

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Wayne Prince ext.14  
Lafayette Spears ext.15  
Gary Wright ext.24

### DEACONS:

Gary Bailey ext.18  
*Schedule Events/FH*  
Mike Breece ext.19  
*Activities*  
Clay Chandler ext. 6  
*Benevolence*  
Darin Cochran ext.11  
*Worship*  
Ken Copley ext.17  
*Education*  
Steve Craft ext.20  
*Youth*  
Randal Halbrooks ext.13  
*Missions*  
Shanon Irwin ext.29  
*Security*  
O.D. Pratt ext.23  
*Seniors*  
Lloyd Rochelle ext.21  
*Maintenance*  
Jeff Stacks ext.22  
*Transportation*  
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 10:20 AM  
Worship 6:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

### Family Line:

931-729-9846

### Website:

[fairfieldcofc.org](http://fairfieldcofc.org)



As we begin a new year it is our hope, as your elders, that we, as a church family, will continue to stand as a beacon of hope and encouragement in our daily lives. May the **Spirit** of the Lord shine in all of us.

**S** - Service to one another

**P** - Prayer for our fellow man

**I** - Inspiration to everyone we come in contact with daily.

**R** - Responsibility for each other

**I** - Impact in the community

**T** - Thankfulness to God

We added a pavilion behind the fellowship hall this year in the hopes that members and the community will enjoy it.

As shepherds of this church family, we will do our very best to serve each of you in the best, fairest, and most honest way possible as we are instructed to do in God's word.

*(Even the spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you). John 14:17*

From, **Lafayette, Wayne & Gary**

holding fast the faithful word  
which is in accordance with  
the teaching, so that he will  
be able both to exhort in  
sound doctrine and to  
refute those who  
contradict

**Titus 1:9**

Knowing-Jesus.com



The widows will meet at Homestead on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

\*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6:00 am in the basement.

\*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. evenings @ 6:00 pm in the basement.

\*The Quilters meet every Thurs. morning @ 9:00 am in the basement.

\*Narcotics Anonymous meets every Thurs. night at 7:00p in the basement.



Clay & I would like to thank each and everyone who came to our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Thank you for the cards, gifts, and phone calls. We had a good day with family and friends.

**Clay & Linda Chandler**

## MEMORIALS

A contribution was given by **Clay & Linda Chandler** in memory of **Mary Carolyn McClanahan**.

A contribution was given by **Mark & Tina Truett** in memory of **Raymond Truett, Paul Dorton, and Wayne & Martha Harvill**.

A contribution was given in memory of **Joyce Johnson** by **Chase & Casey Thomason**.

A contribution was given in honor of Linda & Clay Chandler's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by **Lloyd & Faye Rochelle**.

## RESPONSE

**Veronica Brown** came forward on Wednesday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> asking for prayers to rededicate her life to the Lord. We are so grateful for her decision. She is related to several in this church and the community.

## LIFE

"We're concerned with how things turn out; God seems more concerned with how we turn out."

--Phillip Yancey, from his book,  
The Question That Never Goes Away

"Ambition is the path to success. Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in."

--Bill Bradley, former U.S. Senator & NBA Hall-of-Famer



**Members:** Terry James (surgery on this Tuesday), Dewayne Victory, Sandy Kimbro Bagwell, Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Naomi Bailey, Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, Hester Moss, James Hassell, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Leon Lynn, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** McKinley Moore (Horizon, broken leg), Kim Jenkins, Rachel Bellis, June Bell, Connie Garrett, Grayson Campbell, Len Womack, Jerry Milam, Phillip Askins, Laura Sisk, Elizabeth Dunn, Kitty Pharris, Mark Fagan, Wayne England, Jimmy Cline, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Davy Baker, Ron Gossett, Cooper Parker, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, Adam Lawson, Mark Wright, Donna Popp, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jean Greer, Jackson Bates, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash, & Jimmy Mathis.

**Life Care:** Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

**St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:** Bill & Helen Shanes, Jo Hudgins (hospice), & Sybil Jenkins.

**Magnolia Place, Waverly:** Sarah Brown



## YOUTH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

**Jan. 7** – Middle/High School Devo, 6:30p @ FH.

**Jan. 12** – Puppet show during evening service

**Jan. 19** – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo during evening service at FH

**Jan. 21** – Middle/High School Devo, 6:30p @ FH



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Shirley Garton**, sister of **Willie Powers** and **Daisy Beard** who passed away recently.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of **Frank Atkinson**, longtime sheriff of our community. His funeral was on Wednesday.



## Center Fielders News

“Check Your Oil”

We are busy people. Opportunities are before us, but situations cause delays. We struggle to know which priorities to accommodate and how to explain that we are unable to give our attention to other concerns. Where is our devotional life on that list of priorities?

In Jesus’ parable of the ten virgins, five of the virgins realized that they did not have enough oil to last until the bridegroom arrived. They had given little thought to this situation, but now it became their top priority. All ten of these virgins were carrying lamps, which indicates a relationship with God. However, the five foolish virgins failed to understand that they needed oil to keep their lamps burning. Did they think that the oil they had would last forever? (See Matthew 25:1-13.)

Today many Christians believe that they can have a one-time experience with Jesus that will be sufficient to keep their light burning. This is like thinking that I can purchase an oil lamp and one quart of oil and it will continue to burn for the rest of my life. It is foolish reasoning. The fire of God in our life will continue to burn only as it has enough oil to do so. Providing that oil daily is our responsibility.

When you keep oil in your lamp, your light will shine. When the oil is gone, guess what else is gone? That’s right, the light. So how do we make sure we don’t run out of oil? Spend time in Bible reading and prayer. These two elements provide fuel for our lamps and keeps our light from growing dim and eventually going out.

I hope as the New Year rolls in we will make a commitment to pray and study more. Someday the Bridegroom will come, and those who don’t have oil for their lamps will be unprepared for the wedding ceremony.

Happy New Year everyone from Rodney and Sharon.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Jon Michael Ward** received the fall 2019 Kelly W. Murray Excellence in Portfolio Management Award from the University of Tennessee at Martin. He also received a Bachelor’s degree in Finance on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!!

## FACING THE NEW YEAR

Each new year offers an exciting opportunity for a fresh start and a new beginning. No matter where you were in 2019, 2020 offers you an opportunity to become a different person and make new friends. No matter what your goals may be or what resolutions you make the new year will be what you make it. Following are statements made by some people of the past as they tried to encourage people to make the best of the new year.

“The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you’re not going to stay where you are” (J.P. Morgan)

“New year—a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately, we write it. The choice is ours”. (Alex Morritt)

“I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past”. (Thomas Jefferson)

“Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better person.” (Benjamin Franklin)

“What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven’t even happened yet.” (Anne Frank)

“Just when the caterpillar thought her life was over, she became a butterfly.” (Unknown)

“The attraction of the new year is this: The new year changes, and in that change, we believe that we can change with it. It is far more difficult, however, to change yourself than turn the calendar to a new page”. (R. Joseph Huffman)

“There are better things ahead than we leave behind.” (C. S. Lewis)

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.” (Albert Einstein)

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## HOPE

“Pray hardest when it is hardest to pray.”

*--via The Gospels on Twitter*

“It’s not if, but when, I don’t believe in that word – if – anymore. I don’t think it should be said.”

*--Alicia Keys, singer and musician*

“When I was at the end of my rope, God was holding the other end.”

*--Patricia Balcom, Guideposts reader*

No matter how sad you are today, happiness and laughter and even joy are distinct possibilities for tomorrow...”

*--Linda Richman, author*

## MEN TO SERVE JANUARY 5 LORD'S TABLE

**Preside:** Gerry Hinson  
**Left:** Roy McCoy      **Right:** Wallace Smith  
          Carl Daugherty      Raymond Stoltz  
          Kim Clayton      Steve Craft  
          Adam Jude      Jeff Warren  
**Alternates:** Harry Totty, Lee DeWire  
**Basement:** Gary Bailey, Dustin Bailey  
**Sun. P.M.:** Gerry Hinson, Lafayette Spears

### PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

**A.M. Scripture Reading:** Ken Copley  
**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-18  
**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Buddy Chandler  
**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Dustin Bailey  
**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Wayne Prince  
**Scripture:** Philippians 1:19-21  
**P.M. Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy  
**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Josh Copley  
**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Wed. Invitation:** (Jan 8) Mike Kelley

### SONG LEADERS

**Sunday A.M.**      Darin Cochran  
**Sunday P.M.**      Darin Cochran  
**Wednesday P.M. (Jan 8)**      Jeff Stacks

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday A.M.**      Rodney Rochelle  
**Sunday P.M.**      Gary Wright  
**Wednesday P.M. (Jan 8)**      Marvin Truett

### VAN DRIVERS

**Sunday A.M.**    Gerry Hinson    931-623-2043  
    931-729-3208  
**Sunday P.M.**    Gerry Hinson    931-623-2043  
    931-729-3208  
**Wed. P.M.**      Jeff Stacks      931-994-7631  
 (Jan 8)

If you are unable to serve in anyway, please  
 call or text Gary Basford at (931)628-0355  
 or Darin Cochran at (615)418-3148.

### **FOR THE RECORD**

WEEK OF December 30, 2019  
**A.M. WORSHIP:**            199  
**CONTRIBUTION:**          \$7713  
**2020 WEEKLY BUDGET:**



### JANUARY

1    Dustin Bailey  
      Randal Halbrooks  
 2    Adam Lawson  
 3    Jon Michael Ward  
 4    Alice Lynn  
      Melinda Sullivan  
 5    Sadie Stacks  
 7    Carlin Cochran  
      Alexia Brooke Dotson  
      Wyatt H. Irwin  
 8    Brittany McDonald  
 10   Penny Creech  
 12   Mason Ward  
 13   Brenda Burchard  
 14   Reda Springer  
 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  
      Zack Harvill  
 28   Crystal Wilson  
 29   Virginia Belle Bailey  
 31   Diana Bailey



### JANUARY

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

### **FOR THE RECORD**

WEEK OF December 22, 2019  
**A.M. WORSHIP:**            214  
**CONTRIBUTION:**          \$4360  
**2019 WEEKLY BUDGET:**    \$4167

