

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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Chris Wright - 931-206-6629

### 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**

## FROM THE ELDERS

Do you ever find yourself wondering why we have leap years? We define the time that it takes the earth to completely rotate around the sun as a year. However, it is not an exact number of days; it actually takes about 365-1/4 days each year. To make sure that the year doesn't gradually get out of step with the seasons, we add an extra day into the calendar every four years.

Does this sound like a time control thing? It is exciting and a little scary at the same time to realize that time continually moves forward. Time spent or past can never be recalled—we can't change our mind or just "undo" the time that has already been spent doing something. "A rock that is thrown or words spoken can never be taken back!"

**Time** can be looked at as the most precious gift you can ever give to anyone or anything. To give someone time, you are giving something that can never be replaced—it cannot be given back nor can it be exchanged for something else. Time is perhaps the most precious commodity that we have! As with all other things, time is given to **us by God!** Are we using that time wisely to serve Him to the best of our ability? Are we spending time wisely to do things that we are commanded to do?

As the calendar pages turn us to a new year, let each of us try our best to be productive and promote harmony with a sense of service as we utilize the time that God has given us to use. There are so many small ways that we can "spend" time for others. It is very easy to make time for a visit with grandparents or a sibling, remember an aunt, uncle, or a friend with a little note, help parents with chores around the house, remember to amend an issue that may have offended someone, remember the shut-in and elderly--the list is endless. Together we can!!

### Leap Year 2024

**L - Love thy neighbor**  
**E - Exhort one another**  
**A - Abide in Him**  
**P - Peace with trust in God**

**Y - Yield your worry to Him**  
**E - Earnestly pray**  
**A - Abound with Thanksgiving**  
**R - Rejoice in the Lord**

*In Christian Love,  
Gary, Lafayette, Wayne*



The Ladies' Bible class taught by **Jan Campbell & Joyce Bruno** will meet Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm in the basement.

The mission committee will meet next Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in room 104.

**Movie Night** will start back up next Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in the church auditorium. Popcorn and water will be provided.

The Purpose Field Women's Ministry will meet Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite breakfast dish for some fun, fellowship and future planning! All ladies are invited to attend.

The women's bathroom in the front foyer and the front entrance on that side of the building is **closed for remodeling**. This is expected to take a several weeks. Bathrooms in the Educational Wing will be open throughout the construction project.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** is every Tuesday morning at 6:00 am in the basement.

If you have a **prayer request**, please use a blue card, and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.

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



We express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Naomi Bailey** who passed away recently. She was the mother of **Gary**, grandmother of **Dustin** and great grandmother of **Virginia** and **Dallas**.

Also, we express our sympathy to the family of **Hezekiah Springer**, husband of **Reda**, who passed away Wednesday morning. Visitation with the family will be on Friday from 3-7 and Saturday 12-2 with the funeral at 2:00 pm at McDonald Funeral Home.

### ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP MEETING AT THE COLUMBIA AVE. CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 21, 2024

Guest Speaker: Bro. Anthony Booker  
 Sunday School @ 10:00 am  
 Church Service @ 11:00 am  
 Lunch will be served following  
 Evening Service @ 2:30 pm



**Members:** Joyce Boyd, Asher Carroll (son of Nathan & Whitney), Barbara Chandler, Roy Wayne McCoy (home), Shanon Irwin (treatments have started), Dannie George (knee surgery January 8<sup>th</sup>), Kenneth Chandler, Terry Duncan, Jennifer Beasley, June Prince, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Woody Woodruff, Floy Cochran, Janey Gilbert, John Fly, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** James Stoltz, Oscar Sullivan (grandfather of Jeffrey Daniels), Grayson Gunter, Dusty Covington, Roy Cochran, Jean Greer, Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer, Jimmie Jenkins, Stephanie Pitman, Jenny Teet, Carolyn Nash, Aaron Barnett, Angelica Essary (surgery Friday), James Coates, Laura DeLong, Larry Roder, Roy Harris, Ila Faye Jenkins, Anthony Stacks, Kathryn Purcell, Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears (Dickson Horizon hospital), Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

**Life Care:** David Talley, Gary Yates, Wilma Green, Hester Moss

**Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson:** Martha Page

**The Bridge at Columbia:** Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard

**NHC Healthcare Columbia:** Lou Dickens, Renee Dennis

The men to serve and van driver sheets for January are now available in both foyers.



**Jan 14** - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off

**Jan 16** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH

**Jan 20** - Middle/High School Outing to Zoolumination.

Sign-up sheet and information in the Field House

**Jan 21** - 3rd - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Devo, during evening service at Field House



## Center Fielders News

“January, Month of Beginnings”

God is before all beginnings. That fact gives us confidence as we begin a new year. We know that God has no beginning and does not count time as we do. However, He knows all about the beginnings we face. As His children, we can enter each new beginning of life with joy and expectation of His presence and blessings.

Our God is great and eternal. He has abilities beyond our imagination. Think of this: We can listen to one conversation at a time, but we do poorly at listening to two people talking at once. How about listening to ten people praying, or a hundred, or a thousand, or even millions around the world praying at the same time and God hears them all!! We see that what little power we have is no comparison with God's power.

God created the world and everything in it, from nothing! We need materials and tools to make even so much as a toothpick. God doesn't need any such things. He brought creation into existence out of His own power. “For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast” (Psalm 33:9).

And as humbling and hard to understand as it is, God loves us. You, me, and everyone else. Each of us is a mere speck, a drop in the bucket, yet very important and significant to God. We are selfish by nature, and sinful in disposition, but important to God. No one is more important than the next person, yet each one counts before the Heavenly Father. This year, let's serve our Creator, who made us, who loves us, and who wants to receive us as His sons and daughters.

There is a God, He is alive!!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF December 24, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP 227  
CONTRIBUTION: \$5824

WEEK OF December 31, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP 208  
CONTRIBUTION: \$7604  
**2023 WEEKLY BUDGET \$5104**

## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Vance Willis

**Scripture Reading:** Steve Baker

**Scripture:** Isaiah 43:18-19

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Gary Bailey

**Left:** Tony McCoy

**Right:** Lafayette Spears

Chris Wright

Wes Crowther

Tommy McClanahan

Boyce Cannon

Mike Worley

Edwin Wright

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** James Swaw

**Van Driver:** Angie Green 931-219-7979

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Rick Bruno

**Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates

**Scripture:** Matthew 10:27-31

**Song Leader:** Steve Baker

**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince

**Lord's Supper:** Rick Bruno, Gerry Hinson

**Closing Prayer:** Roy McCoy

**Van Driver:** Angie Green 931-219-7979

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright

**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman

**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude

**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855



Thank you so much for the love and concern you all showed us with the passing of Mom. We appreciate all of the calls, texts, cards and the visits at the funeral home. We also thank you all for the delicious meal prepared for our family. Your love means the world to us.

God Bless Always,  
**Gary & Cindy & family**

JUST A LITTLE  
*Reminder*

The yearly/daily Bible reading lists can still be picked up in both foyers.



## Mike's Minute

*In the multitude of words sin is not lacking,  
But he who restrains his lips is wise.*

Proverbs 10:19

Albert Einstein was a man who valued thinking over speaking.

On one occasion, a dinner, hosted by the president of Swarthmore College, was held in his honor. Einstein was scheduled to receive an award during the dinner. As Einstein received the award, the audience spontaneously began to chant, "Speech, speech, speech."

The president called Einstein back to the front and turned the podium over to him.

Einstein reluctantly came forward and said only this: "Ladies and gentleman, I am very sorry but I have nothing to say." Then he sat down.

A few seconds later, he stood back up and said, "In case I do have something to say, I'll come back."

About 6 months later, Einstein contacted the president and said, "Now, I have something to say."

Another dinner was held... and, this time, Einstein made a speech.

If you have nothing to say, it is wise to say nothing. If you have something to say, it is wise to say it in as few words as possible.

As the old saying goes, "If your mind goes blank, don't forget to turn off the sound."

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**



## HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR

What phrases are you tired of hearing? I asked this question once in a class and was surprised by the number of statements that came from the students. Among those mentioned was the simple wish: "Happy New Year!"

I must confess that I love to hear the phrase because it reminds me of the promises of Jesus when he gave us the beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-12.

Most English Bibles translate these sayings as "blessed is the." Actually, the translation more accurately should read "happy is the."

Substituting the word, "happy," for "blessed," we read –

"Happy are...the poor in spirit...those who mourn...the meek...those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...the merciful...the pure in heart...the peacemakers...the persecuted...the insulted...the persecuted."

The world cannot comprehend this. What the world doesn't understand is, with Jesus, we can be happy even when we are humiliated, mourning, being meek, hungry, etc. because we have Jesus in our hearts.

Have a Happy New Year!

*Larry Fitzgerald  
Woodlawn church of Christ  
Abilene, TX*



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