

# 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

*He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you,  
He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear or be dismayed.*

Deuteronomy 31:8

A little boy was nervous about riding the bus to school for the first time. For reassurance, his father waited with him at the bus stop.

After his son was safely on the bus, the father quickly got into his car, followed the bus to school, and parked close to where the bus would unload. When the son got off the bus, he saw his father giving him a thumbs-up.

His father was the last person he saw before boarding the bus and the first person he saw when he got off. It was as if the father had been there the whole time.

And, in a sense, he had been. Even though the child couldn't see his father during the trip, he knew his father had made sure he was safe.

It's like that with God. We don't see Him with us physically, but the Bible makes it clear that Christians are children of a Father whose care never ceases. "The Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God's children" (Romans 8:16).

You are never alone. The Father is watching over you— at this very moment and wherever you go today.

Knowing this can help us enjoy the ride!

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





Congratulations to **Maggie Conley & Gabe Zervas** who were married last Saturday. Maggie is the granddaughter of Sarah & Gerry Hinson. Maggie & Gabe had an accident on the way home but are doing okay.

The Summer Cookout for the jail inmates was last Saturday; it included both staff and inmates, 156 plates were served. Thanks to all who helped in any way.

The Fairfield Relay Team are selling luminaria bags for \$5. They will be displayed at Relay for Life in September. See any Relay Team member to order.

Mark your calendar now for VBS on July 14, 21, & 28. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers for teachers and volunteers.

We are seeking donations for the annual school supply drive that we sponsor each year. Please give your donation to Joyce Boyd or one of the elders by July 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Men-to-Serve and Van Drivers sheets for July 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.

**Damon McCoy** celebrated a birthday this past Wednesday (June 26<sup>th</sup>). **Kathryn McCoy** will celebrate a birthday on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Correction: celebrating a birthday on July 15<sup>th</sup>, **Charlie Golden**.

**Thank  
YOU!**

I would like to thank everyone for the kindness and prayers for Cory's procedure. It went well, but will take a couple of months before we will start seeing results. Continued prayer appreciated.

Rita Cannon



**Members:** Kita Wright (back surgery July 1), Brenda Scott-Carroll (Horizon hospital), Alice Lynn (Skyline Medical hospital), Randy Prince (St. Thomas West), Deborah McClellan, Sherry Breece, Joyce Boyd, Brenda Stoltz, Floy Cochran, Carolyn Phillips, Reda Springer (Skyline Medical Center-accident), Shanon Irwin, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Woody Woodruff, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes (hospice in Dickson facility), & Jo Ann Totty (St. Thomas Hickman swing bed).

**Friends & Family:** Jimmie Jenkins (home), Ryan Edwards, Brian Powers, Martha Ann McCord, Jean Greer (health facility near her home), Lou Gann, Gethlyn Gardner, Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Nicholas Wright, Barbara Beard, Edwin Garner, Chris Chilton, David Stewart, Willie Lawler, James Coates (Clarksville healthcare facility), Trevor Buchanan, Pam Sullivan, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Mary French, Anthony Stacks, David Talley, Billie Lynn Tyler, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Grayson Gunter, Stephanie Pitman, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

**Life Care:** Dot Davidson (rehab), Kenneth Chandler (therapy), Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

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



On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." Luke 10:25-28.



## *Just Joshin'*

It becomes more and more apparent, with each passing day, that our world is overrun with sin. There is a darkness that is constantly fighting to snuff out the light. We are commanded by Christ to make disciples of all nations and to be a light of the world but these days it seems to be an impossible task. It can be so easy to become discouraged on our spiritual walk. We may find ourselves overwhelmed and on the verge of giving up the faith entirely.

Thankfully, Paul offers us a reassurance in the book of 2 Corinthians 5:1-5. In this passage, the apostle Paul is teaching us that there is a home waiting for us that is far greater than the one we currently reside in. It is human nature to desire a payoff and to have a reward for the hard work that we do. When we study hard in school, we hope that the reward will be a good grade. Maybe you have been putting in overtime hours for your career and have not been taking days off? I would assume that you would expect a promotion that is accompanied by a pay increase. This same principle applies to our spiritual journey with Christ. If we live for him each day and remain obedient, although it is hard work, we will be compensated for it by receiving eternal life. This is, without a doubt, the greatest reward of them all and far outweighs a grade in school or a pay increase at work.

Paul begins chapter 5 by entertaining the idea that our earthly home can be destroyed. As we have seen with the war in Israel, tomorrow is never guaranteed. So many homes have been destroyed, lives have either been taken or changed forever, all in a matter of days. Paul, with his background as a tentmaker, compares our earthly home to a tent. He says that while we are living in this tent there will be "groaning" and that we will always have a longing for our heavenly home. While life here on Earth might be dark and dreary and uncertain, we have a God who has made us a promise for something better. Paul concludes in verse 5 by saying, "He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee." Nothing is certain but the Spirit. We can tackle these unpredictable times with the Word of God and we can rest on His promise that our perseverance will be rewarded.

**Josh**

## HOW ARE YOUR BUTTONS

A serviceman wrote about a bit of unintended comedy during a company inspection at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. This is where the U.S. Army's guided missile school is located. As the story goes, an inspection was being conducted by a full Colonel. Everything had gone smoothly, until the officer came to the man standing just next to the soldier who recalled the incident. The Colonel stopped, looked up and down, and snapped, "*Button that pocket, trooper!*" The soldier, more than a little rattled, stammered, "*Right now, sir?*" "*Of course, right now!*" was the reply. Whereupon the soldier very carefully reached out and buttoned the flap on the Colonel's shirt pocket.

Jesus told a parable, "*And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*" - *Matthew 7:2-5.*

Could it be that it is easier to see the unbuttoned pockets of others than it is to see our own? It seems as though some become "expert speck hunters". Does it sound reasonable - - even scriptural - - to begin our inspections with self first. That just might stop a lot of unjust judgment in our brotherhood. May God help us all with the wisdom to look into our own hearts before ever passing judgment on someone else.

- - *Carroll Sites* - -  
*Higden, Arkansas*



Today is our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday with Craig Shelton as our speaker. We will have a potluck after Bible class in the fellowship hall. The afternoon service will be at 12:30 pm. There will be no 6:00 pm service.

**More Forgiveness Quotes**

Let no man pull you low enough to hate him.

When someone does something wrong, don't forget all the things they did right.

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.

Life becomes easier when you learn to accept an apology you never got.

Holding a grudge does not make you strong; it makes you bitter. Forgiving does not make you weak; it sets you free.

Be careful with your words. Once they are said, they can only be forgiven, not forgotten.

To heal a wound, you must stop touching it.

Forgiving someone may cost you your pride, but not forgiving them will cost you your freedom.

Forgiveness is unlocking the door to let someone free and realizing you were the prisoner.

Forgiveness is not so much something we do for other people as it is something we do for ourselves to move on.

He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.

Dwelling on the negative simply contributes to its power.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. - Ephesians 4:32



What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.

How do astronomers organize a party? They planet.

I was wondering why the ball kept getting bigger and bigger, and then it hit me.

A man got hit in the head with a can of Coke, but he was alright because it was a soft drink.

Why did the can crusher quit his job? Because it was soda pressing.

Whoever invented knock knock jokes should get a no bell prize.

How do trees access the internet? They log in.

**MEN TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY MORNING:**

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright

**Scripture Reading:** Ronny Pitman

**Scripture:** Luke 10:25-28

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Kenneth Jett

**Left:** Josh Copley      **Right:** Carter Bates

Quincy Cochran      James Jett

John Irvin      Mathew Wright

Brett Wilson      Edwin Wright

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Harrison Kelley

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

**SUNDAY EVENING:**

**Scripture Reading:** Wallace Smith

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:18

**Song Leader:** Gary Basford

**Opening Prayer:** Willie Powers

**Closing Prayer:** Lafayette Spears

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT:**

**Announcements:** Gary Basford

**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman

**Opening Prayer:** Damon McCoy

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

*"The goal of the Gospel is not to affirm you, celebrate you, and accept you. The goal of the Gospel is to rescue you, transform you, and redirect you."*

**FOR THE RECORD**

**WEEK OF June 23, 2024**

**MORNING WORSHIP**      221

**CONTRIBUTION:**      \$5058

**2024 WEEKLY BUDGET**      **\$5417**



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