

# THE PROVIDER

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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

***Now that I am old and my hair is gray, don't leave me, God. I must tell the next generation about your power and greatness. God, your goodness reaches far above the skies. You have done wonderful things. God, there is no one like you.***

Psalm 71:18-19

Despite all the advances in modern medicine, there is still no cure for the common birthday. We dream of living in the "land where we'll never grow old." But, for now, we live in *this* land... and, in this land, if we are fortunate, the birthdays pile up and we find ourselves getting older. Is this a bad thing? Listen to Dr. Joseph Leroy Dodds as he answers below.

"A common greeting these days is 'How are you?' The stereotype reply is 'Fine, and how are you?' I frequently give this reply to my friends who would be dismayed and bored if I tried to tell them the truth, for the edition of this jalopy I call my body is getting worse and worse...

"The steering gear is so worn and wobbly that I have to use a cane to keep it from running off the road. The headlights are so dim that they show up only a half or a third as much as they used to. The horn is a mere squawk. I only get about a tenth of the speed out of it that it gave me a few years ago. As for climbing hills, or even gentler slopes, the less said the better...

"But the real person who lives inside this jalopy is a different story. God is much more real and His truth shines much more brightly. The companionship of Christ is more constant through His Holy Spirit, and he holds out a hope for a new model, after his jalopy is junked...

"I know I do not deserve a new model, and if God, the Righteous Judge, determines that I should not have it, that is alright, too. In any case, Righteous Judge is His middle name, sandwiched between His first and last names, both of which are LOVE. SO, I am fine, thank you. How are you?"

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





It was good to have **Ruth Ann Carathers** and **Sharon Rochelle** back Sunday morning after recently having surgery.

The elders will meet with the men of the congregation this Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Ladies' Craft Night has been rescheduled to April 3rd at 6pm in room 104.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following bible class on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We need individually wrapped candy or plastic filled eggs. See Teresa if you need eggs. Please bring them to church no later than April 5<sup>th</sup>.

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.



Sympathy to the family of **Betty Jo Truett**. She passed away last Friday night. Betty Jo and several of her family members were lifelong members here at Fairfield. Her funeral service was Tuesday.

Our sympathy also to the family of **Wanda Qualls** of Pleasantville. Wanda was a school bus driver in the county for 30 years. Her funeral was also on Tuesday.

## RESPONSES

Coming forward Sunday morning requesting prayers was **Jan Campbell** seeking prayers for boldness in her faith and strength to deal with health issues.



A contribution was given in honor of **Marvin Truett** for the youth fund by **Wallace & Sue Smith**.

**Members:** Woody Woodruff, Jan Campbell, Aletha Martin, Alice Lynn, Janey Gilbert, Bentley Barber, Patsy Givens, John Fly, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes, Paul Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** David Stewart, Louie Fulmizi (St. Thomas Mid-town. (Brenda Lynn Allen's father, Brenda sings on the Grinder's Switch hour.) Anthony Stacks (home), Colton Thompson, Gretchen Estep, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Harrison, Scott Rushton (no visitors), James & Carolyn Stoltz, Ricky Chandler, Jimmy Jenkins, Isaiah Locke, Mike Blackwell, Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Mattie Boehms, Memori Grimes, David King, Madelyn Owens, Mike Staggs, Brenda Smith, Karen Robbins, Lelia Mae Warren, Rachel Watts, William McClearn, Bryan Williams, James Tidwell, Judy Hinson, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, Rebeca Mears, Kelley Wilson, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Elam, Donna Gaspard, Rita Stacks, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

**Life Care:** Elizabeth Dunn, Gary Yates, Wilma Green, Francis Qualls, Hester Moss

**St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:** Naomi Bailey (hospice). Her family asks your prayers for a peaceful transition), Lou Dickens

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

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

**NHC Dickson:** Thelma Stewart-hip rehab

Please let Rick Bruno or Jewell Prince know of any updates for the prayer list to be added or anyone who can be taken off the list. Email: [rick@fairfieldcofc.org](mailto:rick@fairfieldcofc.org).

As iron sharpens iron,  
so a friend sharpens a friend.  
**Proverbs 27:17**



## Center Fielders News

“The Days of Noah”

We live in a time of great immorality. People keep coming up with more and more wicked ideas, such as men marrying men and women marrying women. Things are happening today that were not even possible in the days of Noah. There is seamless access to technologies that makes these things available. Truly we live in days similar to Noah’s day, and possibly even worse.

The spiritual confusion today is tremendous. People who falsely claim to be Christians only add to the confusion. In fact, many such people are confused themselves, and they lead others astray with them. It is so critical in these last days that we stay true and faithful to God’s Word or we will lead astray as well. It is also very important for Christians to be that “shining light” in the dark world that is around us. We must do more than just confess Christianity; we must actually live it.

In Noah’s time, people were becoming increasingly wicked. They were not prepared when the Flood came, and they all perished except Noah and his family. These faithful ones were the only people who were prepared for the Flood. Here we have a picture of how the world will be at Christ’s second coming. Few will be prepared, and so few will be saved. It will be a time of great terror for many.

Let us search our lives. Are we promoting Christ’s Kingdom or the devils? Are you ready for the Lord’s return? This is a very serious matter! Please don’t make the same mistake the people made in Noah’s day. If you are not ready, please get ready by contacting a minister, elder or a teacher of God’s Word.

Noah obeyed God and was saved!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 19, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP	199
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5689

## MEN TO SERVE MARCH 26

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Jerrie W Barber

**Scripture Reading:** Gary Bailey

**Scripture:** Hebrews 4:14-16

**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Ronny Pitman

**Left:** Phillip Coates      **Right:** Willie Powers

Robert Graf

Butch Sullivan

Steve Baker

Lyle Shepherd

Tony McCoy

Erik Hassell

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** James Swaw

**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

**Announcements:** Gary Basford

**Scripture Reading:** Robert Graf

**Scripture:** Luke 12:8-12

**Song Leader:** Damon McCoy

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey

**Lord’s Supper:** Bobby McCoy, Gary Basford

**Closing Prayer:** Roy McCoy

**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright

**Song Leader:** Mike Kelley

**Opening Prayer:** Boyce Cannon

**Invitation:** Rodney Rochelle

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

**THEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE A GREAT HIGH PRIEST WHO HAS PASSED THROUGH THE HEAVENS — JESUS THE SON OF GOD — LET US HOLD FAST TO THE CONFESSION. FOR WE DO NOT HAVE A HIGH PRIEST WHO IS UNABLE TO SYMPATHIZE WITH OUR WEAKNESSES, BUT ONE WHO HAS BEEN TESTED IN EVERY WAY AS WE ARE, YET WITHOUT SIN. THEREFORE LET US APPROACH THE THRONE OF GRACE WITH BOLDNESS, SO THAT WE MAY RECEIVE MERCY AND FIND GRACE TO HELP US AT THE PROPER TIME.**

**HEBREWS 4:14-16**





### APRIL

- 1 Olivia Craft
- 4 Shanon Irwin
- 5 Barbara Edwards  
Tyler Stacks
- 6 Landon Graham  
Kathy Rose  
Chase Stanley
- 7 Katie Graham
- 8 Sherry Dunn  
Jewell Prince
- 9 Terri Barber  
Jackson Peebles
- 10 Renee Halbrooks
- 14 Veronica Brown  
Bridgett Tidwell  
Teresa Warren
- 15 Fran Batts  
Angie Stacks
- 16 Nathaniel Armstrong
- 17 Deneen Clayton
- 18 Brandon James
- 19 Betsy Licciardello  
Bob Graf  
Caleb Truett
- 21 Nevaeh Wright
- 22 Teresa Purcell
- 23 Isabella Liddell  
Joyce Cayce
- 25 Mike Breece
- 26 John Irvin  
Sara Lawson
- 27 Roy McCoy
- 29 Hester Moss
- 30 Martha Butler



### APRIL

- 20 John & Kaitlyn Harris
- 28 Phillip & Roberta Anderson



We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Your presence is an encouragement and you are always welcome. Please fill out an attendance card you will find in the pew rack and drop it in the basket or leave on the seat and it will be picked up.

### Lesson Learned!

Free food in the break room is like oxygen masks on an airplane. You get yours first, then you inform others.

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A fellow computer programmer for a consulting group had designed some software for one of our largest accounts. He asked my help in putting it into operation.

At first, he handled most of the work. Eventually, though, he asked me to help with the last phase of the training. When I sat down with one woman and told her I would be showing her how to make changes to the files, she sighed with relief. "I'm so glad you're teaching me instead of him." Surprised, I said that my colleague was far more experienced than I was.

"Yes," she said, "but I feel much more comfortable with you. I get nervous around really smart people."

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Our new office computer system was down as much as it was working. My co-worker Mary decided to stay late one evening to catch up on the work that had accumulated. On her way home, a police officer stopped her for speeding. "What a perfect end to an awful day!" she exclaimed. "Our computer is up, then down — up, then down. I stay late to catch up, and now this!"

The officer was unaffected by Mary's griping, and he went to his car to prepare a citation. After what seemed an eternity, he returned with her license and registration. As he handed them to her, he smiled and said, "Our computer is down."

### The Woman of His Dreams

A young man called his mother and announced excitedly that he had just met the woman of his dreams. Now what should he do?

His mother had an idea: "Why don't you send her flowers, and on the card invite her to your place for a home-cooked meal?"

He thought this was a great strategy and arranged a date for a week later. His mother called the day after the big date to see how things had gone.

"The evening was a disaster," he moaned. "Why, didn't she come over?" asked his mother. "Oh, she came over, but she refused to cook."



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