

# 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

*We do not lose heart... Inwardly we are being renewed day by day.*

2 Corinthians 4:16

Thomas Carlyle labored with intensity on his first book about the French Revolution, and felt it was his greatest work. He gave the manuscript to his friend John Stuart Mill to proofread and edit. Mill read the loose pages of the book in his den, beside the fireplace.

One morning, Mill's maid, cleaning the room and seeing the scattered pages on the floor, threw the only manuscript of the lengthy work into the fire. When Carlyle learned his work had been destroyed, he sank into a deep depression. All his work, wasted.

Sometime later, still downcast, he began watching a brick mason through a window. The man was standing on a scaffold, whistling and singing as he built the wall of a house, laying one brick at a time.

Carlyle decided he could write his book again. Simply focusing on one page at a time. His three-volume history of the French Revolution became famous and Carlyle is remembered today as one of Scotland's greatest writers.

Maybe you've had a setback. Maybe you've lost something valuable to you. Don't give up! Tomorrow still has promise. The Lord blesses faithful, even plodding, work. How do you turn a setback into a comeback? Brick by brick. Step by step. Day by day. Moment by moment. Page by page.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





## *Just Joshin'*

Being able to step out of your comfort zone is essential for a Christian. We will be placed in uncomfortable situations more times than we'd probably like to be. There will be many conversations we will have with others that we'd just prefer to avoid altogether. We are expected to stand up for Christ and to stand up for the truth. Having religious conversations with a stranger or loved one can be extremely daunting, especially for a Christian who would much rather keep to himself or herself. We are drawn to places or people that we are familiar with and whom we know and trust. While there is nothing wrong with that, it will be very difficult to make a potent impact on the expansion of God's kingdom. We were brought into a world that doesn't want to hear the Christian doctrine. We were brought into a world that is sinful and corrupt, so I believe it would be natural for us to be uncomfortable or afraid. However, living for Christ requires us to actively push against the norms of our world, which can be very uncomfortable sometimes. What is important to remember is that our "stepping out" doesn't have to be imprudent! It can be simple. However, we choose to become "comfortable being uncomfortable," we must remember that there must be a little risk for a great reward. It is also vital to look at the word of God for encouragement. Joshua tells us in chapter 1:9 to "be strong and courageous and to not be afraid" because God will be with us through it all!

To God be the Glory,  
*Josh*

**Our each and every  
action seen or heard  
is a sermon for  
others. Be careful  
what you preach.**



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## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Josh Copley

**Scripture Reading:** Wallace Smith

**Scripture:** Psalm 63:1-4

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Rodney Rochelle

**Left:** Lafayette Spears **Right:** Rick Bruno

Steve Atkinson

Tommy McClanahan

Rusty Bates

Mathew Wright

Ken Copley

Mike Worley

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Steve Baker

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

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright

**Scripture Reading:** Boyce Cannon

**Scripture:** Matthew 11:28-30

**Song Leader:** Gary Basford

**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude

**Lord's Supper:** Gary Wright, Edwin Wright

**Closing Prayer:** Wayne Prince

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks

**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright

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

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF December 8, 2024

<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>189</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTION:</b>	<b>\$4689</b>
<b>2024 WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5417</b>

## *A Christmas Letter from Jesus*

When you look for me at Christmas,

You won't need a special star.

I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,

I'm right here where you are.

You may not be aware of me

Amid the celebrations.

You'll have to look beyond the stores,

And all the decorations.

But if you take a moment

From your list of things to do,

To close your eyes and say a prayer,

I'm waiting here for you.

You're the one I want to be with,

You're the reason that I came!

And you'll find me in the stillness

Where I'm whispering your name.

## Fairfield's Christmas Party 2024





Congratulations to **Roy & Sharon McCoy** on the birth of a great grandson, **Kohen Dale Gilbert**, on December 5<sup>th</sup> to **Brittany & Eric Gilbert**. He weighed 4 lbs. 2 oz. The proud grandmother is **Amber McDonald**. Brittany may be released from Vanderbilt today, but baby Kohen will probably have to stay a week or two.

Congratulations to **Addie Dorton** who graduated last Friday from the Practical Nursing program at TCAT Dickson.

Coming up on our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, Jerrie Barber will be our speaker for the day.

**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** will not meet until next year.

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

**Members:** Aletha Martin (Centennial hospital), Brittany Gilbert, Angie Stacks, Willie Powers (Dickson Horizon), Rita Sullivan, Donna Pitman, Marlin Lawson, Randy Prince, Deborah McClellan, Joyce Boyd, Carolyn Phillips, Kenneth Chandler, Shanon Irwin, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Mildred Rochelle (cousin of Rodney-St. Thomas Hickman swing bed), Amalia Rose Shaw-Vanderbilt NICU), Betty Baird, Edna Copley, B.Y. Peery, Doug True, Nancy Coursey, Marilyn Mathis, Pam Hinson, Davy Baker (Centennial), Lottie (Terrell) Williams, Mattie Boehms, Ruby Church, Mary Sue Sands, Jeff Clark, Terry Barrenger, Edgar Clyde Beard, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, James Tidwell, Beverly Smith, Paul Harvill, Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Ronnie Carroll, Judy Baggett, Jimmie Jenkins (Maury Regional hospital), Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, David, Willie Lawler, James Coates, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, David Talley, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, & Donna Gaspard.

**Life Care:** Ralph Gossett, Anthony Stacks, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

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



Sympathy is extended to the family of **Johnny Qualls**, brother of **Wayne A. Qualls** who passed away on Tuesday. Funeral was Wednesday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Billy Mays** of Gallatin, formerly of Centerville. He was the brother of **Carol Mayberry** and the uncle of **Ron Mayberry**. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Stacy Driggers** who passed away. She was the niece of **Willie Powers**.



**Dec 15** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH  
**Dec 22** - Puppet Show, during evening service in LO  
**Dec 29** - Fifth Sunday with Jerrie Barber

