

# 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

*And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear.*

Philippians 1:12-14

At Princeton, Woodrow Wilson was first a teacher and later, president of the university. While popular, he had a reputation for cracking down on students who were not serious in their pursuit of education or moral and ethical in their behavior.

The mother of one young man who was expelled for cheating made a trip to Princeton to have a talk with Wilson. She pleaded with him to reinstate her son because of the possible adverse reaction his expulsion would have on her own health and reputation.

She told him about an upcoming operation and said she felt certain she would die if her son was not readmitted.

Wilson listened to her pleas and then responded, taking a very tough stance, "Madam, you force me to say a hard thing. If I had to choose between your life or my life or anybody's life and the good of this college, I should choose the good of the college."

That's how the Apostle Paul felt about the *church!* Paul was about something bigger than himself. He was working for a cause greater than any one person. Whenever it came to his, or anyone's, health or happiness or the health and wellbeing of the church, Paul came down on the side of the church!

Let's follow Paul's example as he follows Christ. Let's put the mission and message of the Gospel above all.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





It was good to see **Sue Smith** back at Sunday morning services after being out for several weeks.

The Men-to-Serve and Van Driver sheets for May are in both foyers. Please pick one up.

**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 **room 104**.

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



We express our sympathy to the family of **Martha Page** who was a member here at Fairfield for many years. She had been in assisted living in Dickson for several years after moving from Centerville. She was 97 years young and the mother of Larry Page. Visitation and burial was Friday in Hilltop Cemetery.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY:**

**Senior night** is this Sunday evening, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating these seniors: **Hannah Irwin, Daveigh Cochran, Connor Liddell, Emery Dotson, Liberty McCauley, Kole Hellman & Tyler Stacks**. Please bring finger foods for fellowship after evening service as we celebrate our young folks.

Community Wide **Widows' & Widowers' Luncheon** Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 12 noon. There are sign up sheets in both foyers.

**Muffins with Mom** and her family will commemorate Mothers' Day on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in either foyer by May 8<sup>th</sup> and let us know how many plan to come.

**Topsy Turvy Tea Party** for all ladies Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall, 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Sign-up sheets are in the **side foyer**. One sheet is for attendance and the other one is for bringing items and/or table decorations.



**Members:** Joyce Boyd (home), Brenda Stoltz (home), Floy Cochran, Sharon Burns (no cancer), Carolyn Phillips, Reda Springer, Shanon Irwin, Kenneth Chandler, Terry Duncan, June Prince, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb (surgery last Thursday), Woody Woodruff, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Elizabeth Dunn, Gethlyn Gardner (cousin of Rita Beard), Larry Buttrey (James Swaw's brother-in-law), Nicholas Wright, Barbara Beard, Edwin Garner, Danny Cagle (Centennial hospital), Chris Chilton, David Stewart, Willie Lawler, Carol Warren, James Coates (VA Hospital Nashville), Trevor Buchanan, Pam Sullivan, Pam Simmons, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, June Roder, Mary French, Bobby McCoy, Anthony Stacks, David Talley, Billie Lynn Tyler, Cory Patterson (Vanderbilt hospital), James Stoltz, Grayson Gunter, Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer, Jimmie Jenkins, Stephanie Pitman, Jenny Teet, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Roy Harris, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

**Life Care:** Martha Ann McCord, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

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

**NHC Hendersonville:** Sherry Breece



**May 5** - Senior Night/Slide Show/Finger Food  
**May 7** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH  
**May 18** - Hickman County & East Hickman Graduation  
**May 19** - Cedar Point Trip Meeting - immediately following Sunday School at the Field House  
 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo, during evening service, FH  
**May 21** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH  
**May 26** - Puppet Show, during evening service in LO



## Center Fielders News

“May, Month of Planting”

One of the most inspirational, forward-looking things you can do in the natural world is to plant seeds. What happens after you plant seeds? You wait but you also watch. And when that watching is finally rewarded with tiny green shoots, you rejoice! Then you look forward to pretty flowers or tasty vegetables as the plants mature.

But there are more kinds of planting than just planting flowers and vegetables. All of us are planting seeds every day in our own lives and in the lives of others. Christian parents are sowing seeds of truth and godliness in the lives of their children. Older siblings are sowing seeds in the younger ones. Church leaders look for a harvest from the seeds of truth and holiness they sow in their preaching and teaching. Even the elderly sow seeds of wisdom through their life experiences as they anticipate going to Heaven.

But of course, we all know that every seed that is sown will not yield as we wished it would. It didn't in Jesus' day and it still doesn't today. The yield depends largely upon the receiver of the seed. Our duty is to sow the seed, and then commit the yield to God.

Let's be aware of the ones around us and sow good seeds of truth, righteousness, and holiness. Let's sow them carefully and deliberately. Let's take our time and do it well, but let's not forget to prepare our hearts to receive the seeds that others sow as well. They too will bring benefits and blessings to you. Then with God's blessing upon the seed sown, you can anticipate a blessed harvest of peace and joy. Today is the beginning of the rest of your life. Let's begin with God.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF April 28, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	219
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5437
<b>2024 WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5104</b>

## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Jerrie W Barber

**Scripture Reading:** Chris Love

**Scripture:** Galatians 6:9-10

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Rodney Rochelle

**Left:** Willie Powers      **Right:** Kenneth Jett

Buddy Chandler

Tom Gosser

Randal Halbrooks

James Swaw

Jack Green

Roy McCoy

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Norman George

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

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Basford

**Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:13-16

**Song Leader:** Damon McCoy

**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince

**Lord's Supper:** Edwin Wright, Gerry Hinson

**Closing Prayer:** Lafayette Spears

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Rick Bruno

**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright

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



We wanted to extend our thanks for the use of the fellowship hall for Deneen's surprise party.

Deneen Clayton's Family

**Dale Dillingham** came forward Wednesday night asking for prayers for strength to put on Christ every day.



## "STEADFAST, IMMOVABLE"

First Corinthians chapter fifteen declares eyewitness proofs of Christ's resurrection (vs. 1-8), giving us the firm conviction of our own resurrection (vs. 35-49), providing us the victory over death (vs. 54-57). The great chapter ends with this statement, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord" (vs. 58).

What a great chapter! What a great ending verse! "Therefore" [since we will be resurrected], "be steadfast" [faithful to the end], "immovable" [not swayed from the truth], "abounding" [in quality and quantity] "in the work of the Lord."

That may be seen as asking a lot of us. But then comes the great promise, "Knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." If we remain "Steadfast, immovable" our efforts, our faith, our work, will not go unrewarded. That reward being our resurrection, in a new "imperishable" body, that will put on "immortality." Our life in Christ here, comes with eternal life in Christ there. "Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial," James wrote. "He will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him" (James 1:12).

When I think of the word, "Steadfast," I think of longevity. Paul encouraged the Christians in Colossae to "continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard" (Colossians 1:23). In our life of service to Christ and his church we are to "continue in the faith" year after year, "not moved away" from our hope of eternal life.

Demas was a worker with Paul, but he was not steadfast, as Paul wrote, "Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world" (2 Timothy 4:9) Many today have followed his example. In giving the explanation of the Sower, Jesus said that some disciples will be like the seed upon rocky ground, "they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away" (Luke 8:13). If all the people we have baptized were to have remained steadfast, our churches would be overflowing.

How "Steadfast" have you been in the Lord? When was the last time you missed attending church worship service? Years? Last week? Since your baptism, has your faithfulness to the Lord been measured by months or decades? Paul said of his life in Christ, "I have finished the course, I have kept  
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the faith," He was rewarded for his longevity with "a crown of life" (2 Timothy 4:7,8). True, our salvation is not totally based on our attendance record, or longevity of service. Yet, "Steadfast" is an important characteristic of a faithful Christian life.

## REMEMBER TO FORGET

"...for their sins and their iniquities, I will remember no more." Hebrews 10:17

Our memory is a wonderful thing,  
An important part of life.  
But we need sometimes the opposite;  
It is good to remember to forget.

Forget the sins which are forgiven,  
For Christ's blood forgave all.  
Sin unto death is no longer a threat;  
So let us remember to forget.

Those mistakes we made in the past,  
Can haunt us day by day,  
Those sins which have so easily beset;  
Unless we remember to forget.

We have the blessing of daily Prayer,  
when wrongs can be forgiven.  
We can be at peace at each sunset;  
If we can remember to forget.

There is always God's grace  
where our sins are oft forgotten.  
So live with joy and not regret;  
Just remember to forget.

-Dennis Doughty



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