

# THE PROVIDER

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### Worship & Bible Study:

#### SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM  
Bible Study 10:20 AM  
Worship 6:00 PM

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

### Family Line:

**931-729-9846**



## Mike's Minute

*"The most important one (commandment)," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord, our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart...'"*

Mark 12:29-30

The term "heart" is used in the Bible in many different ways. It can refer to a person's intellect, or to his will. In the context of Mark 12, however, it refers to the seat of the emotions... the center of feelings. Jesus tells us to love God with our emotions.

Sometimes we underestimate the importance of emotions in religion. Likely, we have reacted to the emotionalism so prevalent in many religions today.

While we do not want to overemphasize the place of emotions, we would be wrong to seek to eliminate them from our religious experience.

In David Roper's *Truth for Today Commentary* on this verse, he compares emotions to the motor of a car. The word *emotion* and *motor* are related words. He says that emotions are like the motor of a car. The mind is like the steering wheel. It takes *both* for a car to reach its destination.

A car with a good motor and no steering wheel might go fast but where would it end up? A car with a functional steering wheel but no motor would go nowhere at all. A car needs both.

Emotions motivate us to love and serve God. They *drive* us. Our minds *steer* us to use our motivation to love and serve in ways that are guided by God.

Let your emotions be your motor. Let your mind be your steering wheel. Love God with your heart and mind.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**



## Just Joshin'

**"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness."**

— 2 Corinthians 9:10 (ESV)

This verse is a great reminder that everything we have—our resources, time, talents, even the desire to do good and help others—comes from God. He's the one who gives us the "seed," and He's also the one who makes it grow.

Paul was writing to the church in Corinth to encourage them in their generosity. He wanted them to know that when we give, especially to meet the needs of others, we're giving from a place of trust. A trust that all will be taken care of. God doesn't just supply what we need. No, He multiplies it! And the best part? The harvest isn't just about money or material things. It's about growing in righteousness, in love, in kindness. This is the kind of fruit that really lasts and makes a real impact on, not just our spirit, but the spirit of those with whom we come in contact.

So, whether you're giving your time, your finances, or simply offering a helping hand, remember that God is at work through your generosity. You're planting seeds that He promises to grow. And we know that God always makes good on His promises!

To God be the glory,

**Josh**

### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF August 24, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	229
CONTRIBUTION	\$8,131
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,417</b>



Stay in touch with us on social media:

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

**Instagram:** fcocfamily

**Website:** fairfieldcofc.org

## "Be Not Afraid"

It takes courage to live the Christian life. We must be brave as we face the trials, temptations, and evil forces of this world. A faithful Christian needs a strong will and heart. "For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love and of a sound mind" (2 Tm. 1:7, KJV).

Yes, our knees may be shaking at times, but as the famous World War Two General Omar Bradley said, "Bravery is the capacity to perform properly even when scared half to death." So, we overcome our fears and face the issues of the day, knowing that the Lord is with us. As Jesus said to His fearful apostles when He came walking to them upon the water that stormy night, "Take courage, it is I, be not afraid" (Mt. 14:27). We can all be strong when Christ is standing with us.

Courage breeds courage. When others saw Paul's courage in facing his imprisonment, they had "far more courage to speak the word of God without fear" (Ph. 1:14). Let us be an example of courage to others. It takes courage to confess our faith, to be honest in all things, not to follow the crowd, and to live by our convictions. Let us stand firm and be courageous Christians in this present world.

-Dennis Doughty



## Blood Drive

**Centerville Community  
Fairfield Church of Christ**

Fellowship Hall  
1860 Hwy.100  
Centerville, TN 37033

**Monday, September 15, 2025  
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**





### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Joseph Green
- 5 Lily Knight
- 6 Minnie Powers
- 8 Jeff Rose
- 10 Hadley Graham
- 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
- 21 Lanty Armstrong
- 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 Maggie Ann Choate
- Brenda Scott
- Carla Woodruff
- 28 Callie Jude
- Vance Willis



### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Bill & Martha Butler
- Marty & Jody England
- 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:** Jerrie W Barber

**Scripture Reading:** Wes Crowther

**Scripture:** Hebrews 12:28

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Ronny Pitman

**Left:** Wyatt H Barber

**Right:** Keith Harvill

Dalton Barber

Zack Bentley

Jeffrey Peebles

Ken Copley

Tony McCoy

Marty England

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Randal Halbrooks

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

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Scripture Reading:** Ronny Pitman

**Scripture:** Colossians 3:16

**Song Leader:** Gary Basford

**Opening Prayer:** Lafayette Spears

**Closing Prayer:** Gary Bailey

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright

**Song Leader:** Randal Halbrooks

**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude

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

August 31<sup>st</sup> will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. We will have a potluck lunch with afternoon service beginning around 12:30 pm. Mike Kelley will be the speaker for the day.

*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 which you will find in the pew rack and drop it in the basket, or leave it on the seat and it will be picked up.*

*"If you are too busy to pray or read your Bible, then you are busier than God intended for you to be."*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please remember to come back September 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> to preview your photos and select one for the directory.

There will be a bridal shower for **Addie Dorton & Lane Roberts**, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Amazon and Target. Also, bring an index card with your favorite recipe to share with the couple.

**Magi Boxes** should be returned today, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our **Ladies Day** on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am is fast approaching. There is a sign-up sheet in the front foyer. Please sign up if you would like to actively participate in a task that day. Also, please bring items for the "Boutique" at the high schools. Items include toiletries, new socks, etc. Mark your calendars and invite your friends to join us for a morning of fellowship.

**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 Sunday morning Ladies Class is now meeting in the fellowship hall. If you are an adult and looking for a class, you may stay in the auditorium with Mike Kelley, or there is an adult class taught by Wallace Smith that meets in Room 102.

**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, September 9<sup>th</sup> in Room 104 at 6:00 pm.



Sympathy to the family of **Lois Gilbert**, mother of **Paul Gilbert**. She passed away last Friday night. Her funeral was Monday.

Sympathy to the family of **Maria Miceli**, sister of **Deborah McClellan**. A memorial gathering will be held at a later date in New York.

## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**Members:** Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Janice King, Jan Hopkins-Campbell, 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, 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 McClearn, Drew Elliott, Tanya Rochelle (St. Thomas swing bed), Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Jett Owsley, 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 (home), 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.



## SEPTEMBER

2<sup>nd</sup> - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 - 8:30, at the Field House

6<sup>th</sup> - Fairfield Ladies Day

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

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

21<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo, during evening Service at the Field House