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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Security
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Transportation
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Seniors
Lloyd Rochelle ext.21
Maintenance
Vance Willis ext.26
Finance/IT

Pulpit Minister:

Mike Kelley ext. 2

Associate Minister:

Rodney Rochelle ext.25

Youth Minister:

Chris Wright ext. 3

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

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fairfieldcofc.org

HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we begin a new year, it is our hope as your elders that Fairfield Church of Christ will continue to stand as a beacon of hope and encouragement in the community, Hickman County and everywhere as we go about our daily lives. It is our prayer that we may be able to live a good example and communicate spiritual enlightenment according to New Testament Bible teachings and inspire all that we come in contact with.

This year will mark 70 years of the church that was established as Fairfield Church of Christ in Centerville, TN in 1949. Through the years, the church has grown and many building and grounds improvements have been made. Our youth ministry has grown and now meets in the house next door that was originally the minister's house. Bible classes, devotionals and other youth activities are held in this annex building. It is fondly known as "The Field House." The youth of today will become our leaders of tomorrow; it is our duty to set a worthy example for these young people and provide a spiritually enriched environment for them as they grow into mature adults.

Several areas of mission work both locally and across the nation as well as in other countries have been established and/or supported by Fairfield Church of Christ. Our fellowship hall that was constructed in 2009 is a designated Red Cross Disaster Shelter and has been used several times when there was a natural disaster providing shelter, meals and distribution of supplies to those who needed such. This facility continues to bring blessings to our church and community in many ways.

As shepherds of this congregation, we will do our very best to serve each of you in the best, fairest, and most honest way possible. We are instructed to do so by the teachings of the Bible.

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." 1 Timothy 5:17

*In Christian Love,
The Elders*



JANUARY

- 1 Dustin Bailey
Randal Halbrooks
- 2 Adam Lawson
- 3 Jon Michael Ward
- 4 Alice Lynn
Melinda Sullivan
- 7 Carlin Cochran
Alexia Brooke Dotson
Wyatt H. Irwin
- 8 Brittany McDonald
- 10 Penny Creech
- 12 Mason Ward
- 13 Brenda Burchard
- 15 Jennifer Lynn
- 16 Lafayette Spears
- 17 Gene Carathers
Phillip Coates
- 19 Belinda Bates
Bella Sanchez
Paige Truett
- 22 Rita Sullivan
Leon Lynn
Dustin Holt
- 23 Bobby Orton
- 25 Quincy Cochran
- 27 Madison Setzer
- 28 Crystal Wilson
- 29 Virginia Belle Bailey
- 31 Diana Bailey



JANUARY

- 3 Harold & Jan Choate
- 4 Vance & Jana Willis
- 19 Nathan & Belinda Bates



To the members of the Fairfield church, thanks so much for the box of goodies and Christmas cards. Thanks to all of you for your prayers. It's nice to have Christian friends like you. It means so much to me. Thanks so much.

In Christian Love,
Violet Shelby

Our sympathy to the family of Earl Johnson, father of David Johnson, who passed away (Friday morning).

The Red Cross will have a blood drive here at the fellowship hall this Monday afternoon from 12:30 pm till 5:30 pm. Please signup online at redcrossblood.org or see Margaret Martin.

The Golden Agers will be going to the Beacon Light for breakfast on January 26th. Make your plans now to attend.

The elders will meet with the Deacons on January 27th at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6:00a

*The Quilters meet every Thursday morning at 9:00a in the basement.

*Narcotics Anonymous is every Thursday night @ 7:00p

YOUTH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Jan 13 – 3rd – 5th grade Devo, during evening service at the FH

Jan 15 – Middle/High School Devo, 6:00 pm at the FH

Jan 20 – Puppet Show, during evening service

Jan 29 – Middle/High School Devo, 6:00 pm at the FH

**Desserts & Devo - TBA

Memorials

A contribution was given in memory of **David Carter Sullivan** by **Cathy Sullivan**.

A contribution was given in memory of **Johnnie Ruth Denton, Ben & Pearl Mayberry, Hazel Baker, Ann Thornton Totty, Steve Batts, Louise Leathers, Annette Barber, Raymond Truett, Wayne Harvill, Elsie Lancaster, Janice Shavers, Margaret Estes, Annie Lee Whitwell, Peggy Gossett, Juanita Hinson, Becky Harvill and Shirley Bryant** by **Mike & Fran Batts**.



DEPRESSION BIPOLAR SUPPORT ALLIANCE

Has a new meeting location
Fairfield church of Christ basement

Peer Led Support Speaking Heart to Heart

Support meetings are the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month
from 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Starting January 15, 2019

DBSAlliance.org 931-623-1400

Come join us for support and education regarding bipolar and depression.



Center Fielders News

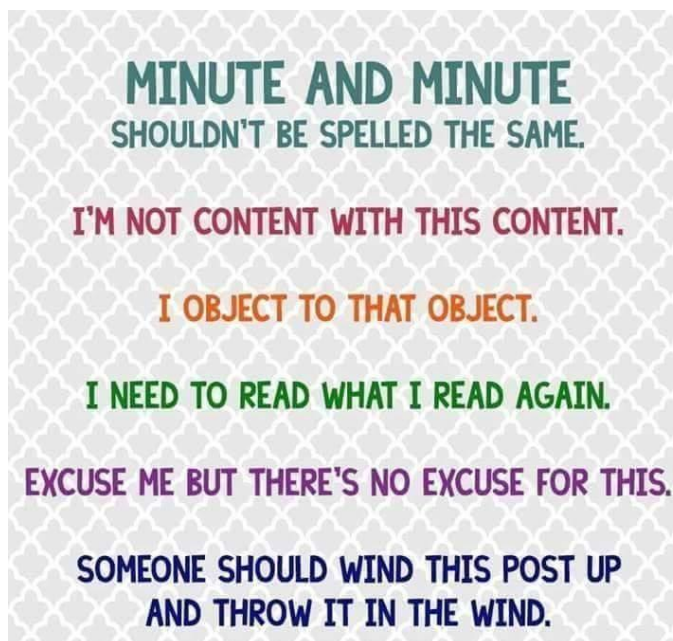
“Why Do People Follow Jesus?”

We have been doing a series of messages on Sunday night about the miracles that Jesus did while on this earth and it has really made my eyes open wider. When Jesus walked this earth, a vast number of people followed Him. They came for all sorts of reasons. Some noble, some selfish, and the same is true today. As we begin a New Year, I think it is very important that we understand what motivates people to come to Christ, because not all who seek Him are really His followers. To be honest, we all need to analyze our own walk with the Lord. What do we want from Him? How committed are we to being His disciples?

Many of the people who followed Jesus did so because they had urgent needs that He alone could meet. Everywhere He went, the sick, the demon-possessed were brought to Him. This is one of the ways that God draws us to Himself. Those who can solve all their own problems never need a Savior.

Other folks came just for the thrill. They wanted to see the miracles and feel the excitement. The same is true today. People come to worship to get pumped up, but the mountaintop experiences are always followed by valleys. When hardships or challenges come, they are quickly to abandon the Lord, as they did in the book of John.

As we begin a New Year, let's examine ourselves and see how we can mature as a Christian. Let's dedicate more time to the Lord in study, meditation, evangelism, worship, prayer, and let Christ's light shine in us in 2019, more than it ever has. Happy New Year everyone!!



Members: Paul Victory, Dollie Wheeler, Roy McCoy, Dorothy Noonan, Dot Davidson, Rhonda Powers, Hester Moss, June Prince, James Hassell, Leon Lynn, Martha Harvill, Connor Peebles, Tony Halfacre, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Marlin Lawson, C.W. Tarkington, Harold Choate, Glenda Coates, Jo Ann Totty & Elizabeth Tarkington.

Friends & Family: Mark Wright (heart surgery on Jan 11), Terry Peevyhouse (leg amputated), Bracey Campbell (hospice), Rubye Roberts, Kenneth Copley, Donna Popp, Bobby Mack Dunn, Don Luther, Bobby Brawley, Dorris French, Dana Hall, Skipper Sands, Gene French, Mary Ann Wallace, Dorothy Love, Don Glover, Slater Springman, Claude Teet, Tana Rochelle Brinke, John Beard, Jimmy George, David Talley, Jean Greer, Tommy Cagle, Keith Clayton, Clare Loughrey, Linda Truett, Kathy Brown, Jackson Bates, Greg McCord, Helen Shanes, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash & Jimmy Mathis.

Life Care: Donald Dorton, Kitty Halfacre, Anne Neely, Ray Dudley, Mary England, Georgia Belle Smith, and Jim & Jean Wright.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Sybil Jenkins, Gladys Primm, & Louise Hudgins.



MEN TO SERVE JAN. 6**LORD'S TABLE****Preside:** Willie Powers

Left: Norman George **Right:** Jerrie W. Barber
 Terry Duncan Dalton Barber
 Randal Halbrooks Wyatt H. Barber
 Donnie Fielder Nathan Carroll

Alternates: Steve Baker, Lloyd Rochelle**Basement:** Josh Copley, Ken Copley**Sun. P.M.:** Mike Batts, Rick Bruno**PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE****A.M. Scripture Reading:** Wayne Prince**Scripture:** Romans 5:1-5**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Buddy Chandler**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Gerry Hinson**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Mathew Wright**Scripture:** Mark 6:45-50**P.M. Opening Prayer:** Marvin Truett**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Roy McCoy**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Justin Beard**Wed. Invitation:** (Jan 9) Mike Kelley**SONG LEADERS****Sunday A.M.** Darin Cochran**Sunday P.M.** Jeff Stacks**Wednesday P.M.** (Jan 9) Jeff Rose**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Sunday A.M.** Marvin Truett**Sunday P.M.** Marvin Truett**Wednesday P.M.** (Jan 9) Darin Cochran**VAN DRIVERS****Sunday A.M.** Gerry Hinson 931-729-3208

931-623-2043

Sunday P.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355**Wed. P.M.** Roy McCoy 931-729-2956

(Jan 9) 931-994-7571

FOR THE RECORD**WEEK OF December 23, 2018****A.M. WORSHIP:** 225**CONTRIBUTION:** \$4029**WEEK OF December 30, 2018****A.M. WORSHIP:** 236**CONTRIBUTION:** \$7419**I'VE GOT TO START...**

You may actually know someone who has begun a sentence using the above words. The words that this preacher has heard used most often to complete this sentence are “exercising” and “eating right.” It appears that most of us have a sense of what it will take to improve our health.

The key to accomplishing the desired improvement is truly given in this statement. It is the word “start.” We may be playing mind games with ourselves when we utter these words, because if we never start, we will not have to continue the process. Perhaps we feel that we can handle the guilt better than the discipline.

What about spiritually? Have we not also heard someone (ourselves) say, “I’ve got to start studying my Bible regularly?” We believe what Jesus said about those who “hunger and thirst after righteousness” (Matthew 5:6), but we are still waiting to start.

What about the one who says, “I’ve got to start visiting like I should”? We believe what James wrote about “pure religion” consisting of visiting the “fatherless and the widows in their affliction” (James 1:27), but we just cannot seem to get started.

In reality, when we make these statements, we are taking the first step; i.e., admitting the personal need/responsibility. Now all we need to do is specify. Instead of repeating the “I’ve got to” part, say, “I will start (an activity) today at (a time).” Next, set a reminder and then START! Change for the better will become reality when we do. Paul exhorted, “For He says, ‘In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2). Let’s get started today.

*J. Brooks Boyd Jr.**Livingston, TN*