

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

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931-212-2560  
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931-729-4534  
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931-729-4108  
Ken Copley - *Education*  
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931-729-5063  
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931-729-4145  
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931-994-7244  
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931-994-7631  
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### Pulpit Minister:

Mike Kelley - 931-994-1911

### Associate Minister:

Rodney Rochelle-931-374-8223

### 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

*Don't be selfish... Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself.*

Philippians 2:3

TLB

There's an old saying that goes, "It takes more skill than I can tell to play the second fiddle well."

Along those lines, Leonard Bernstein was once asked which instrument is the most difficult to play. His answer? "The second fiddle. I can get plenty of first violinists, but to find someone who can play the second fiddle with enthusiasm... that's a problem. And if we have no second fiddle, we have no harmony."

Playing "second fiddle" is a virtue the Bible calls *humility*.

General Robert E. Lee was a man who knew something about humility. This great general never stopped trying to be a true southern gentleman.

Once, while riding on a train to Richmond, he was seated at the rear of the car and all the other places were filled with officers and soldiers. An elderly woman, poorly dressed, boarded the coach at a rural station.

Finding no seat available or offered to her, she trudged down the aisle toward the back of the car. Immediately, Lee stood up and offered her his place.

One after another of the men arose and offered General Lee his seat. "No, gentlemen," he responded, "if there is none for this lady, there can be none for me."

Genuine humility is not thinking *less* of yourself. It is thinking of yourself *less*... and thinking of others more.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





The Men-to-Serve and Van Driver sheets for March are in both foyers. Please pick one up.

The women's bathroom in the front foyer 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.

The Ladies' Bible Class meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the basement.

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

## Memorial

A donation has been given in memory of **Lorraine Bates** by **Charles & Carolyn Burgess, Jerry V. Smith and Cynthia Bailey**.

A contribution has been given in memory of **Carolyn Brown** by **Cynthia Bailey**.



There are no words to express the gratitude we have for this congregation and our community. The love and support that we have had and continue to feel is overwhelming. Thanks so much for those that came out last Saturday to help. We are blessed beyond measure and thank God for this congregation and community.

God bless you all,  
The **Irwin Family**

The enclosed check is in memory of Lorraine Bates. Ms. Bates was a smart, humble lady, always a pleasure to work with at FNB Centerville and a real pathbreaker and role model for women.

Yours,

**Chuck Burgess**

National bank engineer (retired)  
U.S. Comptroller of the Currency



**Members:** Carolyn Phillips (St. Thomas West), Mike Batts (home), Bobbie Graf, Belinda Anderson, Reda Springer, Brenda Fly, Justin Bates, Barbara Chandler, Shanon Irwin, Dannie George, Kenneth Chandler, Terry Duncan, June Prince, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Woody Woodruff, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Kim Totty (sister of Ronny Pitman-neck surgery), Tara & Connor Pitman, Trevor Buchanan (home), Ricky Harness, Pam Sullivan, Pam Simmons, Mike Avery, Randi Rian Stringer, Pat Garrett, June Roder, Mary French, Bobby McCoy, Anthony Stacks, David Talley, Billie Lynn Tyler, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Grayson Gunter, Dusty Covington, Roy Cochran, Jean Greer, Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer, Jimmie Jenkins, Stephanie Pitman, Jenny Teet, Carolyn Nash, Aaron Barnett, James Coates, Laura DeLong, Roy Harris, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

**Life Care:** Cynthia Butler (sister of Randal Halbrooks), Hester Moss, Joyce Boyd, Lou Dickens, Sue Davidson, Floy Cochran, John Fly, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

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

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



**Mar 5** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30, at FH

**Mar 9** - Junior/Senior Retreat, leaving at 8:30 am, see Teresa for more information

**Mar 10** - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo, during evening service FH

**Mar 17** - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift Off

**Mar 19** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30, at FH

**Mar 31** - Easter Egg Hunt, we will need individually wrapped candy or filled plastic eggs for the kids to hunt. See Teresa if you need plastic eggs.



**Center Fielders News**  
"Has Your Identity Been Stolen"

We hear much today about identity theft. There are scams, fraud cases, and warnings about displaying credit cards in public or on an unsecure website. Phone calls come with every claim imaginable, offering to give assistance. All they need is a little information. Suddenly you realize that your personal information has been stolen and your bank account cleaned out, and you are devastated!

It can be very disheartening to have our physical identity stolen. How much greater are the consequences of allowing things in this world to steal our identity with God?! According to 1 John 2:15, "If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Consider some things that can steal our identity with God.

**WEALTH:** In certain times we tend to have our security in riches rather than God. Money is attractive because of all it can do, and it can steal our identity as "strangers and pilgrims" who belong to God's kingdom.

**EDUCATION:** Many view education as an avenue to greater success, fame, and wealth. Education in itself is good and not wrong, but many educated people are "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." When education replaces God's Word, it steals our identity as witnesses for God.

**HERO WORSHIP:** Sometimes we idolize not only rich and famous people, sports figures, music figures, or anyone who comes between us and God. Such identity takes away our identity with God and changes it to identity with another person or cause.

"The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, but I have come that you may have life." --- John 10:10

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

**FOR THE RECORD**

WEEK OF February 25, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	188
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4333
<b>2024 WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5104</b>

**MEN TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY MORNING:**

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude  
**Scripture Reading:** Keith Harvill  
**Scripture:** Psalm 9:7-10  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Buddy Chandler  
**Left:** Carter Bates      **Right:** Mathew Wright  
         James Jett                      Edwin Wright  
         Brett Wilson                      Ethan Willis  
         Skyler Irvin                      John Irvin  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Zack Harvill  
**Van Driver:** Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

**SUNDAY EVENING:**

**Announcements:** Gary Basford  
**Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates  
**Scripture:** Romans 1:16-17  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Stacks  
**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince  
**Lord's Supper:** Tom Gosser, Gerry Hinson  
**Closing Prayer:** Boyce Cannon  
**Van Driver:** Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT:**

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Song Leader:** Gary Basford  
**Opening Prayer:** Ronny Pitman  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855



We express sympathy to the family of **Louise Murray**, who passed away. She was the sister of **Gerry Hinson**. A memorial service for her will be scheduled at a later date.

We also express sympathy to the family of **Oscar Sullivan**, grandfather of **Jeffrey Daniels**. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.



We congratulate 3 of our members who won awards at the Law & Safety Awards Dinner Tuesday night: **Shanon Irwin - Gotcha Award;** **Anna Stone - Pleasantville Volunteer Fire Department and Angela Green - Hickman County EMS.**





**Grandchild's View**

A grandson was visiting his grandma one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?"

She mentally polished her halo, and asked, "No, how are we alike?"

"You're both old," he replied.

**Good Reason for Quiet Children**

A mother was having a difficult time getting her young son to be quiet during the preaching. Finally, she leaned over and whispered something to him. From that point on he sat still and was quiet as a mouse. A person who had observed this asked the mother after services if she would share what she had told her young son in order to get him to behave the way he did. She said, "I told him he was disturbing the preacher and if he lost his place in his lesson, he would have to start all over again."

**Like Father, Like Son**

A father, mother, and their three sons, John (the oldest), Mike (middle), and Steve (youngest), were conversing around the table after dinner.

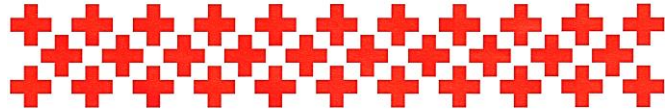
The subject of traits of parents being passed on to children came up.

The father said, "John has my eyes, Mike has my creativity, and Steve has my intelligence."

Steve responded, "Daddy, what's intelligence?"

**American Red Cross**

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



**Blood Drive  
Centerville  
Fairfield Church of Christ**

Fellowship Hall  
1860 Hwy. 100  
Centerville, TN 37033

**Monday, March 4, 2024  
12:30 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.

**QUOTES**

\*\*\*Iron rusts from disuse; stagnant water loses its purity and in cold weather becomes frozen; even so does inaction sap the vigor of the mind.

-- Leonardo de Vinci (1452-1519)

\*\*\*Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only at night.

--Edgar Allan Poe (1809-49)

\*\*\*Only he is free who cultivates his own thoughts, and strives without fear to do justice to them.

--Berthold Auerbach (1812-82)

\*\*\*There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better or worse as is his portion.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-82)

CENTERVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST INVITES YOU TO

# Ladies Day 2024

*"Seasons of Service"*

*A look at how we can serve God in the different seasons of our lives*

**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

Centerville Church of Christ  
138 N Central Ave, Centerville, TN

Registration opens at 8:30am  
Event starts at 9:00am

**All generations welcome!**

Continental Breakfast & Lunch provided

Speaker  
  
Sheila Butt

To plan appropriately RSVP Preferred by March 4th.  
[centervillechurchofchrist.org](http://centervillechurchofchrist.org)  
and follow the link  
See you there!!



Stay in touch with us on social media:  
**Facebook:** Fairfield church of Christ-Field Family  
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**Website:** [fairfieldcofc.org](http://fairfieldcofc.org)