

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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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

*God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 5:8

Jesus shocked his Jewish audience when he replaced the non-biblical idea of hating one's enemies with the idea of loving them (Matthew 5:43-44). The Jewish tradition of hating enemies had achieved Scripture-like status, a status that Jesus opposed and reversed.

The Apostle Paul takes that teaching to an even higher level when he points out that it would be a rare occasion when someone might die for another person... even a *righteous* person... but even more unheard of for a person to die for an enemy!

I mean, who dies for an ENEMY? Well, God does. God demonstrates his love for us (who made ourselves his enemy by our sin) by giving God the Son to die for us.

So, when God says "I love you," he is saying he chose to love someone who, before being reconciled to him through faith in Jesus, was an enemy. What a shock to the way of the world! The world thinks it's normal to love our friends... but NOT love our enemies. But the love of God is counter-cultural.

God loves both his friends and his enemies. Are there people in this world who are unsaved? Absolutely. But there is no one, not a single person, who is unloved. God loves us all.

If there is someone in your life who has made himself/herself an enemy, surprise him/her with your love!

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**  




## Just Joshin'

This last Wednesday we had a day of remembrance for one of the most tragic days in American history. A day that saw 2,996 lives lost and countless families broken. Even those who did not die themselves or have someone close to them die, would still look upon in horror the news of what was happening on September 11th, 2001.

While we reflect on national tragedies and even personal tragedies, it can be hard to find the presence of God within them. How could God allow such a tragedy? As common as that question is, I believe that we can always find good in bad situations and we can find God working in all things.

One of the most famous passages in all of the Bible is found in Psalm 23:4 and it reads, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." God will comfort us throughout any and all kinds of tragedies. As tragic as 9/11 was, 9/12/2001 was the most united our country had ever been. Those of all political affiliations were brought together in peace and love. We could certainly find God working there!

To God be the Glory,  
**Josh**



The next planning meeting is this Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> after bible class and you are encouraged to attend as we will need helpers for the day. *If you would like a t-shirt for this event, please fill out a form and turn it in as soon as possible. Forms are in both foyers. **Deadline is Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.***

## TRAGEDY IN GEORGIA

We were all saddened by last week's event that took place at Apalachee High School in Winder Georgia. Unfortunately, because of evil, four people lost their lives in the senseless school shooting and one child's life will possibly be spent behind prison bars. None of us have the right words to say when something like this occurs. We often pray, but we are not sure what we should be praying about: the comfort to the victims and their families; the offender and their families; that justice would prevail; that this won't happen again; that lives are not scared forever because of this horrendous act? Although we may not have the right words to say, remember the words of the Apostle Paul found in Romans 8:26 "For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." This tragedy also shows us that we as Christians have a lot of work in front of us to bring people, young and old, to the foot of the Cross. The only thing that will keep this from happening again is obedience to God and His commands.

McKinley Pate  
Tiger, GA

## SECOND CHANCE

In Luke 7:11-17, there is reported a very special interaction between Jesus and a widow who was now grieving the loss of her only son. Apparently, the whole town of Nain felt sorry for her as they were mourning with her. Jesus had compassion on her— He raised her son from the dead and gave him back to his mother.

Can you imagine the scene? This mother was given a second chance. I wonder what she did. I wonder what she said. Do you think she used the days differently now? Do you think she valued her time with her son differently now? Do you think she spoke to her son differently now? Do you think she used the time to regularly talk to him about the Lord (Deut. 6:4-9)?

Most of us are missing "key people" from our lives (parents, spouses, children, friends who have passed away). Many of us wish we could say one or two more things to these people—but we will not be given a second chance like the widow of Nain.

We dare not take any of our blessings (like our families) for granted. Let us love more...forgive more...smile more...talk more. What would you do with a second chance like the one given to the widow of Nain? We better just take advantage of today instead.

Bart Warren

Our **Fifth Sunday** is coming up on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker for the day will be **Steve Baggett**. Please stay after class for the potluck to follow.

## QUOTES

“Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them to become what they are capable of becoming.” — Goethe

“The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.” — Abraham Lincoln

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” — Benjamin Franklin

“Keep your face always toward the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you.” — Walt Whitman

“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.” — Maya Angelou

“If we did all the things we are capable of, we would literally astound ourselves.” — Thomas A. Edison

“Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can’t, and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it.” — Robert Frost

“Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and diligence.” — Abigail Adams

“It is better to learn late than never.” — Publilius Syrus

“To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.” — Theodore Roosevelt

“Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government.” — Thomas Jefferson

“To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting.” — Edmund Burke

“Talk low, talk slow and don’t say too much.” — John Wayne

## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Rodney Rochelle

**Scripture Reading:** Steve Baker

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 4:7-9

**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Gary Bailey

**Left:** Keith Harvill

**Right:** James Swaw

Buddy Chandler

Don Beard

Dwight England

Willie Powers

Roy McCoy

Jeff Warren

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Zack Harvill

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

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright

**Scripture Reading:** Kenneth Jett

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:19-21

**Song Leader:** Jeff Rose

**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude

**Lord’s Supper:** Wayne Prince, Gary Wright

**Closing Prayer:** John Irvin

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Basford

**Song Leader:** Rodney Rochelle

**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince

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



My family and I want to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for the prayers and thoughts on our behalf after the passing away of my son-in-law, Don Olinger, of Scottsboro, Alabama last weekend. We appreciate your care more than you will ever know. Please remember us, especially my daughter, Donna, as we deal with recovery and healing. Thank you!

In Christian Love,  
**Gerry Loveless**

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF September 8, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	219
CONTRIBUTION:	\$6064
<b>2024 WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5417</b>

In memory of Grayson Gunter, thank you so much for the kind words and love our church has shown our family, all the beautiful cards and the wind chimes. Thank you and please pray for closure.

**Grayson Gunter Family**



It was good to see **Martha Butler** back at services after knee replacement surgery.

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

The **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm. You may pre-register by going online to RedCrossBlood.org and entering the sponsor code: Centerville19.

The elders will meet with the ladies of the congregation Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Golden Agers** will meet on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck meal. Please bring your favorite dish and/or dishes and enjoy the fun and fellowship!

Two inmates were baptized this week by Tom Gosser with the Jail Ministry. They are: **Austin Peden & Terry Davis**.

We express our sympathy to **Gerry Loveless** and her family on the death of her son-in-law, **Don Olinger**, of Scottsboro, AL. He passed away Saturday. There was a private service on Wednesday in Alabama.

**Dale Dillingham** came forward Sunday night asking for forgiveness for harsh words spoken in anger.

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:** Chris Kimbro, Rita Sullivan, Martha Butler, Gary Wright, Deborah Peery, Willie Powers, Curtis Edwards, Mike Batts, Donna Pitman, Yvonna Caillouet, Brenda Stoltz, Marlin Lawson (shoulder surgery Thursday), Kita Wright, Randy Prince, Deborah McClellan, Joyce Boyd, Floy Cochran, Carolyn Phillips, Kenneth Chandler (home-no visitors), Reda Springer, Shanon Irwin, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes (hospice), & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Charlie Shelton (ICU St. Thomas West-surgery Thursday), Donna Olinger (daughter of Gerry Loveless), Lottie (Terrell) Williams, Marshall Spencer, Joe & Mattie Boehms, Ruby Church, Mary Sue Sands, Ronald Cochran, Jeff Clark, Betty Baird, Terry Barringer, Edgar Clyde Beard, Linda Canady, Mike Dorton (home-no visitors), Carmela Brown, James Tidwell, Beverly Smith (mother of Laurie Copley, former member), Paul Harvill, Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Ronnie Carroll, Gail Brown, Judy Baggett, David Gossett, Jimmie Jenkins, Ryan Edwards, Brian Powers, Martha Ann McCord, Gethlyn Gardner (home-cancer), Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Edwin Garner, Chris Chilton, David Stewart & newborn granddaughter, Truu, Willie Lawler, James Coates (healthcare facility in Hohenwald-address on the bulletin board), Pam Sullivan, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Anthony Stacks (St. Thomas West ICU), 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:** Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

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



**Sept 15** - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off  
**Sept 17** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH