

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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### Youth Minister:

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**



## Mike's Minute

*He who heeds discipline shows the way to life,  
but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.*

Proverbs 10:17

A janitor at First Security Bank in Boise, Idaho, accidentally put a box of 8,000 checks worth \$840,000 on a trash table.

The operator of the paper shredder dumped the checks into his machine that night, cutting the checks into quarter-inch shreds. He then dumped the paper scraps into a garbage can outside the bank.

When the bank president realized what had happened the next morning, he would later say, "I wanted to cry."

Most of the checks had been cashed at the bank and were awaiting shipment to a clearing house. Their loss represented a bookkeeping nightmare since most of the checks were still unrecorded and, as a result, the bankers could not know who had paid what to whom.

What did the president do?

He ordered that the shredded pieces be reconstructed. Fifty employees worked in two shifts for six hours a day inside six rooms... shifting, matching, and pasting the pieces together as if they were jigsaw puzzles.

Finally, all 8,000 of the checks were "put together again."

Humpty Dumpty may have fallen from the wall. But did the king's men even TRY to put him together again?

If you make a mistake, try to make a solution!

Remember, you are not a failure until you quit and it is always too soon to quit!

*In Christian Love,*

*Mike*





**Movie night** is this coming Friday night at 6:00 pm in the auditorium. Popcorn & water will be furnished.

The annual **Sweetheart Banquet** for everyone will be February 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in either foyer no later than February 7<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

**Fairfield Relay for Life** team will be having a soup/chili lunch fundraiser after Sunday school on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Stay and support Relay for Life.

Ladies' Craft Night will be Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm in Room 104. They will be making Spring & Easter items.

Mission Committee will be Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Room 104.

Happy belated Birthday to Declan Carter who celebrated a birthday on Wednesday.

The women's bathroom in the front foyer and the front entrance on that side of the building is **closed for remodeling**.

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

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

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

## Memorial

The following people have made contributions to the Youth Fund this week in memory of Lorraine Bates.

**Lisa Truett, Caleb Truett, Tara Chessor, Al & Faye Williams, Martha Shelton, Nancy Leathers, Paulette Baker, Dorothy Baker, Sam Ezell and Hazel Cooper.**

### Radically and Dramatically Changed

**A Christian is not just somebody who has become nice; he has become new. He doesn't just turn over a new leaf; he receives a new life. A Christian is not like a tadpole that has become a frog. A Christian is more like a frog who has received the kiss of grace and become a prince. We are changed radically and dramatically.**

**Members:** Joyce Boyd (fell and fractured her leg bone-St. Thomas Midtown), Reda Springer, Brenda Fly, Justin Bates, Barbara Chandler, Shanon Irwin, Dannie George, Kenneth Chandler, Terry Duncan, Jennifer Beasley, June Prince, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Woody Woodruff, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Bobby McCoy (St. Thomas Hickman swing bed), Anthony Stacks, David Talley, Billie Lynn Tyler, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Oscar Sullivan, Grayson Gunter, Dusty Covington, Roy Cochran, Jean Greer, Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer, Jimmie Jenkins, Stephanie Pitman, Jenny Teet, Carolyn Nash, Aaron Barnett, Angelica Essary, James Coates, Laura DeLong, Larry Roder, Roy Harris, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

**Life Care:** Lou Dickens, Sue Davidson, Floy Cochran, John Fly, Gary Yates, Wilma Green, Hester Moss

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

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

*"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."*

*Thomas A. Edison*



**Feb 6** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH  
**Feb 11** - Super Bowl Devo - 4:30 -? at Field House. Boys are asked to bring drinks and girls bring chips.  
**Feb 17** - Middle/High School outing, details TBA  
**Feb 18** - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off  
**Feb 20** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH  
**Feb 24** - Benefit for Chief Shanon Irwin, at Fellowship Hall  
**Feb 25** - 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Devo, during evening service at Field House



## Center Fielders News

“Encouraging Each Other”

It is always enjoyable and inspiring to see God-fearing youth take part in the activities at Fairfield, like reading scripture, praying, and attending men’s prayer breakfast at 6 a.m. every Tuesday morning. I know when I was their age, another hour of sleep would have taken priority. We older folks need to be godly examples for them in purity, speech, and conduct, while realizing that we cannot do that in our own strength. We need to strive to bloom in whatever stage of life we find ourselves, regardless of our circumstances, trials, or hardships. Everything we face is part of what allows for us. We simply need to accept that fact and realize that we are not in control, and the sooner we do this, the more fulfilling our life will be.

The enthusiasm of youth is God-given, and it is a blessing if channeled in the right direction. Whether we are young people or seniors, do we realize what an inspiration we can be to each other? The younger ones are always looking up to us older folks for answers, and we are responsible to give them Bible-based explanations instead of just saying these are our traditions. It can be especially encouraging to youth if we help them see the answers themselves. We need to show the living hope we have in our hearts.

The death of my cousin a few days back is still on my mind and is a reminder daily that life is serious and nobody is promised tomorrow. I now appreciate more than ever godly-youth. I’m sure I have failed at times at being a good example for young, and perhaps you have as well, but let’s rise above and again and finish well.

God bless our youth!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF February 4, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	236
CONTRIBUTION:	\$6952
<b>2024 WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5104</b>

## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Damon McCoy

**Scripture Reading:** Mike Breece

**Scripture:** Psalm 136:1-3

**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Chris Wright

**Left:** Ronny Pitman

**Right:** Wayne Prince

Curtis Edwards

Adam Jude

Dwight England

Mike Knight

Phillip Coates

James Jett

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Vance Willis

**Van Driver:** Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Rick Bruno

**Scripture Reading:** Gary Bailey

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

**Song Leader:** Jeff Stacks

**Opening Prayer:** Charley Stone

**Lord’s Supper:** Mathew Wright, Edwin Wright

**Closing Prayer:** Rick Bruno

**Van Driver:** Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

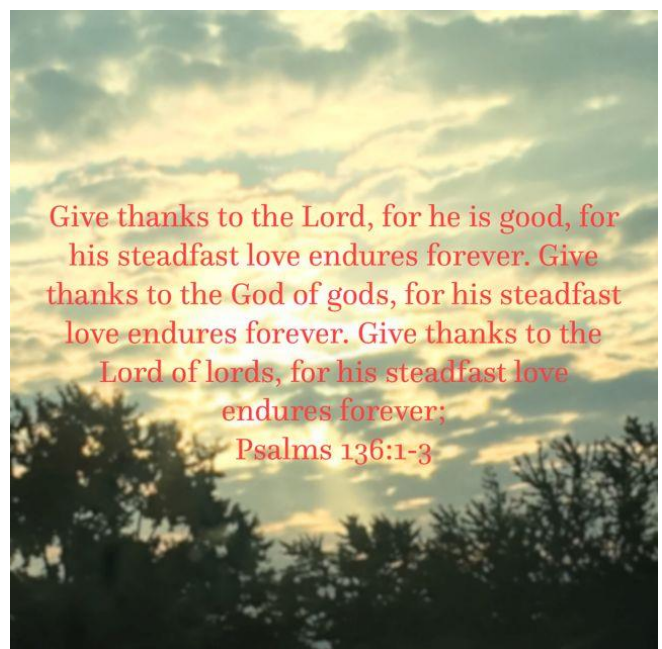
### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright

**Song Leader:** Damon McCoy

**Opening Prayer:** Willie Powers

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



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;  
Psalms 136:1-3

## WHY I AM A BROCK PURDY FAN

As you may have heard, there's a little football game coming up on Sunday, February 11. While I am not a fan of the San Francisco 49ers, after last Sunday's NFC Championship Game, I *am* a fan of their young quarterback, Brock Purdy.

Purdy's personal story is certainly inspiring. He was chosen in the 2022 NFL Draft at the end of the third day, as the very last player selected, a position that traditionally earns the dismissive title of "Mr. Irrelevant." Purdy was expected to ride the bench as a third-string back up to starting quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, and his back up, Trey Lance, but when both were injured, Purdy was thrust into the spotlight. The unheralded rookie quickly demonstrated that he was anything but "Irrelevant," putting on a dazzling display and going 5-0 as San Francisco's starting quarterback before being injured himself in last year's NFC Championship Game. That is not why I'm a fan, however.

In last Sunday's game Brock Purdy not only led his team to a victory over the Detroit Lions, and earned a trip to the Super Bowl, but did so in epic style, leading one of the biggest comebacks in NFC Championship game history. That is not why I'm a fan, either.

What impressed me the most about Purdy was his attitude when interviewed after the game. When questioned about his role in the 49er's victory, he said, "Honestly, it's just a testament to God and where He's taken me in life. I've never been the biggest, the fastest, the strongest or any of that."

"I feel like I've always had to fight for what I get and work for what I get. But God's always given me an opportunity whether that's in high school, college or obviously the NFL. Getting drafted last ... all you need is an opportunity and watch and see what He does. I put my faith and trust in Him, and He's gotten me where I'm at."

"When I'm down 17 at half, I'm honestly thinking, 'Alright God, you've taken me here, win or lose, I'm going to glorify you,'" Purdy said. "And that's my peace, that's the joy, that's the steadfastness – that's where I get it from.... I leaned into that, sure enough, we were able to come back."

In an age in which football players prance and preen on the field over every tackle or first down, and touchdowns are celebrated with ever more elaborate displays of personal aggrandizement and

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and braggadocio, it is refreshing to hear this talented young man conduct himself with such modesty, and after the biggest victory of his life (thus far) give glory to God for his opportunities.

Like most of the nation, I plan to watch this year's Super Bowl. I don't have any predictions about whether the Kansas City Chiefs or the San Francisco 49er's will prevail, but I do have one prediction: whether his team wins or loses, I believe Brock Purdy is going to be successful in life.

Dan Williams  
Franklin, Tennessee

**BENEFIT**  
**FOR**  
**SHANON IRWIN**  
**& FAMILY**  
SUPPORTING HIS  
BATTLE WITH CANCER  
\$15 BBQ PLATES  
SILENT AUCTION, 10<sup>AM</sup>-2<sup>PM</sup>  
DONATIONS APPRECIATED  
FAIRFIELD CHURCH OF CHRIST  
**FEBRUARY 24, 10<sup>AM</sup>-4<sup>PM</sup>**

Baked goods are needed for the **Shanon Irwin** benefit on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Fellowship Hall. If you bring cookies or brownies, please bring them individually wrapped. Pies and cakes are needed also to serve with the BBQ plates **and** for the auction.



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