

# THE PROVIDER

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Josh Copley - 931-994-3944

### Youth Minister:

Chris Wright - 931-206-6629

### 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

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Ephesians 2:10

In the world of poetry, the name John Berryman stood near the top. He seemed to have accomplished everything a poet could achieve. A beloved college professor. A Pulitzer Prize on his shelf. Widespread acclaim brought fame, fortune, friends and fans.

But on a frigid day in January of 1972, Berryman walked across a bridge in Minnesota, waved to a stranger, and jumped to his death in the icy Mississippi River.

Why?

"At fifty-five, half famous and effective," he had written, "I still feel rotten about myself." In one of his poems, Berryman had written, "After all has been said, and all *has* been said, man is a huddle of need."

Psychologist Carl Jung, in his book *Modern Man in Search of a Soul*, wrote, "About a third of my cases are suffering from no clinically definable neurosis, but from the senselessness and emptiness of their lives. This can be described as the general neurosis of our time."

Is there a solution? Absolutely. But I warn you, the cure is old medicine. It is simply surrendering to God's purpose and plan. Get into a saving relationship with God and then serve him and others.

That approach to a meaningful life has been tried and proven true. Would you give it a shot? You will not be disappointed.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





## *Just Joshin'*

I'm sure many of us have heard the phrase "living the good life" but what does it actually mean? What does "living the good life" look like? The worldly answer would be subjective and vary, based on who you asked. Sometimes, it feels like "the good life" is a foreign concept, forever out of our grasp. Thankfully, Peter writes in 1 Peter 3:10-11, "For whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it."

The "good life" isn't about perfection. It isn't about owning a certain thing or looking a certain way. The "good life" is in our behaviors. It's in how we talk to one another and how we talk about ourselves. Are we pursuing peace or are we sowing division? Living well begins with honesty, kindness, and loving good. It almost sounds too good to be true, doesn't it? Admittedly, it isn't always easy to approach life with such positivity, but anything worth pursuing requires discipline, practice, consistency, study and time spent with the Lord!

To God be the glory,  
**Josh**



### March

**8<sup>th</sup>** - 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo, during evening service  
at the Field House

**15<sup>th</sup>** - Puppet Show during evening service  
-in Lift-Off

**17<sup>th</sup>** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30  
at the Field House

**29<sup>th</sup>** - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

## DAYLIGHT

This weekend we go back to Daylight Savings Time. Move your clocks AHEAD one hour Saturday night. Combined with the Summer season, when the sun naturally rises and sets later, we will have a lot more daylight, and can be more active.

The question is "What will you do with all this extra daylight? Yes, we will have more time to tend to the yard after work or get in an extra round of golf. But how will you use these extra active hours to do more for the Lord? When Jesus was about to heal the blind man he said, "We must work the works of Him who send me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work" (John.9:4). The "night" He spoke of was his own impending death, the "Night of Ebon pinion."

In that moment Jesus knew there was so much to do and so little time. We should feel the same urgency as we go about the Lord's work. We, like Jesus, should confront each new day in the consciousness that "on my day of life the night is falling." Like him, may we all use our "daylight" to work for the Lord. He felt the urgency to heal the blind man "while it is day," Do you feel the urgency to do more, to serve more, to love more? Use your "day," to serve your Master, for the night of the black wing of death will come upon us all soon enough.

-Dennis Doughty

## THE TONE OF VOICE

It's not so much what you say  
As the manner in which you say it;  
It's not so much the language you use  
As the tone in which you convey it.  
"Come her," I said--  
He looked and smiled  
And straight to my lap he crept.

Words may be mild and fair  
But the tone may pierce like a dart;  
Words may be soft as the summer air  
But the tone may break my heart;  
For words come from the mind  
Grow by study and art--  
But tone leaps from the inner self,  
Revealing the state of the heart.

Whether you know it or not,  
Whether you mean or care,  
Gentleness, kindness, love and hate,  
Envy, anger, are there.  
Then, would you quarrels avoid  
And peace and love rejoice?  
Keep anger not only out of your words--  
Keep it out of your voice.



**March 8, 2026**



Thank you so much for the prayers and words of encouragement sent for Mike and me the last several months. We welcome your continued prayers.

In Him,  
**Mike & Regina Elkins**

Thank you for the beautiful wind chime. We truly appreciate you remembering us during this time. We love and appreciate the church family at Fairfield. Your prayers are felt and helping us through this time.

**Dalton & Carlin Thomasson**

I would like at this time to give a shout out to all my wonderful sisters and brothers in Christ. With heartfelt thanks, I would like to thank you for the cards, prayers and visits during my time of healing and recovering from my accident.

In Christian Love,  
**Steve & Terri Atkinson**



**MEN TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY MORNING:**

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Lafayette Spears  
**Scripture Reading:** Wallace Smith  
**Scripture:** 1 Peter 5:5-7  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Buddy Chandler  
**Left:** Jerrie W Barber     **Right:** Mike Breece  
          Wyatt H Barber             Gary Bailey  
          Dalton Barber               Roy McCoy  
          Jeffrey Peebles             Kenneth Jett  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Vance Willis  
**Van Driver:** Angie Green (931-219-7979)

**SUNDAY EVENING:**

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Scripture Reading:** Chris Love  
**Scripture:** 1 Peter 3:10-11  
**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman  
**Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright  
**Lord's Supper:** Gerry Hinson, Boyce Cannon  
**Closing Prayer:** Ken Copley  
**Van Driver:** Angie Green (931-219-7979)

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT:**

**Announcements:** Gary Wright  
**Song Leader:** Mike Kelley  
**Opening Prayer:** Matthew Wright  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love (931-994-7855)

**FOR THE RECORD**

**WEEK OF March 1, 2026**

<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>216</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$6,763</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:** fcofamily  
**Website:** fairfieldcofc.org

## UPCOMING EVENTS

It was good to have **Rita Sullivan & Yvonna Caillouet** back at worship Sunday morning.

The jail ministry had 1 baptism last Saturday afternoon. **Steve Williams Frazier** was baptized.

There were 17 pints of blood donated last Monday to the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Thanks.

Mission committee meeting will be next Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in room 104.

The **Purpose Field Women's Ministry** will be meeting at Skeeter's on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm for "Restaurant Meet-Up". Sign-up lists are in both foyers. See Amber Kelley if you have any questions.

There will be a baby shower for **Dalton & Lizzie Barber** on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall at 2:00 pm. They are registered at Amazon. The baby is a boy.

The **Purpose Field 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>.

Easter is April 5<sup>th</sup>. We will need individually wrapped candy or plastic filled eggs. See Teresa for more information.

The men to serve/van driver lists for March are ready to be picked up in both foyers.

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.

"Don't let being right talk you out of being kind."  
Bob Goff

Marriage tip: When your wife asks what is on TV, do not say dust.

"Focus on the next step, not the entire staircase."

## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**Members:** Preston Rochelle (surgery for broken ankle Thursday), Ronny Pitman (cataract surgery Thursday), 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 (home), Jean Smith, Tammy Wright, Maeve McDonald (6 month old-St. Jude hospital-serious condition), Amalia Rose Shaw, JT Booker, Gail Tidwell, Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Randy Pitman, Deborah Roberts, Michael Harvill, Dottie McClean, 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.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

- 1 Peter 5:6-7 -

