

# THE PROVIDER

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Rodney Rochelle ext.25

### Youth Minister:

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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

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## Mike's Minute

### Blessed Assurance

Here is the difference between Saul and David. From our viewpoint, Saul's sin was not nearly as weighty as David's sin. However, Saul did not have the kind of heart that was stayed on God. Saul was concerned about politics, expediency, honor and glory, and establishing a dynasty. David was concerned about God - and his relationship with Him. Because of the difference in their hearts, Saul received no assurance of forgiveness; David did.

When our lives have gotten out of control because of sin, there is nothing we need more than the assurance that God can and will forgive us if we return to Him. That can give us hope and strength. At the same time, it may seem hard to believe God will forgive us. If that is your situation, you need to ask yourself: "Is *my* life in worse shape than David's, a life that was marred by covetousness, adultery, lying, and murder?" If God can forgive David, He can forgive you!

This message is not confined to the Old Testament. In Romans 4:6-8, Paul quoted David's words from Psalm 32:1,2, which celebrate God's forgiveness. David said, in effect, "I know it's true because it happened to me!" By citing this psalm, Paul was saying, "It's *still* true."

It has been my privilege through the years to preach for congregations that had deep convictions about right and wrong in both doctrinal and moral areas. It thrills me to say that those same congregations believed in the grace and mercy of God, were loving and forgiving when people acknowledged their sins and turned to the Lord.

It is easy for congregations that take a stand to get the reputation for being hard-nosed, unloving, and judgmental - who could never accept a sinner in their midst lest it mar their perfection. I hope it will not shock you when I tell you that we are all fellow-strugglers. Some struggle with this problem and some with that (Jas. 1:14). We strive to challenge every man to do *exactly* what God says, because we believe God would want it no other way (Mt. 5:48; 7:21-23); but we acknowledge our imperfections. When we sin, we repent and confess our sin and ask God's forgiveness (1 Jn. 1:9), and we believe He gives it to us. Our hope is not in our perfection but in the grace and mercy of God. We are all fellow-strugglers. We strive to lift each other up, comfort each other, and strengthen each other.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





It was good to see **Yvonna Caillouet** back at services Sunday morning.

For more details on the upcoming Future Leaders Class starting this Sunday night, please see Mike or Amber Kelley. The class will be on Sunday evenings during our worship upstairs in the Lift-Off room during September and October.

If you would like to donate a gift card to Kaitlyn Rochelle Harris, please see Teresa Craft or Amber Kelley by September 7<sup>th</sup>. The baby girl is scheduled to arrive in September.

Ladies' Bible Class will not meet September 5<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday; it will meet on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the basement.

Hickman County Relay for Life has luminaria bags for sale for \$5 each. The bags will be lit at the Relay event coming up on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Ag-Pavilion. See any Relay team member for details.



Thank you for the beautiful wind chimes you sent when "GeeDaddy" passed. Also, thank you for the cards, visits and checking on him and us when he first became sick and since his death. Most of all thank you for the prayers. Please continue to remember us in the next days. We are very pleased to be part of such an amazing church family.

With all our love,  
**Steve, Teresa & Olivia and  
the family of J.B. Brown**

Thank you for the cards and many words of encouragements in the loss of our friend **Burton Winters**.

**June Prince**

Thank you all so much for the cards, prayers, love and support you have given me during my recent surgery. You all mean so much to me and John. Love you all and keep pressing forward.

**Kathy Scott**

Thank you all for the beautiful wind chimes and for keeping our family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

**Anthony Canady & Family**

**Members:** Tina Johnson (back surgery on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>), Lizzie Barber, Dave Davidson, Patsy Givens, Ralph Givens, Tommy McClanahan (no visitors), Janey Gilbert, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, Dewayne Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Linda Smith, Dallas Bailey, Phillip Prince, Wilma Orton, Adam Loveless, Helen Smith, Caleb Coates, Judy Hinson, Grayson Gunter, Mike Rhea, Jimmy Loveless, Helen Jerpe, Michael Harvill, Jay Pickard, Mary Spears, Christians, missionaries, military personal & people in the Ukraine, Nancy Clancy, Gus Gilreath, Kevin Chandler, Jo James, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, Doris & Marjorie Claud, Rebeca Mears, Greg Zoller, Seth Williams, Elizabeth Dunn, Kelley Wilson, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, Donna Gaspard, Rita Stacks, Jimmy Jenkins, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

**Life Care:** Hugh David Love, Anthony Stacks, Wilma Green, Francis Qualls, Hester Moss

**St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:** Naomi Bailey

**Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson:** Martha Page

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Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the three that have come forward asking for strength in their everyday lives Sunday and Wednesday.



**Sept 4** - Future Leaders Class during evening service LO  
**Sept 6** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 pm @ FH  
**Sept 11** - Future Leaders Class during evening service LO  
**Sept 18** - Future Leaders Class during evening service LO  
**Sept 20** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 pm @ FH  
**Sept 25** - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off  
**Sept 30** - Make banana pudding for BP Festival



## Center Fielders News

“What Are You Seeing?”

The world with all its turmoil and chaos is certainly not our home. We are just pilgrims and strangers passing through, seeking a better a better place to dwell. However, it is here that we must live for a short time among much adversity before we journey toward our eternal home. Until we reach it, we try our best to please God with our lives through obedience. Sadly, many people seem to have forsaken God and His commandments.

The Bible says in 2 Timothy 3:13 that “evil men and imposters will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.” The bible also says, “Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil” Isaiah 5:20. Yes, the condition of our world can be depressing if we allow our minds to dwell on it. One way not to dwell on the depressing condition is to quit watching the news. I challenged my Sunday school class to not watch the news for a period of one week. Many accepted the challenge and when they turn the news back on the following week, nothing had changed. Folks, please don't think our conditions are any different or new. The wisest man to ever walk on the face of the earth, besides our Lord Jesus, was Solomon and he said “There is nothing new under the sun.”

Even though we see much evilness, unfairness, and sorrow, we need to look past all this and look to Jesus. “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade away, kept in Heaven for you” (1 Peter 1-4). These words are very comforting to me in the times we are living. So, I challenge you as well! Whatever and whenever you watch the news, turn it off and turn God's Word on. Read the bible instead of watching the news for one week and see if you are still depressed.

Again, I ask you.....What are you seeing?

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF August 28, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	213
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4766
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Scripture Reading:** Skyler Irvin  
**Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Willie Powers  
**Alternates:** Chris Wright, Mike Breece  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Zack Harvill  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Mike Batts  
**Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates  
**Scripture:** Ephesians 2:14-17  
**Song Leader:** Steve Baker  
**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince  
**Lord's Supper:** Gary Basford, Adam Jude  
**Closing Prayer:** Bobby McCoy  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Mike Batts  
**Song Leader:** Bobby McCoy  
**Opening Prayer:** Lafayette Spears  
**Invitation:** Mike Kelley  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855



We express our sympathy to the family of **Vivian Jude** in Kentucky, the grandmother of **Adam Jude**. Her funeral was Thursday.

All of the World Bible School materials that were in the basement have now been moved to the library. There are plenty of copies of the introductory lessons for members to share with friends and neighbors.

### SOMETHING TO PONDER:

*This is the beginning of a new day. God has given us this day to use as we will. We can waste it or use it for some good purpose. But what we do with this day is important because we have exchanged a day of our lives for it. When tomorrow comes, today will be gone forever. Let's pray that we will not regret that price we paid for it.*

## On the LIGHTER Side

### Method of Identification

Wally and Dallas, each bought a horse and they rode them together for the summer. When winter came, they didn't want to pay to have them stabled for the winter. Instead, they decided to release them in a pasture and get them in the spring.

Wally asked, "How're we going to know which horse is which when we pick them up?"

Dallas answered, "I know! We'll cut the mane off of my horse and we'll cut the tail off of yours. That way, we'll know which horse belongs to you and which belongs to me."

That seemed like a great plan, so that's what they did. When spring came around, however, they discovered that the mane and tail had grown back during the winter.

Wally said, "Since the mane and tail have grown back, how do we know which is yours and which is mine?"

Dallas responded, "Well, I guess you'll have to take the black one and I'll take the white one."

### Flat Tire

A man in North Carolina had a flat tire, pulled over to the side of the road, and proceeded to put a bouquet of flowers in front of the car and one behind it. Then he got back in the car to wait.

A passerby studied the scene and became so curious that he turned around and went back. He asked the fellow what the problem was.

The man replied, "I have a flat tire." The passerby asked, "But what's with the flowers?"

The man responded, "When you break down, they tell you to put flares in the front and flares in the back. Hey, it don't make no sense to me neither."

### Creative Time

The last time we changed from daylight saving time, a preacher friend posted, "For those who habitually show up 15 minutes late to church, allow me to remind you that tonight is the night you set your clock back 45 minutes."

### Fixing the Taxes

After hearing a sermon on Psalm 52:3-4 (lies and deceit), a man wrote the IRS, "I can't sleep knowing that I have cheated on my income tax. Enclosed is a check for \$150. If I still can't sleep, I'll send the rest."

### Big Difference

During an anti-harassment seminar at work, I asked, "What's the difference between harassment and good-natured teasing?" A co-worker shouted, "A million dollars."

## God Is Working for You

*In all things God works for the good of those who love him.*

—Romans 8:28

Paul didn't say, "We know that in *some* things or in *most* things—but in *all* things, God works for the good of those who love him."

The promise covers everything in your life—from the smallest detail to the most momentous.

Note the present tense: "God *works*." It isn't God *worked* or *will work*. It is a constant process. He is orchestrating every minute of every day of your life.

You may not presently see how all the pieces fit together, but someday you will. As Jesus once said to Peter: "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand" (Jn 13:7).

It isn't in five hundred of a thousand events in your life that God is working for your good but in nine hundred and ninety-nine, plus one.

*God is working in your life right now—  
in ways you may not understand.*

*Today's Walk in the Word  
Joe Barnett*



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