

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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### 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 seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.*

1 Samuel 16:7

President Abraham Lincoln had a disarming and engaging willingness to take himself lightly, even laugh at himself, especially when it came to his physical appearance.

When Senator Stephen A. Douglas once called him a “two-faced man...,” Lincoln responded, “I leave it to my audience. If I had another face, do you think I would wear this one?”

Another time he told a group of editors about meeting a woman while riding horseback in the woods. In Lincoln’s words, “She looked at me intently, and said, ‘I do believe you are the ugliest man I ever saw.’ I said, ‘Madam, you are probably right, but I can’t help it.’ ‘No,’ she said, ‘you can’t help it, but you could at least stay home.’”

Although his face is widely recognizable, Lincoln isn’t known primarily for his appearance, but for his courageous leadership during very difficult times in America. He is often held up as an example of remarkable patience, determination, dedication, compassion, thoughtfulness, and selflessness.

These inner qualities are what mark Lincoln as one of America’s greatest presidents.

So much is made in our culture today of outward appearances and material possessions. We all would do well to remember that it is our virtuous *inner* qualities that create a lasting reputation... and find favor in the eyes of God.

Remember, when God measures a person, He puts the tape around the heart instead of the head.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**  




We are happy that **Charmaine Harlow** is placing membership with us! Let's welcome her to our church family.

It was good to have **Al Williams** back at services Sunday after having had surgery.

The **elders** will meet with the **men** of the congregation this Sunday, September 24th at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be a bridal shower for **Brandon & Hannah James** on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Walmart and Amazon.

The **Golden Agers** will have a change of venue this month! On September 28<sup>th</sup>, they will be taking a **MYSTERY TRIP** leaving the church at **5:00 pm**.

**Sunday's Clue: Tall trees and lovely leaves!....**

**Wednesday's Clue: Asphalt and dirt; curves and hills will give you thrills!....** If you plan to drive yourself, please plan to follow the bus. Signup sheets are in both foyers; **please sign up no later than this Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Shelby Walker & Rayne Johnson** were baptized last Saturday by the Jail Ministry.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Betty Sue Gordon**, mother of **Yvonna Caillouet** who passed away Wednesday morning. Visitation will be Friday at 4:00 for family and 4:30-8:00 for friends. Funeral will be Sunday at McDonald FH at 1:00 by Mike Kelley, with burial in Memory Gardens followed by a meal for the family at Fairfield Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

We express sympathy to the family of **Janie Warren**, sister of **Teresa Kimbro** and aunt of **Tommy McClanahan** passed away on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sympathy to the family of **Faye Orton Copley** of Totty's Bend who passed away last Friday night.



**Members:** Steve Baker, June Prince, Andrea Wright, Harry Totty, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Woody Woodruff (home), Carolyn Phillips (St. Thomas hospital), Yvonna Caillouet, Floy Cochran, Janey Gilbert, John Fly, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Steve Cantrell (cousin of Terri Wenger), Angela Tayes & Carmala Brown, (nieces of Rita Beard), Carolyn Nash (mother of Debbie Beard & aunt of Steve Craft-St. Thomas Hickman swing bed), Oscar Sullivan, John West (brother-in-law of Gary Wright), Lou Gann, Aaron Barnett, Angelica Essary, James Stoltz, Juanita King, little Marcella (18 month old-AFM), Billie Joe Jordan, Kim Totty (St. Thomas Midtown), James Coates (diagnosed lung cancer), Laura DeLong, Linda Goad, June Adams (pancreatic cancer), Louise Jones, Grayson Gunter (Vanderbilt hospital), Larry Roder, Kim Bailey, Billie Joe Qualls, Roy Harris, Colton Thompson, Ila Faye Jenkins, Claude & Glenda Teet, Anthony Stacks, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Harrison, Scott Rushton, Ricky Chandler (cancer), Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Brenda Smith, Rachel Watts, William McClearn, Bryan Williams, Judy Hinson, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, Cody Crawford, Rebecca Mears, Kelley Wilson, Doris Elam, Donna Gaspard, Kathy Swinford Coleman & William Dale Nash.

**Life Care:** Brenda Kirk, Naomi Bailey (hospice), Gary Yates, Wilma Green, Francis Qualls, Hester Moss

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

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

**NHC Healthcare Columbia:** Lou Dickens

Sympathy to the family of **Mary Nell Mayberry** of Shady Grove who passed away Saturday. She is the daughter of **Delton & Barbara Mayberry**. Her memorial service will be Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at McDonald Funeral Home.

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



## Center Fielders News

“Working Through Grief”

There are some that might disagree with what I'm about to say, but I have seen this first hand and even experienced it, and that is: “those who are thankful for hard experiences have a more fulfilling life than those who are unthankful.” Someway, somehow find a way to become thankful through grief, and it can become a blessing. I have found this to be true in more ways than one.

Losing loved ones to death brings grief, and seeing loved ones leave their Christian faith is heartbreaking. Reach out to those who are hurting. Even if you can't actually feel their pain, you can still have and show compassion. It is not helpful to compare the grief of different people or to rush them through their grief.

We all need comfort after the loss of a loved one. Allow everyone to find his or her own source of comfort in God's Word, and avoid being dogmatic about things like whether we will know each other in Heaven. I personally find all the comfort I need knowing that my loved ones are in good hands. They are free from pain, sorrow, sin, and temptation, and they will be with Jesus for eternity, and that is good enough for me.

The children of God truly have something glorious to look forward to. If we have hope for our departed loved ones, it would be very selfish to wish them back. Meanwhile, let's have a foretaste of Heaven on earth by being thankful, forgetting ourselves, and reaching out to others. Opening our hearts to the comfort offered by God and others will in time help us find a renewed sense of strength and perspective.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

**\*\*\*\* If you missed the directory picture sign-up, there are a few appointments left at this time. \*\*\*\***

### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF September 17, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP	224
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4967
<b>2023 WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5104</b>

## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Ronny Pitman

**Scripture Reading:** Rick Bruno

**Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Norman Moss

**Left:** Wayne Prince      **Right:** Roy McCoy

Norman George      Wallace Smith

Randal Halbrooks      Rusty Bates

Phillip Coates      Chris Love

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Gerry Hinson

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

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Basford

**Scripture Reading:** Buddy Chandler

**Scripture:** Mark 2:13-17

**Song Leader:** Damon McCoy

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright

**Lord's Supper:** Randal Halbrooks, Jeff Rose

**Closing Prayer:** Kenneth Jett

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks

**Song Leader:** Damon McCoy

**Opening Prayer:** Boyce Cannon

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

## PLEASE NOTE:

If you have a change in phone number, mailing address or email address, we need that to update the roster in the new pictorial directory. Forms are available in both foyers for you to use to update your information.

It was announced by the elders on Sunday (Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>) of their intent to appoint Wes Crowther as a Deacon to serve over Maintenance due to Lloyd Rochelle's resignation from that position. If anyone has a scriptural reason that Wes should not serve in this position, you must submit a written notice to the elders stating the reason and sign that notice. The position will remain open for two weeks before officially being filled.

***You sit enthroned in heaven. You rule over all that happens on earth. Lord, you give me strength to live through the storms of life; You give me inner peace while the storms rage.***

*Psalms 29:10-11*

*Elmer L. Towns modern translation*





### Friends and Family Day

at New Spring Creek church of Christ  
in Bon Aqua, TN

Sunday October 1, 2023

with speaker **Michael Crowder**

Sunday School 9:30 am

Morning Worship Service 10:30 am

Fellowship meal to follow

Afternoon Worship Service 1:30 pm

## H.A.B.I.T.

### Please Change This

Peter walked up to his teacher's desk, holding a report card with a big red F. "If I were you," said Peter, "I would change this while you still can."

"Why is that?" asked the teacher.

"Because my daddy told me that if I brought home one more failing report card, someone was going to get a beating."

### Standing Joke

A brand new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her 6th grade class off by saying, "Everyone who thinks you're stupid, stand up!" After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up.

The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?"

"No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

### Getting the Answers

A high school teacher was giving a true/false test. He was strolling up and down the aisles surveying the students at work. He came upon one student who was flipping a coin, then writing.

Teacher: What are you doing?

Student: Getting the answers to the test. The teacher shook his head and walked on. A little while later, when everyone was finished with the test, the teacher noticed the student was again flipping the coin.

Teacher: Now what are you doing?

Student: I'm checking the answers.

### Skiping School

The local high school has a policy that the parents must call the school if the student is to be absent for the day. Kelly, deciding to skip class and go to the mall with her friends, waited until her parents had left for work and called the school herself. This is the actual conversation of the telephone call.

**Kelly:** "Hi, I'm calling to report that Kelly Williams is unable to make it to school today because she is ill."

**Secretary at high school:** "Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. I'll note her absence. Who is this calling?"

**Kelly:** "This is my mother."

**HABIT.** The only way to get rid of a bad habit is to stop it at once. If you try tapering off, this is the result. You drop the "H" and you still have...

**A BIT.** You think you are getting over it by dropping a little bit of the evil thing, so you go on and drop the "A," but you still are...

**BIT.** That is to say, you are deceiving yourself. You are where you were. You are still bitten by the evil thing. However, you think you are progressing, so you drop the "B," but you still lack. You still have...

**IT.** And "it" is the sting of habit. "It" has been the trouble all along. You are where you started. Even when you drop the "I" you still have...

**T.** Which stands for temptation. And temptation is a longer word to get rid of than habit. Better do the thing wholesale and drop all the letters at once.

*"Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11).*

*We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Your presence is an encouragement and you are always welcome. Please fill out the attendance card you will find in the pew rack and drop it in the basket or leave on the seat and it will be picked up.*



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**Instagram:** fcofamily

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