

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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### DEACONS:

Gary Bailey - *Schedule Events*  
931-994-4810  
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931-212-2560  
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931-703-5062  
Steve Craft - *Youth*  
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520-576-4227  
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931-994-9508  
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615-584-9348  
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931-994-7244  
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931-729-4534

### Pulpit Minister:

Mike Kelley - 931-994-1911

### Associate Minister:

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

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, when you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking in anything.*

James 1:2-4

George's first job as a landscape contractor was to remove a large oak stump from a farmer's field. It was also his first opportunity to use dynamite—a common practice for removal of large stumps.

With the farmer watching, George tried to hide his nervousness by carefully calculating the size of the stump, and determining the proper amount of dynamite to use and where to place it.

Finally, he and the farmer moved to the detonator located behind George's pickup truck. With a silent prayer, George plunged the detonator. The stump gracefully rose into the air and then came crashing down—right on top of the cab of George's truck!

George gazed in despair at the damage that had been caused, but the farmer was full of admiration. "Son, with a little more practice, those stumps will land in the bed of the truck every time!"

When we face adversity, we often see our problem as something that has come crashing down on us. We look at the damage in our lives and are tempted to give in to despair, discouragement, and depression.

Another perspective would be this: see how close you have come to success, and choose to respond to your circumstance with optimism. God is in the process of refining you... step by step... and He has a goal in mind. The goal is your spiritual maturity.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





## Just Joshin'

We've all heard the old saying "sharing is caring", right? For most, it's a cliché, but for Christians, it's a way of life! We can take a look at Acts 4:32 for example. It reads, "Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common." I love where it says that the believers were "of one heart and soul," and that kind of unity being described showed up in a very practical way: they shared what they had. No one was clinging tightly to their possessions, because they were more focused on each other than on themselves. This wasn't about rules or pressure. It was about changed hearts. When people are truly centered on Christ, generosity just starts to happen. It's a beautiful byproduct. They begin to see others differently. Not as strangers, but as family. It's a good reminder for us today. Unity in the church isn't just about agreeing on things. While it is important to a degree, it's really all about caring for one another in real, tangible ways. Sometimes that looks like meeting a need, offering help, or simply being willing to share what God has already given us. When we live this way, people notice. And more importantly, it reflects the heart of the gospel: the message that grace is freely given, and grace can be freely shared!

To God be the glory,  
**Josh**



Clearview Church of Christ invites you to our  
Gospel Meeting, April 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>  
Speaker: Michael Crowder  
Sunday Bible class at 9 am  
Worship at 10 am  
Fellowship Meal at 11 am  
Devotional at 12:30 pm  
Monday - Tuesday at 7 pm

Columbia Ave Church of Christ  
Family & Friends Day, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
Speaker: Deltric McCullough  
Sunday School at 10 am  
Worship at 11 am  
Lunch served after morning service  
Evening service 2:15 pm

This is a weekend you won't want to miss  
—invite your family and friends!

**The Brushy church of Christ invites you to...**  
774 Hwy 48 South; Centerville, TN 37033

**Faith Grounded in History**  
Archaeology, Evidence, and the Claims of the Bible

**Speaker: Jon Moore**

**May 2-3, 2026**

**Saturday, May 2**  
9:00 AM – Old Testament Reliability  
10:30 AM – New Testament Reliability  
12:00 PM – Catered Lunch Provided

**Sunday, May 3**  
9:00 AM – Bible Class: *Jerusalem Through the Ages*  
10:00 AM – Worship: *The Healing at Bethesda*  
Fellowship Meal Following Morning Worship  
1:00 PM – Evening Worship: *The Crucifixion of Jesus*

*Jon Moore takes groups annually to ancient sites for archeological digs. He will describe and show the archeological digs, and then take you to scripture and make it come alive!*





*Special  
Announcement*

It was announced last Sunday that Chris Wright has decided to step down as our youth minister effective May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in the position of youth minister, please contact one of our elders. We would like to thank Chris and Arielle for the many years they have dedicated to our youth.

**Women Are Safe**  
(soon becoming We Are Safe)

**Spring 2026 Wishlist**

Any/All Household Cleaning Products  
Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Fabric Softener, & Sheets

- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- Trash Bags (13 Gallon)
- Standard Pillows
- Square/Rectangle Plastic Laundry Basket
- Sheet Sets (Twin or Queen)
- Comforters or Blankets (Twin or Queen)
- Towels, Hand Towels, and Wash Cloths



## April

**19<sup>th</sup>** - 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade devo, during evening  
Service at the Field House

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

## May

**3<sup>rd</sup>** - Senior Night will start with the evening service followed by a slide show and Bible Presentation, then a finger food fellowship to end the night. All seniors need to get your forms and pictures to Teresa by April 19<sup>th</sup>.

These are our High School Seniors for 2026:  
Aiden Liddell, Carol Warren, Carter Bates,  
Claire Willis, Edwin Wright, Jon Michael Lewis,  
Joseph McCauley, Sara Beth McClanahan,  
Skyler Irvin, Sierra Mayberry,  
Jackson Smith, and Audrey Davidson

Our College Graduates are:  
Sara True, Jesse Stacks, Zach Bentley,  
Carleigh Liddell, and Ethan Willis

*Congratulations*



I want to thank our church family for the love and support during the loss of my mom. Your prayers, kind words and presence have meant so much. Thank you for the beautiful wind chimes-they bring a peaceful reminder of comfort and hope. I'm also grateful for the food and the family dinner. Everyone worked so hard in preparing it for us. We are blessed to be part of a caring church family.

**Wilma Green family**

Thank you to everyone who had a part in preparing and serving the delicious meal after my dad's funeral. Your kindness and generosity meant so much to our family during such a difficult time. We are also deeply grateful for all the prayers, love and support.

With love,

**Anna Freeman & family**

## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright

**Scripture Reading:** Zack Harvill

**Scripture:** Psalm 24:1-5

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Randal Halbrooks

**Left:** Jeff Stacks

**Right:** Steve Baker

Boyce Cannon

Wes Crowther

Ronny Pitman

Chris Love

Rick Bruno

Rusty Bates

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Buddy Chandler

**Van Driver:** Jack Green (931-994-8317)

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks

**Scripture Reading:** Chris Love

**Scripture:** Habakkuk 3:17-18

**Song Leader:** Steve Atkinson

**Opening Prayer:** Ken Copley

**Lord's Supper:** Gary Basford, Phil Coates

**Closing Prayer:** Wayne Prince

**Van Driver:** Jack Green (931-994-8317)

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Rick Bruno

**Song Leader:** Mike Kelley

**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy

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

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF April 12, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	200
CONTRIBUTION	\$4,634
<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

There will be a planning day for the Ladies' Tea Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in room 104.

There will be a community-wide Widows/Widowers Luncheon held April 25<sup>th</sup> at noon. Guest speaker will be Teresa Purcell. RSVP to Randal Halbrooks by April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please spread the word.

The Golden Agers will be going to **Catfish Campus** Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will leave the building at 5:30 pm. Sign up lists are in both foyers.

Elders meet with youth Apr. 26 during Sunday School.

We will have a guest speaker, **Denny Sisson** Sunday morning, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Young Adult Class will be hosting a "Spring Fling" Festival for the community Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be food, games, bouncy houses, music, crafts, a photo booth, and lots of flowers, fellowship, and fun! If you would like to volunteer to help with the festival or would like a t-shirt for that day, there are sign-up sheets in both foyers. Please tell your friends, and neighbors, and come join us for this opportunity to meet and encourage members of our community.

The women's Purpose Field Ministry is having a supply drive for Women Are Safe. Needed items are listed in the bulletin, and items need to be brought to the Ladies' Tea Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> or you can bring them before that date and leave them in the basket by the water fountain in the education wing. If you have any questions, you may see Joyce Bruno or Jan Campbell.

If you have brought food to any of the recent meals for funerals, please check the fellowship hall for your dishes.

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.



The jail ministry had a baptism last Saturday. **Stacey Murphy** was baptized into Christ.

## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**Members:** Barbara Kelley, Jeff Rose, Yvonna Caillouet, Mary Morphis (home), Woody Woodruff (home), Amber McDonald, Dana McCaleb, Preston Rochelle, Linda Smith, Dot Davidson (home), Gerry Loveless, Shelby Bates, Brandy Sullivan (surgery April 28<sup>th</sup>), Dave Davidson, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

**Friends & Family:** Joyce Lynch (sister-in-law of Martha Butler & Sharon McCoy-dialysis), Frances McMeen (friend of Martha Butler-cancer), Mike Avery, Hayes Harrington (3-week-old nephew of Dannie George), Brenda Horner, Richie Spann (brother-in-law of Terri Barber), Hilda Atkinson (home), Doug Gardner (cancer), Gail Barber, Donald Brady, Tammy Wright, Amalia Rose Shaw, Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Randy Pitman, Dottie McClean, 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, Ila Faye Jenkins, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

**Life Care:** Willie B Coates, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler

**NHC Columbia:** Leroy Cannon (rehab)

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



It has been said that "Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues but the parent of all others." Working together we are able to accomplish many great things! As a small token of gratitude and our appreciation for each and every one who is a part of our church family attending here, we will have an Appreciation Dinner in your honor at our Fellowship Hall on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm. Save the date!! Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

*The Elders*