

# 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

*I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; then I will say to those who were not My people, "You are my people!" And they will say, "You are my God!"*

Hosea 2:23

A prophet and a prostitute. Talk about an unlikely pair! But that's who God brought together.

Hosea likely would never have chosen the woman who would become his wife. In fact, when God instructed Hosea to marry Gomer, a prostitute, the prophet was likely tempted to run. Remember Jonah fleeing from God's call to go preach in Nineveh? Like that.

God wanted to use the unlikely marriage of a prophet and a prostitute to be an object lesson of his mercy.

God told Hosea to take as his wife a woman who had been unfaithful. As expected, she broke the marriage vows and ended up the slave of another man. So, God told Hosea to go and buy her back and restore their marriage.

This is a true story of God's mercy. A mercy so extreme that it hardly makes sense. We enter into a relationship with God. We then make choices that violate our commitment to Him. And, instead of abandoning us, God pursues us like Hosea pursued Gomer.

Have you made mistakes that have caused you to believe God would never take you back? Open God's Word to the book of Hosea and find out just how much God still wants you as His own!

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





## Just Joshin'

### 1 Peter 4:8

*"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins."*

When I was thinking on what to write about for this week's bulletin article, I made a Google search and asked the internet to name a random Bible verse for that particular day. The one it gave me was 1 Peter 4:8. As I analyzed this brief passage, I really thought it to be applicable and motivational for us as a congregation. In this powerful verse, the apostle Peter calls believers to love one another with a deep, sincere, and genuine love—one that transcends a superficial affection. This kind of love is not just a warm, fuzzy feeling; it's an active choice, shown by our grace, forgiveness, and compassion. Peter reminds us that when we love with the heart of Christ, we are able to overlook flaws and extend mercy, covering sins just as Christ did for us.

In our daily lives, we are often faced with moments when others disappoint or hurt us or let us down. Yet, in those times, we are called to respond, not with judgment, but with love that seeks reconciliation and healing. The love we offer isn't just for the easy moments, but especially for the challenging ones. As we embody this love, we reflect God's character to the world around us.

To God be the glory,  
**Josh**

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

When you get your pictures made you will be given an appointment to come back and preview your portraits. Those dates will be September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. At that time, you will verify the information on your membership form and decide which photo you want to be published in the directory. Packages of pictures will be available to purchase at that time, but you are not obligated to purchase any. You will receive a free 8 x 10.

## Truth Exists

The French artist Georges Braque (1882-1963) said, "Truth exists, only falsehood has to be invented." Since the truth of God's word was written by men inspired by "the Spirit of truth" (John 14:17), many falsehoods have been invented.

It began early in the New Testament church, with men who were "never able to come to the knowledge of the truth... who also oppose the truth" (2 Timothy 3:7-8). Two thousand years later, falsehoods thrive: the Papacy, the sinner's prayer, instrumental music in worship, women preachers, premillennialism, and a clergy-laity system. These and more are all invented doctrines, none of which are based upon scriptural study.

Solomon said, "Buy the truth and sell it not" (Proverbs 23:23). Sadly, truth has been sold by many, unwilling to search for, or accept God's truth, they "turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths" (2 Timothy 4:4). Truth cannot be exchanged for good intentions. Truth cannot be manipulated to fit the customs of the day. Truth cannot be weighed upon the scales of popularity. Truth cannot be found in the opinions of men. Truth cannot be changed, ignored, improved upon, or destroyed. Truth exists. Will you search for it, accept it, and obey it?

-Dennis Doughty

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF August 10, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	249
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5,830
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$5,417

*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.*



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

**Instagram:** fcocfamily

**Website:** fairfieldcofc.org



## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude

**Scripture Reading:** Wallace Smith

**Scripture:** TBA

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

**Left:** Zack Harvill

**Right:** Mathew Wright

Carter Bates

Edwin Wright

Josh Copley

Ethan Willis

Quincy Cochran

James Jett

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Rick Bruno

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

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright

**Scripture Reading:** Mathew Wright

**Scripture:** Proverbs 2:20-22

**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman

**Opening Prayer:** Ken Copley

**Lord's Supper:** Gary Wright

Edwin Wright

**Closing Prayer:** Gerry Hinson

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Rick Bruno

**Song Leader:** Jeff Rose

**Opening Prayer:** Mike Worley

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



Gospel Meeting at Five Points church of Christ

August 17-20

Speaker: Mike Kelley

Times of Service:

Sunday: Class 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am

Lunch provided

Worship 1:00 pm

Worship Monday - Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Ladies Day at Clearview church of Christ

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

WOMEN WHO WALK WITH GOD

with Lori Boyd

Registration begins at 9:30 am

Lunch to follow

Driving conditions in Cairo, Egypt, have a reputation for being chaotic, with much horn honking. (It's said that when people there buy a car, they check the horn first to be sure it works.) A tour guide told of a minister and an Egyptian bus driver who both died at the same time and went to heaven. Saint Peter met them at the gate and took them to see their new home.

The bus driver received an opulent mansion. When the minister saw that, he said to himself, "Wow, if that's what he gets, I can't wait to see my new home." He was very disappointed, however, when he was shown to a humble cottage. The minister was hurt, and asked, "Why did he receive such a fine mansion, when all he ever did was drive a bus, while I preached for over 40 years, and all I get is this small cottage?"

Saint Peter explained, "Up here your reward is based on your results. When you spoke, everyone slept. But when he drove, everyone prayed."

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A young couple was driving to the church on their wedding day. Unfortunately, they got into an accident and were both killed.

While waiting by the Pearly Gates, they wondered, "Can we get married here?" So, when St. Peter showed up with his clipboard, ready to check them in, they told him about their situation and how sad they were that they weren't able to get married on Earth, but wondered if they could get married in Heaven.

St. Peter pondered for a minute and responded, "Let me see what I can do." He turned around and rushed back to Heaven.

The couple waited, waited, and waited... the hours turned into days, and then the days turned into two weeks. During the long wait, they began to wonder. "As much as we love each other, we know things sometimes don't work out, and eternity is a long time. What if we want to get divorced later? Do people even get divorced in Heaven?..."

Finally, after 2 weeks, St. Peter came back, all smiling. "Great news, kids. I have found a preacher here to officiate your wedding!"

The couple voiced their concern and inquired about the possibility of getting a divorce in Heaven.

St. Peter turned beet red, slammed down his clipboard, and fumed, "It took me 2 weeks just to find a preacher in Heaven, and now you want me to find you a lawyer?!"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Craft night will be Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in room 104.

Mission meeting will be Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in room 104.

The Hickman County Relay for Life will be celebrating all cancer survivors and their guests with a dinner in the fellowship hall on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm.

It is that time of year when we begin collecting for the **Magi Boxes**. Boxes are in both foyers and should be returned by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our Ladies Day on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching. There is a new sign-up sheet in the front foyer. Please sign up if you would like to actively participate in a task that day. Mark your calendars and invite your friends to join us for a morning of fellowship. The retreat begins at 9:00 am.

Relay for Life is selling luminaria bags that will be lit on Relay night September 20<sup>th</sup>. They are \$5.00 each and can be purchased from any Relay for Life team member. These can be purchased in memory or honor of anyone affected by cancer.

**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 next Ladies Bible Study will be Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> in Room 104 at 6:00 pm.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Glenda Coates**, mother of Ginger James and sister-in-law of Phil Coates, who passed away Tuesday. Her funeral was Friday at McDonald Funeral Home.



Thank you for the windchimes given as a memorial at my brother's death. A bigger thanks for the cards and hugs!

In Christian love,  
**Liz Spears**

## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**Members:** Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Janice King, Jan Hopkins-Campbell, Barbara Meadors (St. Thomas Hickman swing bed), Curtis Edwards, Mary Morphis, Yvonna Caillouet, Barbara Kelley, Violet Shelby, Whitney Carroll, Melinda Sullivan, Faye Rochelle (broken foot), Woody Woodruff, Brenda Carroll, Willie Powers, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Tommy McClanahan, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty

**Friends & Family:** Dottie McClellan, Drew Elliott, Lois Gilbert (hospice), Tanya Rochelle, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Jett Owsley, Brent Burt, Janet Barber, Mildred Rochelle, Amalia Rose Shaw, Edna Copley, B.Y. Peery, Doug True, Davy Baker, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, Paul Harvill, 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:** Jean Barber, Floy Cochran, Willie B Coates, Debra Clark, 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.



## AUGUST

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

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

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