

# 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

*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.*

Psalm 100:4

Jesus teaches us through the Lord's Prayer to begin and end our prayers with praise. In a sense, our praises to God are to be like bookends to our prayers.

As an avid reader and book lover, I have and use bookends. Bookends are used to straighten and support. They are often attractive decorations, but they are also functional. They keep our bookshelves organized and beautiful.

Our praise to God can and should do likewise. While we worship Him with beautiful words, the words of praise also serve a distinct purpose. They organize our lives around faith in God.

When we place bookends of praise in our prayers, we remind ourselves of who God is and what He means to us. This process straightens and supports our faith.

If you need guidance (and who doesn't?), remember that beginning and ending your prayers with the bookends of praise will remind you of God's work in your life.

Without praise, we remain focused on our own requests and worries. When we recognize God's greatness *before* and *after* our own needs, the problems in our lives begin to look a little smaller.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





## *Just Joshin'*

Christian leadership is a calling to serve others, reflect Christ's love, and guide others in their faith. As followers of Jesus, we are all called to lead—whether in our homes, workplaces, or church. True leadership doesn't seek power or recognition but serves humbly, just as Jesus did. Jesus taught that the greatest leaders are those who serve (Matthew 20:26-28). Christian leaders are called to lead with integrity, compassion, and humility. By living out our faith through service, we set an example for others to follow and help grow the Kingdom of God. Being a Christian leader means living out God's values daily. It's about making disciples, encouraging others, and creating a community that reflects Christ's love. Whether you're leading a local Bible study, volunteering, or simply living out your faith in your community, your example is a powerful testimony of God's work in your life. Being a leader isn't something you have to be in a pulpit to do. You don't have to have a "special title" in the church to be a leader. Everyone has this honorable calling. Ultimately, let's remember that leadership is not about us—it's about pointing others to Christ and serving them with love and humility.

To God be the glory,

**Josh**



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

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## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF June 1, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	255
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5,875
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5,417

## *Major Sins and Minor Sins*

It is sometimes said, "Sin is sin"—and the thought is that all sins incur guilt equally, and so one sin is no worse than another. Let's briefly explore this idea.

There is a sense in which it is true that no matter what kind of sin it is, if it's in the category of sin, it is a violation of God's will and is offensive to him. "All sin is lawlessness" (1 John 3:4). With this perspective, there are no major sins versus minor sins. Some of the various vice lists that name and condemn sin (Mark 7:21-23, Romans 1:29-31, 1 Corinthians 6:9f, Galatians 5:19-21, etc.) include actions that one might consider "minor" sins right along with "major" sins with no apparent distinction. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus indicated that anger is subject to judgment just as murder is (Matthew 5:21f), and lust in the heart is as wrong as the act of adultery (Matthew 5:27f).

On the other hand, 1 John 5:16 says that there is sin that leads to death (condemnation) and sin that does not lead to death. This is not talking about a particular sin. The ESV Study Bible rightly says, "Sin that leads to death is probably sin that is (1) unrepented of [in contrast to 1 John 1:9] and (2) of the kind or nature that John has warned about throughout the letter: resolute rejection of the true doctrine about Christ, chronic disobedience to God's commandments, persistent lack of love for fellow believers—all indications of a lack of saving faith—which will not be forgiven." John affirms that "all wrongdoing is sin" (vs. 17), but sin that is persisted in, stubbornly and high-handedly, is viewed differently than sin committed out of weakness while walking in the light (1 John 1:7) and genuinely working to overcome it.

It is also evident that some sins generate greater effects and consequences than other sins. Physical acts of murder or adultery will have greater consequences in this life than if they are committed only in the heart, even though the inner posture and the outward acts are equally guilty in God's sight. Jesus said that the one who delivered him to Pilate had "greater sin" than Pilate (John 19:11). Ezekiel 8:6,13 says that some things are "more detestable" than other things.

Thinking that "sin is sin" can lead to using "little" sins to excuse "big" sins, reasoning that since we're all guilty of little sins, it's inconsistent to judge anyone's big sin. Also, we know that seemingly little sins do great damage (envy caused the Jews to seek Jesus' death, Matthew 27:18). Any sin has the potential of corroding faith and desensitizing one to the will of God. Rather than rationalizing and accepting a sin, whether major or minor, God seeks for us to be done with all sin.

*Stan Clanton  
Springboro Church of Christ  
Springboro, Ohio*



"The strongest, toughest men all have compassion. They're not heartless and cold. You have to be man enough to have compassion—to care about people and about your children." — Denzel Washington

"Lately all my friends are worried they're turning into their fathers. I'm worried I'm not." — Dan Zevin

"Daddies don't just love their children every now and then, it's a love without end." — George Strait

"One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters." — George Herbert

"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me." — Jim Valvano

"The most effective way to do it, is to do it." — Amelia Earhart

"When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor." — Elon Musk

"Do not wait to strike till the iron is hot; but make it hot by striking." — William Butler Yeats

"You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club." — Jack London

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started." — Mark Twain

"Well done is better than well said." — Benjamin Franklin

"What you do today can improve all your tomorrows." — Ralph Marston

"Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try Again. Fail again. Fail better." — Samuel Beckett

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." — Vince Lombardi

"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible!'" — Audrey Hepburn

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." — Jimmy Dean

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." — Aesop

"If you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride – and never quit, you'll be a winner. The price of victory is high but so are the rewards." — Bear Bryant

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today." — H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude

**Scripture Reading:** Robert Graf

**Scripture:** James 1:22-25

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

**Left:** Gary Basford

**Right:** Kenneth Jett

Tom Gosser

James Swaw

Eric Hassell

Buddy Chandler

Rick Bruno

Jeff Warren

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Lafayette Spears

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

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Rick Bruno

**Scripture Reading:** Gary Bailey

**Scripture:** Romans 13:9-10

**Song Leader:** Gary Basford

**Opening Prayer:** Ken Copley

**Lord's Supper:** Phillip Coates

Boyce Cannon

**Closing Prayer:** Rick Bruno

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Rick Bruno

**Song Leader:** Jeff Rose

**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy

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

**Monday**  
God Loves Us  
The Lost Sheep  
(Luke 15:1-7)  
The Lost Son  
(Luke 15:11-32)

**Tuesday**  
The Good News Is  
For Everyone  
Philip  
and  
Ethiopian Eunuch  
Acts 8:26-39

**Wednesday**  
Share  
The Good News  
The Great  
Commission  
(Matthew 28:19-20)  
Peter and John's  
Boldness  
(Acts 4:20)

**Thursday**  
The Good News Is  
For Everyone  
Philip  
and  
Ethiopian Eunuch  
Acts 8:26-39

**Adult Speaker - Kevin Johnston**

**Classes For All Ages**

**Inflatables**

**Bible Skits**

**Refreshments**

**June 9-11**  
**9:00 am**  
**CENTERVILLE**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
138 North Central Avenue, Centerville, Tennessee



## Upcoming Events:

Congratulations to **Dalton & Carlin (Cochran) Thomasson** who were married last Saturday.

**Ladies Craft night** will be held on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> in room 104 at 6:00 pm.

**REMINDER:** Please make sure if you enter the building during the week that the doors are locked when you leave and pull on the doors to make sure they are secured.

**The Men's Prayer Breakfast** meets Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the **Fellowship Hall**.

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday at 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

The Tuesday evening **Ladies' Bible Class** led by **Jan Campbell & Joyce Bruno** will begin a summer study on "**Slowing Down and Getting to Know God Better.**" This group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month in room 104 at 6:00. The next class will be this Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.



### JUNE

**8<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo**, during evening service at the Field House

**15<sup>th</sup> - Puppet Show**, during evening service in Lift-Off

**17<sup>th</sup> - Middle/High School Devo**, 6:30 – 8:30 at the Field House



A contribution was given in memory of **Clay Chandler** by **Paulette Baker**.

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## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

**Members:** Janey Gilbert (Horizon but going home on hospice soon), Glenda Newsom (broken shoulder), Gary Wright (home--can have visitors), Bobby Dunn, Brenda Carroll, Willie Powers, Sherrie Talley, Charlie Golden, Deborah Roberts, Bobby C. McCoy, Tommy McClanahan, Billy McCoy, Floy Cochran, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Marlin Lawson, Deborah McClellan, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty

**Friends & Family:** Lois Gilbert, Tanya Rochelle, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Jett Owsley, Brent Burt, Janet Barber, Glenda Coates, Mildred Rochelle, Amalia Rose Shaw, Edna Copley, B.Y. Peery, Doug True, Davy Baker, Lottie (Terrell) Williams, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, Beverly Smith, Paul Harvill, Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, Willie Lawler, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

**Life Care:** Willie B Coates, Debra Clark (mother of Sharon Clark Burns), Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Sue Davidson, Wilma Green

**The Bridge, Columbia:** Hattie Mayberry

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



Plans are underway for "**HAPPY TALES BIBLE RANCH**" VBS which will begin on Sunday night July 13 during evening worship. Sign up lists are in both foyers for volunteers for teachers and also a t-shirt list. Deadline to order shirts is **JUNE 29<sup>th</sup>**. Flyers will be available soon to use to invite others. The other nights will be July 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, and the final night will be August 3<sup>rd</sup>. More details coming.