

# THE PROVIDER

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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

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthened me.*

Philippians 4:13

Harry Houdini, who earned fame as an escape artist early in the twentieth century, issued a challenge wherever he went. He claimed he could be locked in any jail cell in the country and set himself free within minutes. He had a long track record of doing just that.

On one occasion, however, something seemed to go wrong. Houdini entered a jail cell. The heavy door clanged shut behind him. He pulled a strong but flexible piece of metal from his pocket. He went to work on the lock, but something seemed different.

For thirty minutes he worked without results. An hour passed. For the first time in his career as an escape artist, Houdini could not pick the lock and escape.

Finally, after two hours of fiddling with the lock, an exhausted Houdini leaned against the cell door. To his amazement, the door swung open. *It had not been locked in the first place!*

How many times have challenges been impossible only because we *think* they are? When we put our minds and energy toward them, we often find that the impossible is very much possible.

Everything seemed impossible... until the first time it was done!

Does God want you to do it? Then, clear your mind of "can't" and do it!

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





## Just Joshin'

Last week, my dad and I had the opportunity to see a bluegrass concert together. What made this event so special was the venue in which it was held: the historic Ryman Auditorium (an old church turned concert hall) in Nashville. The artist who performed was Billy Strings, a renowned guitarist and grammy-award-winning artist. He is pretty popular in the bluegrass genre and rightly so. He is very talented and his songs certainly derive a great deal of emotion from most listeners. Now, admittedly, he isn't known as being a "Christian artist" necessarily, but you could argue that he was during his Ryman performance. He played for around 2 and a half hours with the majority of the setlist being gospel bluegrass tunes. "I'll Fly Away" and "I Saw the Light" are a couple of many examples.

### Psalm 133:1, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!"

The reason I wanted to use this in my bulletin article is because of how powerful an experience it was. I can assure you that there were many in attendance who were not Christians and probably did not believe in God or Christ at all. However, I couldn't count a soul that wasn't singing along to every word of every song. Isn't that something? A whole crowd singing about Jesus and salvation and the beauty of our Lord. There is no telling how many in that room, after the concert was over, decided to do some digging into Christianity and figure out why so many artists would write heartfelt songs about it. In a divided world, there is something we can all, universally, agree upon and it's that the world needs fixing. It needs Someone to unify us, bring us together, and save us. Jesus is that one. He is the Savior to unite us all! We can see His work around every turn, even at concerts...

To God be the glory,

**Josh**



Sympathy to the family of **Zachary Scruggs**, great-nephew of **Gerry & Sarah Hinson**. He is the grandson of Kerry & Judy Hinson and the son of Brandy Hinson Scruggs & James L. Scruggs. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

## BENEVOLENCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT



We all know that Jesus taught us to care for the poor and needy. Benevolence is to be an active part of every Christian's life. However, giving to those in need is not only a New Testament practice. God has always required His people to care for the less fortunate.

God required His people to care for those who fell on hard times. Deuteronomy 17:7-11 says that Hebrews were not to harden their hearts nor close their hands to the poor, rather give as the poor brother had need. In Leviticus 25:36, the Lord commanded, "If one of your brethren becomes poor, and falls into poverty among you, then you shall help him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you." Those who had fields of crops or vineyards were mandated to leave the corners of the fields unharvested to allow the poverty stricken to gather the leftover "gleanings" for food (Leviticus 19:9) This is the what Ruth did in order to provide food for herself and her mother-in-law Naomi.

One aspect of the Old Testament law of benevolence that carried on into the Law of Liberty is one of cause and effect. In the Old Testament we read, "The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself." (Proverbs 11:25) This same principle is repeated by Jesus when He said, "Give, and it will be given to you; For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38). The circle of benevolence is one that we all should be involved with at every opportunity (Galatians 6:10) and when we do, we'll hear the King say, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34).

Jay Launius  
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**"Worry is an indication that we think  
God cannot look after us."**

# BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

Judgment Deeced (Gen. 6:5-8)

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BEAST	BIRDS	BOTH
CONTINUALLY	CREATED	CREEPING
DESTROY	EARTH	EVERY
EVIL	EYES	FACE
FOUND	GRACE	GREAT
GRIEVED	HEART	INTENT
LORD	MADE	NOAH
ONLY	SAID	SORRY
THEN	THING	THOUGHTS

Solution next week

## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Gary Basford  
**Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey  
**Scripture Reading:** Wallace Smith  
**Scripture:** Psalm 95:1-3  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Buddy Chandler  
**Left:** Jerrie W Barber **Right:** Mike Breece  
 Wyatt H Barber Don Beard  
 Dalton Barber Roy McCoy  
 Jeffrey Peebles Nathan Carroll  
**Announcements:** Gary Basford  
**Closing Prayer:** Woody Woodruff  
**Van Driver:** Jack Green 931-994-8317

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Scripture Reading:** Chris Love  
**Scripture:** Romans 1:16-17  
**Song Leader:** Gary Basford  
**Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright  
**Lord's Supper:** Gerry Hinson, Boyce Cannon  
**Closing Prayer:** Ken Copley  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

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



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### Did You Know This About 1 Chronicles?

Among many other events in this book of history, 1 Chronicles 10 records the death of Saul, the first king of Israel.

Saul had so much potential! He was tall and handsome (1 Sam. 9:2), had some humility about him (1 Sam 9:21), and most importantly he was the one the Lord had chosen (1 Sam. 10:24).

And yet, Saul disobeyed God and lost the Lord's support. In his descent into madness and evil, Saul tried to kill David multiple times, and eventually was wounded in a battle with the Philistines to such an extent that Saul committed suicide to keep from being captured.

There is a huge lesson in this to us all. When we focus on self and ignore obedience to God, we will always end up going the wrong direction!

Matt Clifton



The elders will meet with the deacons and all the men of the congregation on Sunday afternoon, March 9<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall at 5:00.

Craft night will be Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in room 104. We will be making clay pot bunnies.

The Jail Ministry had two baptisms last Saturday afternoon. **Willie David Dodd & Kristi Potts** were baptized.

**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** will meet on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in room 104.

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



Anyone interested in taking over preparing the Lord's Supper trays each week, please contact **Roy McCoy** at: 931-994-7571 or see one of the elders. We thank them so much for their time and effort that they have put forth.



Congratulations to **Bobbie Graf** on the birth of a great-granddaughter Wednesday. Isla Brooke Qualls was born to Cody & Stephany Qualls. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. Erin Baird is the proud grandmother.

Congratulations to **Caleb Coates**, grandson of **Phil & Diane Coates** who was named MVP of the District 12A basketball. He plays for McEwen High School.

*"Deep seated joy is NOT based on what you possess; but on WHO possesses you."*

**Members:** Bobby McCoy (Horizon), Tommy McClanahan (home), Dennis Cannon (surgery March 6), Gerry Loveless (surgery March 14), Steve Atkinson, Billy McCoy, Dot Davidson (swing bed St. Thomas Hickman-rehab), Jeff Rose, Floy Cochran, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Willie Powers, Rita Sullivan, Marlin Lawson, Randy Prince, Deborah McClellan, Joyce Boyd, Shanon Irwin (Vanderbilt), Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Sunny Anglin (3 yr old from Dickson-leukemia), Tanya Rochelle (Centennial-ICU), Jett Owsley (nephew of Allison Jett-4 yrs old-brain cancer), Brent Burt (cancer), Janet Barber (St. Thomas Hickman swing bed), Mary Morphis, Lois Gilbert (Horizon), Larry Gilbert, Tony Roder, Glenda Coates, Anthony Stacks (hospice-home), Mildred Rochelle, Amalia Rose Shaw, Edna Copley, B.Y. Peery, Doug True, Davy Baker, Lottie (Terrell) Williams, Mary Sue Sands, Jeff Clark, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, Beverly Smith, Paul Harvill, Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Ronnie Carroll, Judy Baggett, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Willie Lawler, James Coates, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson (home), Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard.

**Life Care:** Carolyn Phillips, Joe Qualls, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Sue Davidson, Wilma Green.

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



**Mar 9** - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo, during evening service

**Mar 16** - Puppet Show during evening service in Lift-Off

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

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 2, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	227
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5534
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5417</b>