St. Thomas Hickman swing bed), Terri Atkinson, Brandy Sullivan, Woody Woodruff (St. Thomas West-Select Specialty), Harry Totty, Peggy McCoy, Conner Peebles (scheduled for surgery Thursday), 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), 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 (home), 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.



December

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