

# THE PROVIDER

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### 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

*When Jesus heard him (the blind beggar), he stopped and ordered that the man be brought to him. As the man came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord," he said, "I want to see!"*

Luke 18:40-41

A man was standing on a street corner. A dog was standing right beside him. A stranger, who was a dog lover, walked up and asked, "Does your dog bite?" The man answered, "No. He doesn't."

The stranger reached down to pet the dog. The dog snarled and snapped at his hand, narrowly missing it. The stranger jerked his hand back in surprise and fear.

"I thought you said your dog doesn't bite!"

The man replied, "That ain't my dog."

Asking the right question is important!

Jesus asked the blind man, "What do you want me to do for you?"

What do *you* want Jesus to do for you? This is an *important* question! One that many of us may have never really considered. You want Jesus to help you, right? But, help you do what, exactly?

Make a list of 5 responses to that question. Try to avoid generic and "safe" items, such as "make me a better Christian" or "Save me." Get personal and specific.

The healing that Jesus brings often begins with identifying our spiritual needs and having the desire to change.

Don't hesitate to ask for what others might label as "impossible." Jesus assures us that "with God, all things are possible."

Like this blind beggar, you need Jesus' help today. Determine *exactly* what your spiritual needs are. Then... ask!

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





There were 31 pints of blood given on Monday afternoon to the **Red Cross Blood Drive**. We thank all who donated and those that assisted in any way.

**Ladies' craft night** will be on Monday, March 18th at 6 in room in 104. We will be making aprons for Relay for Life. Please bring a sewing machine if you have one. There will be jobs for everyone.

If you have not noticed, the **ladies' bathroom** in the front foyer is now open. Let's give **Adam Jude** and **Wes Crowther** a big "THANK YOU" for spearheading this project!

Good news from the **Jail Ministry**—yesterday there seven (7) baptisms. Those baptized were: Alecia Crisp, Cassey Williams, Laveda Nash, Christopher Valerio, Houston Haskins, Craig Valerio and Jason Bennett. Last Sunday afternoon the Jail Ministry worship service broke a record with 57 attending the worship services.

**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.

## HICKMAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

The **HCHS boys basketball team** will be playing in the first round of state tournament for the first time since 1984 with our **Tyler Stacks** and **Kole Hellman** being key players on the team! Gary Basford will drive the church van to the game; leaving from the church at **6:15am, Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**. **There are 14 seats available on a first come first served basis. You must sign up with Gary Basford in person as soon as possible if you wish to go. You will be responsible for the cost of your ticket and any other expense. General Admission tickets are \$15.00 each.**



**Members:** Carolyn Phillips (home), 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:** Braydon Chessor (grandson of Lisa Truett), Lester Davidson (friend of Aletha Martin), Sharon Burns (diagnosed breast cancer), James Williams (brother of Al Williams-St. Thomas West-heart bypass surgery), Kim Totty (home), Tara & Connor Pitman, Trevor Buchanan, 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 (ER for tests). 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

We learned Thursday morning of the passing of **Marvin Emler**, brother of **Faye Williams**, Wednesday night. We express our deepest sympathy to the family.



**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, after classes, 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

“The Way of Hope”

Many people come to the point where they wonder what the purpose of life is. They turn to so-called pleasures and find them to be empty. Far too many of these people become suicidal as a result. They reason, “Since life is so empty and discouraging, I might as well end my misery.”

There is a much better way. The real reason for a sense of emptiness in life is because Jesus is missing. God saw the sinfulness of mankind and the resulting hopelessness, so He sent His only Son to provide salvation by dying for everyone. If we repent of our sins, make Jesus our Lord and Savior, He will fill our souls with peace, joy, and rest.

Many people struggle with the question of whether God will forgive them. The Lord’s voice is constantly calling; we must be still long enough to hear Him. Jesus said in Revelation 3:20, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hears my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him.” The prodigal son in Luke 15 is a great example. The son wasted all the money he had received from his father---yet the father held a celebration when his son returned. This is a picture of how gladly God will receive any person who repents and comes to Him!!

We have no power to rise above the emptiness of life without God. God can fill the void within us. He has provided the ultimate solution: Jesus the Christ. There is great hope and fulfillment in a redeemed, godly life!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

*Whenever you feel sad, just remember that there are billions of cells in your body and all they care about is you.*

### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 3, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	229
CONTRIBUTION:	\$6054
<b>2024 WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5104</b>

## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Lyle Sheperd

**Scripture Reading:** Wallace Smith

**Scripture:** Psalm 63:1-4

**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Damon McCoy

**Left:** Jerrie W Barber      **Right:** Mike Breece

Wyatt H Barber

Norman Moss

Dalton Barber

Roy McCoy

Jeffrey Peebles

Adam Jude

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Woody Woodruff

**Van Driver:** Angie Green 931-219-7979

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks

**Scripture Reading:** Chris Love

**Scripture:** Matthew 27:57-61

**Song Leader:** Norman Moss

**Opening Prayer:** Tom Gosser

**Lord’s Supper:** Willie Powers, Boyce Cannon

**Closing Prayer:** Rick Bruno

**Van Driver:** Angie Green 931-219-7979

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright

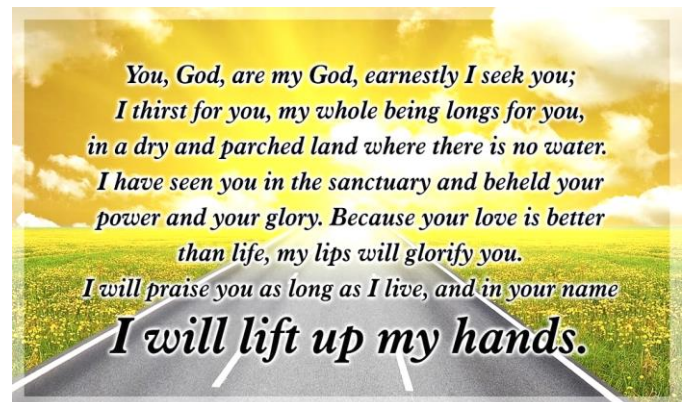
**Song Leader:** Jeff Rose

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey

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

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

This year, Easter Sunday is March 31<sup>st</sup> which falls on the fifth Sunday. Due to this, Mike Kelley will speak that day and we will have Bible classes as usual. Immediately following Bible class, there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children. ***We will not have a potluck meal afterwards and there will be no evening service that day.***



## “41”

In the Bible, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Day 41 came and the rain stopped.

Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights. On day 41, he received the Ten Commandments.

Moses and the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Year 41, and they walked into the Promised Land.

Goliath taunted Israel for 40 days. Day 41 came, and David slew him.

Jesus fasted and was tempted for 40 days. Day 41, and the devil fled.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples for 40 days. On day 41, He ascended into Heaven.

All this to say...don't quit. The rain will stop, the giant will fall, and you will enter your "promised land." Don't give up at 40.

41 is coming.

## WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

*You are the body of Christ,  
and each one of you is a part of it.  
—1 Corinthians 12:27*

The cashier in the convenience store heard the kid speaking on his phone. "Sir, could you use an honest, hardworking young man to work for you?" Then heard him say, "Oh, you already have an honest, hardworking young man working for you. Well, okay, thanks."

With a big smile, he headed for the door. "Hey," said the cashier, "You didn't get the job. So why are you smiling?" "Well, I'm the honest, hardworking young man," said the kid. "I was just checking to see how I'm doing."

How are you doing in your relationships? Do you score well as a spouse, parent, friend?

How would you score as a church member? Would your church be stronger or weaker if its pews were filled with people like you?

*Just wondering.*

--Joe Barnett

*Today's Walk in the Word*



Remember to run your clock forward one hour on Saturday night as we start Daylight Savings Time on Sunday morning!!

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



Speaker

Sheila Butt

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

**All generations welcome!**

Continental Breakfast  
& Lunch provided

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

When you face difficult times, know that challenges are not sent to destroy you. They're sent to promote, increase and strengthen you.



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