

# 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

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17  
NLT

Did you know that reading the Bible is good for you? It is. Here are some of the known benefits...

Research shows that either reading or listening to the Bible at least four times a week is associated with a lower likelihood of engaging in behaviors like excessive drinking, sex outside of marriage, pornography use and gambling.

Studies show that those who read the Bible regularly experience better mental health, with a 30% lower chance of experiencing loneliness and a 32% lower chance of experiencing anger issues.

Studies have shown that reading the Bible can help relax your body by lowering your heart rate and easing tension in your muscles, with a reduction in stress of up to 68% in those who read for only 6 minutes.

The Bible really is the owner's manual for the human body and mind.

The old saying is very true... "A Bible that's falling apart belongs to a person who isn't."

The Bible... it does a body... and a mind... and a spirit good! Have you read your Bible today?

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





## *Just Joshin'*

Anxiety is something that I'm sure we've all dealt with at one point or another. The world we live in can cause a lot of wear and tear on us. Our careers, school, or other life circumstances can weigh heavy on us. So, that leaves us with a question: how do we deal with it? I think we can identify that most of our anxiety stems from uncertainty. Worrying about tomorrow and things that have not come to pass. Scripture tells us in Matthew 6:34, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Jesus tells us plainly to not worry, yet, to some of us that may not seem very helpful. I think we must take a new perspective. We must understand that we aren't in control and most of our anxieties are a result of us not being in control of a particular situation. So, we must turn to the One Who IS in control: God. There is no anxiety too great for God. If we cast our worries, sorrows, and stresses upon Him, then they shall exist no more. We cast our anxiety upon Him when we pray, when studying His Word, and when we focus our mind on the goal of Heaven. It might be difficult sometimes, but the Father is with us every step of the way!

To God be the glory,

**Josh**

## **HOW TO DECIDE**

When we are unsure whether we should do something, ask ourselves the following questions.

1. Is what I am about to do inherently sinful? Inherently sinful refers to something that's always sinful (like fornication - (Galatians 5:19-21). If so, don't do it. But if not...
2. Does what I am about to do violate my conscience? If so, don't do it (Romans 14:23). But if not...
3. Will what I am about to do hurt my good Christian influence? If so, don't do it. (Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13).

**May we always glorify God in our thoughts and behavior!**

## **Bible Quiz: James 2:5-9**

1. "Has not God chosen the \_\_\_\_\_ of this world to be \_\_\_\_\_ in faith and \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom..."
2. True or False: God has promised the kingdom to those who love Him.
3. Those who oppress Christians blaspheme that "\_\_\_\_\_ name by which you are called."
4. What does James call the principle, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself?"
5. True or False: If you show partiality, you are not committing sin.

*Solution: poor, rich, heirs; true; noble; royal law; false*

**Ronny Pitman's** name has been put before the congregation to be appointed as an elder. If you have a scriptural reason Ronny should not be an elder, please submit your reason to the elders and sign it. If there are no objections, he will become an elder on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## ***DON'T LET SIN IN***

*Don't get used to sin. Just because we are bombarded with worldliness and sin day and night does not give us the excuse to become apathetic toward such things. God still expects His children to talk, dress, act and think differently than the world. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.*



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**Facebook:** *Fairfield church of Christ-Field Family*

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**Website:** *fairfieldcofc.org*

## **FOR THE RECORD**

**WEEK OF March 16, 2025**

<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>237</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTION:</b>	<b>\$6452</b>
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5417</b>



Scientists have found a way to genetically cross a praying mantis with a termite. In other words, they've created an insect that says a prayer before it eats your house.

It was the day of the big sale. A long line had formed by opening time. A man pushed his way to the front of the line, only to be pushed back amid shouts. On the man's second attempt, he was knocked around and then thrown to the end of the line again. As he got ready for a third try, he said to the person at the end of the line. "That does it! If they hit me one more time, I won't open the store!"

The preacher was opening his mail one morning. Taking a single sheet of paper from an envelope, he found written on it only one word: "Fool."

The following Sunday he announced to the assembled congregation, "I have known many people who have written to me and forgotten to sign their names. But this week I received a letter from someone who signed his name and had forgotten to write a letter."

"What time does the library open?" the man on the phone asked.

"Nine a.m. What's the idea of calling me at home at this hour to ask?" asked the librarian.

"Not until 9 a.m.?" said the caller in a very disappointed voice.

"No, not until 9 a.m. Why do you want to get into the library before nine?" asked the librarian politely.

"Who said I wanted to get in?" the man sighed sadly, "I want to get out."

A boy was taking care of his baby sister when his parents went to town shopping. He decided to go fishing so he took her with him. "I'll never do that again!" he told his mother that evening. "I didn't catch a thing!" "Oh, the next time I'm sure she'll be quiet and not scare the fish away," his mother said. The boy replied, "It wasn't that. She ate all the bait!"

## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Jerrie W Barber

**Scripture Reading:** Rick Bruno

**Scripture:** Psalm 66:1-5

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Steve Atkinson

**Left:** James Swaw

**Right:** Wayne Prince

Curtis Edwards

Zack Bentley

Steve Baker

Lyle Shepherd

Tony McCoy

Erik Hassell

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Norman George

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

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Basford

**Scripture Reading:** Robert Graf

**Scripture:** Philippians 4:4-7

**Song Leader:** Gary Basford

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey

**Lord's Supper:** Gary Basford, Ken Copley

**Closing Prayer:** Roy McCoy

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Rick Bruno

**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman

**Opening Prayer:** Boyce Cannon

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

## A Closer Look at Jude 24

Now (that's the present)

to Him (that's the Person)

that is able (that's His power)

to keep you (that's His protection)

from stumbling (that's to make you perfect),

and to present you faultless (that's to make you pure)

before the presence of His glory (that's His prestige)

with exceeding joy (that's our pleasure).



The mission committee will meet Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in room 104.

The elders will meet with the ladies of the congregation Sunday afternoon, March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the fellowship hall at 5:00 pm.

The Golden Agers will be going to the Log Cabin Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup>. They will be leaving at 5:30 from the building. Sign-up sheets will be out soon.

**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> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in room 104.

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 **Donald Castenholz**, step father of **Marina Sullivan**. There are no services scheduled at this time.

Our love and sympathy to the family of **Shanon Irwin**, who passed away Wednesday morning. The visitation for Shanon will be Friday from 5:00 – 9:00 pm and his funeral service will be Saturday at 2:00 pm at the Centerville Church of Christ building. Meal for the family will be at Fairfield Baptist church. Food will be provided by the ladies from our church and anyone else who would like to contribute a dish.



Make plans now for Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> as our speaker for the day will be **Matthew Dotson**. Worship at 9:00 am and afternoon service at 12:30 pm. After bible class, we will meet in the fellowship hall for a potluck. It will be a great day!



**Members:** Bobbie Graf, Bobby C. McCoy, Tommy McClanahan, Dennis Cannon, Gerry Loveless (home), 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, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Brenda Smith (sister of Willie Powers-St. Thomas Midtown), Sunny Anglin (3 yr old from Dickson-leukemia), Tanya Rochelle (Centennial-private room), 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 (home-rehab), 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.

**Morning Pointe, 2050 Union Pl. Columbia:** Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard.



Congratulations to **Rosy James**, daughter of **Mindy & Jeremy James**, granddaughter of **Billy & Peggy McCoy** who was crowned Little Princess of Hickman County on Friday night and to **Saylor Roberts**, daughter of **Loren & Daniel Roberts**, granddaughter of **Kyle & Lisa Hellman** and **Danny & Debra Roberts** who was 1<sup>st</sup> runner up.