

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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Chris Wright - 931-206-6629

### 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

*Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God...*

1 Peter 2:12  
NLT

Churches are constantly looking for new methods for doing their ministry. Many Christians are eager to find the newest ways to share their faith.

Good for us! We need to be relevant to the times as we proclaim the unchanging message of Christ. We want to reach our contemporary culture, and every generation creates its own techniques and systems.

But wait!

Sometimes the methods don't have to change. God's primary means of evangelism is for people to see the hope of Christ in our daily lives and to ask us about it. We are to be ready to give an answer when that happens (1 Peter 3:15).

God's method is to let our light shine before others so that people can see our good lives and glorify our Heavenly Father (Matthew 5:16).

In short, men are God's method. Women are God's witness. The church is looking for better programs. God is looking for better people.

God's message is Christ. His method is you.

You want to change the world? Me too! Let's begin by changing *ourselves!*

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





## Just Joshin'

The 2024 Olympics came to an end this last week. The United States won the most total medals in the competition with 126 and tied China for the most gold medals with 40. It is always such a treat to watch over the course of several days, the many athletes who are the absolute best at what they do and cheer on your own country in the process. These competitors have worked their entire lives to reach this grand stage and to earn the right to call themselves the "best" by winning a gold medal.

Sports, in general, have had such an incredible cultural impact on the world and this is not anything new. These various competitions and showcasing of athletics can be traced back all the way to biblical times. Sports were so prominent in the time of the apostle Paul that he used the illustration of a race and runners to symbolize the Christian Walk. In 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Paul is speaking to the church in Corinth about keeping their "eyes on the prize." Corinth would be the location where the biennial Isthmian games (their version of the Olympics) would be hosted. It goes without saying that sports were clearly a large part of their culture so it makes perfect sense that Paul would use this metaphor.

Christians, whether we are fans of sports or not, can all relate to athletes in some way. Paul claims in verse 25 that "Every athlete exercises self-control in all things." He makes a clarification that athletes, in their competitive pursuits, are striving to obtain a perishable wealth (a championship of some kind or personal glory) while we, as believers, are pursuing an imperishable gift. Athletes train and discipline themselves just as we should do as Christians. We should run this race of life with a main goal in mind: to reach Heaven and to bring as many souls with us as we can. We can only achieve this goal by remaining focused and remembering to not "run aimlessly" as Paul put it in verse 26. It can be a struggle, however. Training is not necessarily easy. It is hard work. We must be willing to endure physical and emotional hardship on this journey to advance the gospel message or we run the risk of becoming "disqualified" (vs. 27) from this perfect reward that God is offering to us!

To God be the Glory,

**Josh**



## SHAMPOO WARNING

URGENT PLEASE READ AND PASS ALONG.  
DO NOT WASH YOUR HAIR WITH SHAMPOO  
WHILE IN THE SHOWER!  
MANY PEOPLE USE SHAMPOO IN THE SHOWER.  
HOWEVER, WHEN THEY DO SO, THE SHAMPOO  
RUNS DOWN THEIR BODY.

WHY IS THAT A PROBLEM? BECAUSE PRINTED  
CLEARLY ON THE SHAMPOO LABEL IS THIS:  
**"FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME."**  
NO WONDER PEOPLE GAIN WEIGHT!  
**STOP USING SHAMPOO!**

START USING DISHWASHING LIQUID!  
IT'S LABEL READS **"DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS  
OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE"**

PROBLEM SOLVED!

## BACK TO SCHOOL? PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN!

As school begins, we must monitor our kids each day. Brad Harrub identified reasons we are losing our children along with solutions to ensure our kids will remain steadfast in their walk with Christ.

### Reasons We Are Losing Our Kids:

1. Lack of Knowledge (Hosea 4:6, 1 Peter 3:15).
2. Lack of Combat Preparation (Eph. 6:13-17).
3. Lack of Protection of our Children's Hearts, Minds (Matt. 22:37-38).
4. Lack of Proper Training in the Lord (Deut. 6:5-9).
5. Lack of Proper Teaching (Isaiah 59:2).
6. Lack of Proper Priorities (Matt. 6:24).
7. Lack of Interest (Romans 16:1-2).

### How do we respond as parents?

1. Fill our kids with Bible knowledge!
2. Prepare our children for combat/challenges!
3. Protect their hearts & minds!
4. Train our kids up in the nurture & admonition of the Lord.
5. Teach our children the proper portrait of God!
6. Model proper priorities of life!
7. Be consistent with words & actions!

We must understand the challenges our children are facing. Our children need us to respond so they can remain resilient!

Allen Jones  
Glasgow, KY

## *with Sympathy*

We express our sympathy to the family of **Sam Anderson** of Lyles. He was the uncle of **John Anderson, Jr.** and **Deana Graham**.

We also express sympathy to **Mary Copley** and her family upon the death of her father, **Dennis Bradburn**. He lived in East Tennessee.

### GOSPEL MEETING

Five Points Church of Christ

August 18<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup> 2024

Speaker: Michael Crowder

Worship Services:

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:00 am

Sunday AM: Worship 10:00 am

Potluck Lunch following Morning Worship

Sunday Evening: 1:00 pm

Monday and Tuesday Evening: 7:00 pm

Speaker: Mickey Mathis

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 pm

### 2024 SURVIVOR DINNER

Hickman County Relay for Life celebrates our cancer survivors. You are the reason we Relay. You and a guest are invited to attend a dinner celebrating our cancer survivors. The dinner will be held at Fairfield church of Christ Fellowship Hall on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Our Theme this year is "Fighting Cancer All Year Long". Cancer never takes a holiday so we are celebrating the fact that cancer survivors are celebrating more birthdays and holidays with their family and friends.

We hope you can join us in celebrating you! Please RSVP by August 18<sup>th</sup> to 931-628-1796 or to [sdbrady05@yahoo.com](mailto:sdbrady05@yahoo.com)

### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF August 11, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	201
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4923
<b>2024 WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5417</b>

### MEN TO SERVE

#### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Mike Breece

**Scripture Reading:** Wallace Smith

**Scripture:** Hebrews 12:1-3

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Willie Powers

**Left:** Zack Harvill

**Right:** Matthew Wright

Carter Bates

Edwin Wright

James Jett

Ethan Willis

Zack Bentley

Skyler Irvin

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Rodney Rochelle

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

#### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright

**Scripture Reading:** Wayne Prince

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:43-45

**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman

**Opening Prayer:** Ken Copley

**Lord's Supper:** Gary Wright, Edwin Wright

**Closing Prayer:** Damon McCoy

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

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Rick Bruno

**Song Leader:** Jeff Rose

**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy

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



*We want to thank everyone for all the kindness shown to us after my recent back surgery. All the cards, calls, visits, food, and gift cards to local restaurants. Everything was appreciated very much.*

**Kita & Gary Wright**

*Thank you for the food and your love and prayers.*

**Dot & Dave Davidson**

*Willie & I would like to thank you for the prayers, calls, cards and lovely chimes and all acts of kindness at the death of his sister, Maxie Lance.*

*In Christian Love,*

**Willie & Minnie Powers**



It was good to have **Dot Davidson, Linda Chandler,** and **Chris & Teresa Kimbro** back with us today!

On August 18<sup>th</sup>, immediately following Bible classes, there will be a planning meeting for the upcoming Fall Festival in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend and give your input!

Ladies' Craft night will be Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> in the basement. We will be making items for the MAGI boxes. Please bring a sewing machine if you have one but it is not necessary as there will be other jobs besides sewing.

The Golden Agers will be going to the Junk Yard Dog on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The bus will leave at 5:30 pm. Sign up sheets are in both foyers.

Our annual **Magi** boxes sponsored by the Mission Committee are available in both foyers. Please take one and the sheet provided to fill the box. The church will pay the shipping again this year. Deadline is September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

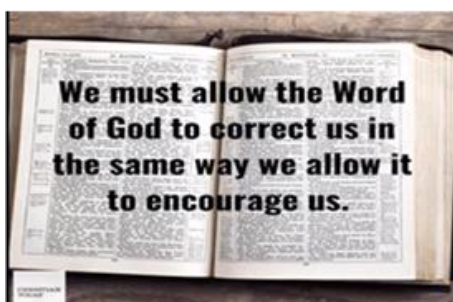
The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in **room 104**.

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

## RESPONSES

**Chris & Teresa Kimbro** came forward Sunday morning seeking a good and perfect restoration with God.

**Jan Campbell** came forward Sunday morning also asking prayers for mental and physical strength in dealing with a work relationship.



**Members:** Deborah Peery, Willie Powers, Sue Smith, Curtis Edwards, Chris Love (home-surgery went well), Mike Batts, Donna Pitman, Joyce Bruno, Yvonna Caillouet, Brenda Stoltz, Marlin Lawson, Kita Wright, Brenda Scott-Carroll, Randy Prince, Deborah McClellan, Joyce Boyd, Floy Cochran, Carolyn Phillips, Reda Springer, Shanon Irwin, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes (hospice), & Jo Ann Totty (home).

**Friends & Family:** Carmela Brown, James Tidwell, Lorye Davidson, Beverly Smith (mother of Laurie Copley, former member), Paul Harvill, Grayson Gunter (home on hospice), Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Billie Lynn Tyler (hospice), Ronnie Carroll, Gail Brown, Judy Baggett, Chris Kimbro, David Gossett, Jimmie Jenkins, Ryan Edwards, Brian Powers, Martha Ann McCord, Lou Gann, Gethlyn Gardner (home-cancer), Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Edwin Garner, Chris Chilton, David Stewart, Willie Lawler, James Coates (Clarksville healthcare facility), Pam Sullivan, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Anthony Stacks (stroke-St. Thomas West), David Talley, Cory Patterson (surgery Thursday), James Stoltz, Stephanie Pitman, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

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

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



**Aug 18** - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off

**Aug 20** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH



Stay in touch with us on social media:

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