

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

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Gary Bailey - *Schedule Events*  
931-994-4810  
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931-212-2560  
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931-729-4534  
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615-418-3148  
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Steve Craft - *Youth*  
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Wesley Crowther - *Maintenance*  
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615-584-9348  
O.D. Pratt - *Seniors*  
931-994-7244  
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### Pulpit Minister:

Mike Kelley - 931-994-1911

### Associate Minister:

Josh Copley - 931-994-3944

### Youth Minister:

Chris Wright - 931-206-6629

### 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

*Sanctify the Lord in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.*

1 Peter 3:15

It is ironic that a word that rhymes with meekness, the word weakness, is actually so different in meaning. Perhaps because the two words sound so similar, many confuse meekness with weakness. But the words have nothing in common, besides rhyming.

One of the best places to find proof that meekness does not equal weakness is in the life of Moses. The King James Version of Numbers 12:3 says, "The man Moses was very meek, above all the men who were on the face of the earth."

Moses was meek. No doubt about that. But he was in no way and no how weak. Moses killed an Egyptian guard who was abusing a Hebrew slave. He demanded that Pharaoh let the Hebrews (slaves) go free. He called down judgment on the Hebrews when they rebelled against God in the wilderness.

Make no mistake... Moses was meek (meaning humble and submissive to God), but he was not weak.

Don't confuse meekness with weakness. Be meek, yes. But, also "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" (Ephesians 6:10).

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





## *Just Joshin'*

It is such a jam-packed time of year. There are so many holidays that sit so close together. We are not too far removed from the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, on Christmas and now we find ourselves just a few days removed from the celebration of a new kind of birth. What birth could I be referring to? The birth of a new year! It felt like 2024 went by in a flash and all of a sudden, we are in 2025. Many individuals will use the turning of the calendar as motivation to make some drastic change in their life. Losing weight, making more money, being healthier, finding a relationship, and reading the Bible more are just a handful of common "resolutions" we see people make around this time of year. While we should be driven to be better disciples, it should not take a calendar switch for us to do so! The process of change and development is something that can be done at any time. God can work wonders in our lives no matter the time of year, day of the week, or hour of the day. The Bible speaks frequently on how God works to better our spiritual lives. Jeremiah 29:11 reads, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Isaiah 40:31 tells us, "...they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength..." What is important about these verses is that there is no date specified in them. We will find positive change and strength in God if we let Him work. If we reach out to Him. If we trust Him. I will not discredit New Year's too much, however. If the changing of the year gives you an extra mental motivation to pursue God, then use it! Let us just be wary of falling away or losing interest quickly as many often do with resolutions, and let us remember that God can work in us at any time!

To God be the glory,

**Josh**



There will be a Purpose Filled Women's meeting on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to plan upcoming events for 2025. Please bring your favorite breakfast items to share. Drinks will be provided.

## FROM THE ELDERS 2025

**Out with the old, in with the new!!** With the beginning of the New Year 2025, this thought always seems to creep into our minds. However, we cannot completely implement "out with the old" as the old, or the past year, remains a part of our existence. This past year Fairfield Church of Christ has seen many accomplishments of which we all need to be aware as we move forward into the year ahead of us. Some things this congregation accomplished this year were:

- ◆ The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of our church was celebrated.
- ◆ Renovation and upgrading of the front foyer and the men's and women's restrooms was completed.
- ◆ New floor covering was installed throughout the auditorium.
- ◆ Our Fellowship Hall continues to be a great asset to our members, the county, and community.
- ◆ We have established a growing Young Adult Bible Class that took shape this past year.
- ◆ Our well attended youth program continues to grow.
- ◆ The second annual Fall Festival was held this year as a community outreach event.
- ◆ The Mission Committee team stays informed of areas that need assistance, whether it is locally, nationally or abroad.
- ◆ We have been able to maintain, repair or replace our heating and cooling systems when the need arose, as well as taking care of other maintenance needs that may have come along.
- ◆ A new deacon was named to assist with the church work due to the resignation of one of our deacons because of family health issues.
- ◆ We were blessed to have been able to add a young, lifelong member as our associate minister due to the retirement of the previous associate minister.

Fairfield Church of Christ is a beacon in our community that is made possible by the dedication, caring and uniqueness of everyone who attends here! Each of you has something unique to offer the community and the world. By taking the steps necessary to exhibit your talents and your cares humbly and positively, your light will shine bright. Don't be afraid to shine for all to see!

**"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden." Matthew 5:14**

*Gary Lafayette Wayne*



**JANUARY**

- 1 Dustin Bailey  
Randal Halbrooks
- 2 Adam Lawson
- 3 Jon Michael Ward
- 4 Melinda Sullivan
- 5 Sadie Stacks
- 7 Carlin Cochran  
Alexia Dotson Graham  
Wyatt H. Irwin
- 8 Brittany Gilbert
- 12 Mason Ward
- 13 Brenda Burchard  
Kelley Hassell  
Lonnie Horner
- 14 Reda Springer
- 15 Jennifer Lynn
- 16 Lafayette Spears
- 17 Phillip Coates
- 18 Dale Dillingham
- 19 Paige Truett
- 22 Sonya Daniels  
Dustin Holt  
Rita Sullivan
- 25 Quincy Cochran  
Zack Harvill
- 28 Crystal Wilson
- 29 Virginia Belle Bailey
- 31 Diana Bailey



**JANUARY**

- 1 Lewis & Yvonna Caillouet  
Jeffrey & Sonya Daniels
- 4 Vance & Jana Willis
- 22 Don & Debbie Beard



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**Facebook:** *Fairfield church of Christ-Field Family*  
**Instagram:** *fcocfamily*  
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**MEN TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY MORNING:**

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Kenneth Jett  
**Scripture Reading:** Steve Baker  
**Scripture:** **Isaiah 43:18-19**  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Gary Bailey  
**Left:** Lafayette Spears **Right:** Rodney Rochelle  
 Wes Crowther Chris Wright  
 Boyce Cannon Tony McCoy  
 Erik Hassell Steve Atkinson  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Norman George  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

**SUNDAY EVENING:**

**Announcements:** Gary Basford  
**Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates  
**Scripture:** **Isaiah 43:18-19**  
**Song Leader:** Steve Baker  
**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince  
**Lord's Supper:** Gerry Hinson, Boyce Cannon  
**Closing Prayer:** Roy McCoy  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT:**

**Announcements:** Gary Wright  
**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman  
**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855



Congratulations to **Morgan & Anna Patton** on the birth of their daughter, **Miley Fay**, born December 18<sup>th</sup>, she weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz.

Congratulations to **Cole & Brooke Patton** on the birth of a baby boy, **Baker Cole** born December 26<sup>th</sup>, he weighed 8 lbs. 2 ½ oz, and was 21 ½ inches long. Proud grandparents are Stephen and Deana Graham.

Congratulations to **Paul Gosser**, son of **Tom & Lauren Gosser**, who was married to **Kenzie Kowalski** New Year's Eve in Salado, Texas. The couple will be residing in Austin, TX for the next year.



The list of the Golden Agers outings for 2025 can be picked up in both lobbies.

The men to serve and van driver sheets for January 2025 are in both lobbies.

**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 resume on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in room 104.

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

**Members:** Floy Cochran (home), Brenda Stoltz, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington (home), Aletha Martin (home), Angie Stacks, Willie Powers (home), 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:** Larry Gilbert, Tony Roder, Dorinda Beard, Glenda Coates (hospice), Anthony Stacks (hospice-home), Mildred Rochelle (home), Amalia Rose Shaw (Vanderbilt NICU), Edna Copley, B.Y. Peery, Doug True, Nancy Coursey, Marilyn Mathis, Davy Baker (home), Lottie (Terrell) Williams, Mary Sue Sands, Jeff Clark, Terry Barrenger, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, Beverly Smith, Paul Harvill, Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Ronnie Carroll, Judy Baggett, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Willie Lawler, James Coates, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, & Donna Gaspard.

**Life Care:** Jimmy Jenkins, Ralph Gossett, 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 **Jacob Jenkins**, brother of **Patsy Givens** who passed away.

**Dot Davidson** has asked for prayers for her family as they deal with the loss of a 19-year-old girl to an asthma attack.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Fay Burton**, sister of **Jean Reeves**.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Kristy Sullivan**, daughter of **Carl & Glenda Sullivan** of the Rocky Valley congregation.



- Jan 7 - Middle/HS Devo, 6:30 – 8:30 at FH
- Jan 12 - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Devo, during evening service FH
- Jan 19 - Puppet Show, during evening service in LO
- Jan 21 - Middle/HS Devo, 6:30 – 8:30 at FH

**FOR THE RECORD**

WEEK OF December 22, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	206
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5391
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5417</b>

**FOR THE RECORD**

WEEK OF December 29, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP	177
CONTRIBUTION:	\$6728
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5417</b>