

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Wayne Prince - 931-729-5452  
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931-994-4810  
Mike Breece - *Activities*  
931-212-2560  
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931-729-4534  
Darin Cochran - *Worship*  
615-418-3148  
Ken Copley - *Education*  
931-703-5062  
Steve Craft - *Youth*  
931-729-5063  
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520-576-4227  
Randal Halbrooks - *Missions*  
931-729-4145  
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Adam Jude - *Young Adults*  
615-584-9348  
O.D. Pratt - *Seniors*  
931-994-7244  
Jeff Stacks - *Transportation*  
931-994-7631  
Vance Willis - *Finance/IT*  
615-975-3938

### Pulpit Minister:

Mike Kelley - 931-994-1911

### Associate Minister:

Josh Copley - 931-994-3944

### Youth Minister:

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

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside still waters.  
He restoreth my soul...*

Psalm 23:1-3

When we think of modern public health crises, insufficient sleep probably doesn't come to mind. But the lack of a good night of sleep is linked to an astounding number of motor vehicle accidents, industrial disasters, and medical and occupational errors.

Feeling sleepy? Can't get to sleep? In addition to endangering yourself and others, you are also vulnerable to the harmful effects of discouragement.

"Fatigue makes cowards of us all," opined the great football coach Vince Lombardi... and so it does.

Can you identify? How many times have you fallen victim to discouragement when you are extremely tired?

Even Jesus couldn't work 24/7. He often withdrew to a quiet place for solitude, rest, and prayer. Minds and bodies dulled from lack of sleep and constant activity are hindered from basking in and radiating God's powerful love.

If you are discouraged, set aside time from your busy schedule and tell God how you feel. Spend time in the Bible. Also, get a good night's sleep. When you wake, you may very well feel refreshed and energized... ready to continue your acts of service to God and others.

Sometimes, the most holy thing you can do is take a nap!

*In Christian Love,*

*Mike*





## *Just Joshin'*

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, I celebrated my 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday. It is truly amazing to look back upon these years and reflect on how much my life has changed. I have gone all the way through college, I have become a minister, I have made new friends and lost old ones, and I have been taught what it means to be a good person and a good Christian by so many around me. So much change.

Some of us dread change and some of us welcome it. Why do we dread it? Is it the uncertainty that accompanies it? Or maybe it's because we enjoy routine, repetition, and tradition? Perhaps those who welcome it do so for the exact opposite reason. Those who enjoy change embrace the chaos and new opportunities that come with it. However, no matter how we feel about change, sometimes it can bring us all a little anxiety.

We are so blessed to have, as life wefts and weaves, a God that is unaffected by all of it. We worship and praise a God that is "immutable." His nature and being are both unchanging and everlasting. No matter how chaotic life can get, we can always count on God to be our rock that we can lean upon because He isn't going anywhere. The God He was thousands of years ago is the same God He is now. His promises are the same. His love is the same. His grace is the same. The psalmist writes in Psalm 146: 5-6 that "Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever..."

To God be the Glory,

**Josh**

## *With Sympathy*

We express our sympathy to the family of **Dan Buie** of Columbia. He was a former minister here at Fairfield. Dan grew up in Hickman County.

We also express our sympathy to the family of **Billie Lynn Tyler**, who was the sister of **Teresa Warren**. The funeral was this past Monday.

## *Helping Them See*



A report by Dr. William Martin to the American Medical Association in 1913 didn't pull any punches. In his assessment of public school children in New York, he found forty pupils he described "as the worst in the school" and eighteen of which being "so stupid they were in ungraded classes." He also noted that "eleven were so stupid that it required three terms to do the work of one term." Not the most polite or hopeful message.

So, what was so wrong with the "delinquent" children? It turns out they all needed glasses.

We can be quick to judge a person thinking we know what is wrong with them. We quickly relegate their foibles as character flaws and dismiss them with derision. But it may be what we think of as malice may just be a misunderstanding.

That is why we must be careful of rash judgment of others, especially in the public forum. Instead of jumping on the attack we need to make sure we are understanding and trying to be understood. Others may not see things as clearly as we do and instead of labeling them, we might take a moment to try to help them rather than demean them.

James said it this way, "But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger" (James 1:19). Find out before you flip out. Learn more before you lean on. Listen before you lecture.

What we think might be a hopeless case, might just be a bit of blurry vision.

*Barry Haynes*  
Hope church of Christ  
Hope, AR

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF August 18, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	205
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5530
<b>2024 WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5417</b>



### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Joseph Green
- 5 Lily Knight
- 6 Minnie Powers
- 8 Jeff Rose
- 12 Joyce Boyd
- Angie Green
- Eli Powers
- Seth Williams
- 13 Preston Gilbert
- 15 Katie River Story
- 17 Anthony Diamante
- 18 Christopher Wright
- 19 Deborah Peery
- 20 Matthew Cozart
- Austin Crockett
- 22 Adaleigh Harris
- John Harris
- 23 Dallas Bailey
- Adrianna Stone
- Kaelynn McDonald
- 24 Nathan Carroll
- Skyler Irvin
- 25 Connor Peebles
- 26 Robert Story
- Tom Gosser
- 27 Brenda Scott
- Carla Woodruff
- 28 Callie Jude
- Vance Willis



### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Bill & Martha Butler
- Ron & Dawn Mayberry
- 5 Wayne & Jewell Prince
- 7 Jerrie Wayne & Terri Barber
- 10 Erik & Kelley Hassell
- 16 Norman & Christina George
- 20 Keith & Shelia Plunkett
- 22 Randy & Joni Prince
- 27 Mike & Fran Batts
- 28 Mark & Betsy Licciardello

### MEN TO SERVE

#### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Chris Wright

**Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates

**Scripture:** Psalm 136:1-3

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Mike Breece

**Left:** Adam Jude

**Right:** Damon McCoy

Buddy Chandler

Wayne Prince

Erik Hassell

Lyle Shepherd

Curtis Edwards

Jeff Warren

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** James Swaw

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

#### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Basford

**Scripture Reading:** Rick Bruno

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:33-35

**Song Leader:** Damon McCoy

**Opening Prayer:** Willie Powers

**Lord's Supper:** Gary Basford, Gerry Hinson

**Closing Prayer:** Wayne Prince

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

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks

**Song Leader:** Damon McCoy

**Opening Prayer:** Josh Copley

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



*Thank you for lunch! Please accept this donation to Fairfield church of Christ as a token of our appreciation! May God bless each and every one of you. Hope you had fun on your adventure to Granville!*

The Jones Family (sisters)

(Rodney's Sunday morning class met these people on their recent trip to Granville, TN and invited them to eat lunch with our group. As a result, this family sent a thank-you note to Fairfield with a donation to the church).

***"God does not give you what you can handle.  
God helps you handle what you are given."***

***"Don't ever let anyone be the cause why you  
leave church. They are not the reason why you  
go to church in the first place."***



The Elders will meet with the men of the congregation Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Jail Ministry had two baptisms last Saturday. They were **Angela Farr & Dylan Wise**.

There will be a wedding shower for **Brooke Roberts & Harrison Kelley** on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. They are registered on Amazon.

There also will be a baby shower for **Nathan & Hannah Armstrong** on September 15<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall. They are registered at babylist.com. It's a boy.

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.

**Members:** Rita Sullivan, Martha Butler (knee replacement Tuesday), Gary Wright (home), Deborah Peery, Willie Powers, Curtis Edwards (procedure Wednesday), Mike Batts, Donna Pitman (tests), Joyce Bruno, Yvonna Caillouet (surgery went well), Brenda Stoltz (surgery Aug. 26), Marlin Lawson, Kita Wright, 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:** Edgar Clyde Beard, Linda Canady, Mike Dorton (home-no visitors), 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, 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 (St. Thomas Hickman-rehab), David Talley, Cory Patterson, 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.



SAVE THE DATE



## 2nd Annual Fall Festival

Saturday, October 19, 2024

11:00 am - 6:00 pm



MORE DETAILS  
COMING SOON!!



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**Sept 3** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH  
**Sept 8** - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo, during evening service @ FH  
**Sept 15** - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off  
**Sept 17** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH