

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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Josh Copley - 931-994-3944

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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**



## Mike's Minute

*Give ear to my words, O LORD.*

Psalm 5:1

The fifth Psalm contains an excellent plan for living. Living your best life includes...

**Meditation.** "Consider my meditation" (verse 1). One of the tragic errors of the modern age is our fast pace which leaves no time to think or meditate. Meditating on the majesty and mystery of God will make a difference in our lives.

**Morning prayer.** "In the morning, I will direct my prayer unto You (verse 3). This is the best way to start the day. God's help is needed all day, every day. Let's ask for that help early and often.

**Acceptance of mercy.** "I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy" (verse 7). We are imperfect. Mercy is needed, even for the best of us. If we accept God's mercy which forgives us, then we should forgive ourselves and put our mistakes behind us.

**Worship.** "In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple" (verse 7). Approach God with reverence. He is God. He is holy and holy means "different." God is different than us. Higher and holier. Let's keep that distinction. Let God be God.

**A straight way.** "Make Your way straight before my face" (verse 8). We aren't asking God to make our path *smooth* or *easy*. We are asking him to make His will clear to us so that we can understand and follow the path.

**Rejoice.** "But let all those who put their trust in You rejoice" (verse 11). Our days should be lived joyfully. We should not live as though this life is bad medicine that we must take for a lifetime so we can finally reach heaven. From where does joy come? From trusting the One Who created us for joyful living.

Live with a Psalm in your heart!

*In Christian Love,*





## *Just Joshin'*

Last Tuesday, I had the privilege of attending the Law and Safety Appreciation Dinner which was hosted by the Chamber of Commerce in our very own fellowship hall at Fairfield! It was a night to honor and celebrate the brave first responders who put the lives of others ahead of their own. Those men and women truly embody the sacrificial love of Christ. "Sacrifice" isn't just a word we talk about in church, though. It's something we see lived out every day in our communities. Jesus said in John 15:13, a verse that was referenced at the dinner, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." Those words take on a very real and practical meaning when we think about the heroes of Hickman County.

I'd like to think there's a hero that lives in all of us. A kind, noble, and generous hero that drives us to make the world a better place by helping those who can't help themselves. We are a blessed people. We have been given the love of Christ and we are expected to pass that on to those with whom we come in contact. So, you might not be a firefighter, police officer, or medical specialist but you do have an opportunity to save souls every single day. Equip yourself with the Word of God and a warm heart so that you can be the hero who someone so desperately needs!

To God be the glory,

*Josh*



I want to thank everyone for the many calls, texts, food and especially the prayers for me during my recent heart procedure. I am so blessed to be a part of such a loving, caring congregation. May God bless each of you for your concern and your kindness.

Love you all,  
**Cindy Bailey**

Thank you all for the cards, all who brought food, visits and every act of love and kindness! Mom loved you all and we thank you for loving our mother!

The family of **Hester Moss**

P.S. The wind chimes will be enjoyed!

## **AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?**

Am I my brother's keeper? That was the question Cain asked God. I don't think Cain liked God's answer.

Growing up second oldest in a family of ten children meant there were many times when I was my brother's and sister's keeper. Most of the time, I faithfully carried out that duty. There was one time, however, where I failed miserably.

One summer, we visited my grandparent's camp on the St. Lawrence River. Their trailer was four or five rows up from the waterfront. Several of us kids went down to the docks to fish and play. I was hoping to catch a really big fish, a nice bass or pike. I'm not sure what everyone else was doing. After a while, all the other kids decided to go back to the trailer, but one of my young brothers wanted to stay with me. He was probably about four years old. I agreed to keep an eye on him.

Now keep in mind that I was concentrating on catching the really big fish. Fishing is serious business, you know! At one point, unbeknown to me, my young brother slipped away and found his way back to the trailer. You talk about clueless (and I am not proud of this), I finished my fishing business, and without a care in the world, headed back to the trailer. My mother greeted me at the door with the same question God asked Cain, "Where is your brother?" That question hit me like a ton of bricks. Fear instantly came over me as I had to admit that I had no idea where he was. Thankfully, my brother was safe and sound, no thanks to me!

Spiritually, I am my brother's keeper and so are you. You might say, "No I'm not. That's the responsibility of elders." In saying that, you are partially correct. Spiritual leaders are supposed to watch over the flock. Writing to elders, Peter said, "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care" (1 Peter 5:2). To the Ephesian elders, Paul said, "Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers" (Acts 20:28). When God was not pleased with the spiritual leaders of Israel, God had Ezekiel deliver these harsh words: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. So, they were scattered because there was no shepherd..." (Ezekiel 34:2-5).

So, yes, elders are responsible for the sheep of God's flock, but they aren't the only ones. Consider the "one another" commands of the New Testament. Can you name them? Here are a few: love one another (John 13:34), encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13), carry one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2), serve one another (Galatians 5:13), and pray

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for one another (James 5:16). Can you guess to whom those commands are aimed? Elders? Nope. Other spiritual leaders? Nope. Those commands are aimed at every single Christian. So, are everyday Christians their brother's and sister's keepers? Absolutely. The care and concern for our Christian brothers and sisters is the responsibility of every Christian. Whom in your Christian family do you need to do a better job looking out for? We must not allow anything (even fishing) to distract us from caring for the family of God. The stakes could not be higher. It is a matter of spiritual life and death.

David Owens  
Liverpool, New York



**Centerville Blood Drive**  
**Fairfield Church of Christ**

Fellowship Hall  
1860 Hwy. 100  
Centerville, TN 37033  
**Monday, March 2, 2026**  
**1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**



Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Centerville19 to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



**MEN TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY MORNING:**

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude  
**Scripture Reading:** Tom Gosser  
**Scripture:** Psalm 5:1-3  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Josh Copley  
**Left:** James Jett      **Right:** Mathew Wright  
         Carter Bates                      Edwin Wright  
         Brett Wilson                      Ethan Willis  
         Zack Harvill                      John Irvin  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Gerry Hinson  
**Van Driver:** Jack Green (931-994-8317)

**SUNDAY EVENING:**

**Announcements:** Gary Basford  
**Scripture Reading:** Boyce Cannon  
**Scripture:** Hebrews 1:1-4  
**Song Leader:** Gary Basford  
**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince  
**Lord's Supper:** Mike Worley, Mike Kelley  
**Closing Prayer:** Gary Wright  
**Van Driver:** Jack Green (931-994-8317)

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT:**

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman  
**Opening Prayer:** Kenneth Jett  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love (931-994-7855)

**FOR THE RECORD**

**WEEK OF February 22, 2026**

<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>219</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$6,180</b>
<b>2026 WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,417</b>

*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:** [fairfieldcfc.org](http://fairfieldcfc.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

There were two baptisms last Saturday at the jail. **Eaen Crabtree-Laws & Timothy Tyler** were baptized.

There will be a bridal shower for **Nevaeh Wright**, bride elect of **Gabe Stone**, Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall. They are registered at TheKnot.com.

The Purpose Filled Women's Ministry is collecting NEW WHITE bath towels to have for baptisms. If you would like to donate, please bring new towels by March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Team Rubicon is no longer staying in our fellowship hall, but is still in the area helping with the clean-up. We say a big "THANKS" for all the work that they have been doing.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 pm in room 104.

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.



Ladies Day Saturday, March 7, 2026

Walnut Street church of Christ

"He Walks with Me" with speaker Sherrie Spencer

Registration 8:30 am / Program 9:30 am

Light breakfast will be served

Friends & Family Day, March 8, 2026

Five Points church of Christ / Jeff Keele, speaker

Bible class – 9:00 am

Morning worship – 10 am

Fellowship meal – 11 am - 1 pm

Evening worship – 1 pm

Ladies Day Saturday, March 14, 2026

Centerville church of Christ

"Make Lemonade" with speaker Cindy Colley

Registration at 8:30 am / Event at 9:00 am

RSVP by March 4<sup>th</sup> to

[tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org](mailto:tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org)

Lunch will be served

## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**Members:** Ronny Pitman (surgery soon), Linda Smith, Dot Davidson (surgery soon), Gerry Loveless, Shelby Bates, Kerry Lynn, Steve Atkinson, Brandy Sullivan, Harry Totty, Peggy McCoy, Conner Peebles, Dave Davidson, Curtis Edwards, Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Violet Shelby, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

**Friends & Family:** Doug Gardner (cancer), Gail Barber, Hilda Atkinson, Donald Brady (Vanderbilt), Jean Smith, Tammy Wright (undergoing chemo treatments), Maeve McDonald (4 month old-St. Jude hospital), Amalia Rose Shaw (home), JT Booker, Gail Tidwell, Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Randy Pitman, Deborah Roberts, Michael Harvill, Dottie McClearn, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Mildred Rochelle, Edna Copley, Doug True, Davy Baker, Linda Canady, 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, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

**Life Care:** Willie B Coates, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler, Wilma Green

**NHC Dickson:** Woody Woodruff (would like to have visitors, room 108)

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 **Michael (Mikey) Thomasson**, father of **Dalton Thomasson** who passed away last Friday. The funeral was Monday at McDonald Funeral Home.

## Memorial

A contribution has been made in memory of **Mary Spears & Hester Moss** by **Linda Chandler**.