

# THE PROVIDER

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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

***Before informed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born,  
I sanctified you...***

Jeremiah 1:5

You are not an accident. Your birth was no mishap or mistake. Your life is not a fluke of nature. You do not exist because of chance or coincidence.

Your parents may not have planned you, but God did. You are here because God wanted to create you!

The following poem, written by Russell Kelfner, has it right. Let the words sink deep into your being...

You are who you are for a reason.  
You're part of an intricate plan.  
You're a precious and perfect and unique design,  
Called God's special woman or man.

You look like you look for a reason.  
Our God made no mistake.  
He knit you together within the womb,  
You're just what he wanted to make.

No, that trauma you faced was not easy.  
And God wept that it hurt you so;  
But it was allowed to shape your heart  
So that into his likeness you'd grow.

You see who you are for a reason,  
You've been formed by the Master's rod.  
You are who you are, beloved,  
Because there is a God!

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





It was good to see **Mike Batts** back at church last Wednesday night after being sick.

The women's bathroom in the front foyer and the front entrance on that side of the building will be **closed starting December 9<sup>th</sup> for remodeling**. This is expected to take a several weeks. Bathrooms in the Educational Wing will be open throughout the construction project.

The next Mission Meeting is Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in Room 104.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** is every Tuesday morning at 6:00 am in the basement.

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

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday @ 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Glen England, Dwight's** brother. Visitation and the funeral tomorrow was Monday at McDonald Funeral Home.



We had three baptisms at our morning service. We welcome **Chrystal Powell, Jessica McElwain** and **Chris Baker** to our church family!

Last Saturday, the Jail Ministry had two baptisms. They are **Jessica Heggie** and **Joy Bonesteel**.



For our last 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year, we will be blessed to have Woody Woodruff to speak to us on December 31, 2023. Make plans now to attend.



**Members:** Carolyn Phillips, Hershel & Carol Mayberry, Renee Halbrooks, John Irvin, Roy Wayne McCoy, Kathy Rose, Shanon Irwin, Dannie George, Kenneth Chandler, Terry Duncan (no visitors), Jennifer Beasley, Aletha Martin, June Prince, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Woody Woodruff, Floy Cochran, Janey Gilbert, John Fly, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Oscar Sullivan (grandfather of Jeffrey Daniels), Renee Dennis (daughter of Lloyd Rochelle & sister of Rodney-Vanderbilt Critical Care Unit-brain bleed), Grayson Gunter, Dusty Covington (home), Roy Cochran, Jackson Deas, Jean Greer (home), Becky Gatewood, Ann Spencer, Jimmie Jenkins, Stephanie Pitman, Jenny Teet, Carolyn Nash, Aaron Barnett, Angelica Essary, James Coates, Laura DeLong, Grayson Gunter, Larry Roder, Roy Harris, Ila Faye Jenkins, Anthony Stacks, Kathryn Purcell, Colene Beasley, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler & Donna Gaspard.

**Life Care:** David Talley, Frances Qualls, Joyce Boyd, Naomi Bailey (hospice), Gary Yates, Wilma Green, Hester Moss

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

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

**NHC Healthcare Columbia:** Lou Dickens

**PLEASE NOTE:** We have cleared out some names on our prayer list but if someone needs added back on the prayer list, please let us know. You can text me, the editor, at 931-994-7443 or let one of the elders know. Thanks.



**Dec 10** - Christmas Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off

**Dec 17** - Middle/High School Devo/Christmas party -- Meet at the Field House at 4:00 pm. Please bring \$10-\$15 to purchase a Dirty Christmas gift. We will go purchase a gift and eat, then return to the Field House.



## Center Fielders News

“Living A Soft Answer”

Most likely we have all experienced an incident in which a soft answer could have been a great benefit. Proverbs 15:1 says, “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” This verse applies to situations where there is potential for an exchange of angry words. But let’s consider another aspect of this verse.

Sometimes we face a situation where someone not only speaks angrily to us but also does things to show that anger. In this case, talking to them is unlikely to do any good. Retaliation will probably just make matters worse. So, what should we do then?

We need to be as kind to that person as they were as unkind to us. By doing this, we “show” a soft answer rather than speaking it. Even if the other person remains angry with us, we can be certain that God will bless the effort that comes from a heart that is filled with godly love. The Bible tells us to live peaceably with everyone around us as much as possible.

The love we show should be without hypocrisy. This is a very important key to living a “soft answer.” The Lord Himself said, “Vengeance is Mine, and I will repay.” If someone is angry with us, let us first speak a soft answer, and if anger still remains, then let us show a soft answer by being kind. When we do this, we follow the perfect example of Jesus, who demonstrated it in both living and speaking.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

### PLEASE NOTE

Facebook is not showing a notification as often that our live stream has started. Please go to the Fairfield church of Christ - Field Family page and scroll down and you will see the live service when it begins.

### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF December 3, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP	208
CONTRIBUTION:	\$6396
<b>2023 WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5104</b>

## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude

**Scripture Reading:** Robert Graf

**Scripture:** Isaiah 40:28-31

**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Willie Powers

**Left:** Roy McCoy

**Right:** Gerry Hinson

Tom Gosser

Rick Bruno

Al Williams

Rodney Rochelle

Erik Hassell

Lyle Shepherd

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Zack Harvill

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

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright

**Scripture Reading:** Buddy Chandler

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

**Song Leader:** Damon McCoy

**Opening Prayer:** Tom Gosser

**Lord’s Supper:** Lafayette Spears, Boyce Cannon

**Closing Prayer:** Gary Basford

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks

**Song Leader:** Gary Basford

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey

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

### PLEASE NOTE

*We will have our regular Sunday morning service on December 24th; and NO Sunday evening service.*

Have you not known?

Have you not heard?

The everlasting God, the LORD,

The Creator of the ends of the earth,

Neither faints nor is weary.

His understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the weak,

And to those who have no might He increases strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary,

And the young men shall utterly fall,

But those who wait on the LORD

Shall renew their strength;

They shall mount up with wings like eagles,

They shall run and not be weary,

They shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:28-31





## If I Could Live Life Over Again...



If I had my life to live over again, I'd try to make more mistakes next time.

I would relax, I would limber up, I would be sillier than I have been this trip.

I know of very few things I would take seriously.

I would take more trips. I would be crazier.

I would climb more mountains, swim more rivers, and watch more sunsets.

I would do more walking and looking.

I would eat more ice cream and less beans.

I would have more actual troubles, and fewer imaginary ones.

You see, I'm one of those people who lives life prophylactically and sensibly hour after hour, day after day.

Oh, I've had my moments, and if I had to do it over again, I'd have more of them.

In fact, I'd try to have nothing else, just moments, one after another, instead of living so many years ahead each day.

I've been one of those people who never go anywhere without a thermometer, a hot-water bottle, a gargle, a raincoat, aspirin, and a parachute.

If I had to do it over again, I would go places, do things, and travel lighter than I have.

If I had my life to live over, I would start barefooted earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall.

I would play hooky more.

I wouldn't make such good grades, except by accident.

I would ride on more merry-go-rounds.

I'd pick more daisies. I'd enjoy my children every day.

-Anonymous

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally, she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't He?"

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year-olds.

After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

**At Sunday School** they were learning how God created everything, including human beings. Johnny was especially intent when the teacher told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the matter?"

Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

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



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