

Prayer Breakfast to feature John Chester as speaker

For John Chester, his faith is like that biblical mustard seed.

"When I plant a seed in the spring my faith is embedded in that seed and its success. I have faith in God to provide the rain and sunshine, which will provide for my family's success."

Chester, who has farmed all of his adult life in Martin, will be the guest speaker at the Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday morning at First United Methodist Church in Martin. The prayer breakfast is at 6:45 a.m.

Born on a dairy farm in Sweetwater, Chester chose to attend college at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he said he "fell in love with West Tennessee and



West Tennessee farming."

While in college he worked part-time for Larry and Keith Fowler, local farmers, then after graduation he moved to full-time work for them, eventually becoming the assistant manager of their

farm.

Now he knows row crops like corn, wheat and soybeans, as well as beef cattle.

"My faith is embedded in what I do," Chester said. "I use the soil, weather and tools God provides to pro-

duce food for the world."

Chester and his wife Mary Margaret have two children, Mary Anna, 12, and Lake, 9.

Mary Anna attends Martin Middle School where she is heavily involved in softball and basketball. She also loves to read. Lake's focus is on municipal basketball and baseball with the City of Martin.

"Being involved in agriculture is a large pillar of my faith," Chester says.

"I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed," Jesus said to his followers, "you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."



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