

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Wayne Prince ext.14  
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Gary Wright ext.24

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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)



## Mike's Minute

*Do not remember the former things,  
Nor consider the things of old.  
Behold, I will do a new thing...*

A man took his three-year-old daughter to an amusement park. It was her first visit to such a place and she was amazed by the sights and sounds. She was mesmerized by the whiz and whirl of all the rides. She insisted on riding one particular ride, though it was considered the "scariest" ride for young children.

She and her father boarded the ride. As she whipped around the corners and raced through the dips, her face darkened and she let out a terrified scream. Her father, beside her in the car, got her attention. Smiling calmly, he shouted over the roar of the ride, "This is *fun!*"

When the girl saw that her father wasn't afraid, she began to smile. Then laugh. The new experience, which had turned terrifying to her, suddenly became enjoyable. In fact, she insisted on riding it three more times.

What a comfort to know that our Heavenly Father will not only "ride the new ride" with us, but the ride is never scary to him. Nothing about the future frightens God. He has good plans for us.

When we look into the future from our perspective, we may become frightened. When we consider the future from His perspective, we are far more likely to shout with joy, "Let's go. This is going to be fun!"





Movie Night has been rescheduled to start Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm in the church basement. Bring finger foods and come for an evening of fellowship!

Two inmates were baptized at the jail last Sunday by Tom Gosser & Daniel Dressler.

The Golden Agers will have a potluck in the fellowship hall on January 27<sup>th</sup>.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Bob James**, who passed away Monday; his funeral was Saturday.

## DEVO PICTURES FROM LAST TUESDAY NIGHT



**There was a boy vs girl competition after the lesson Josh Copley provided from Galatians. The boys won 🏆. Thanks to Josh for the lesson and the Spears for providing the food.**



**Members:** Harry Totty (Skyline Medical Center-surgery & is improving), Linda Chandler, Brenda Yates (gall bladder surgery), Phil & Diane Coates, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Barbara Chandler (waiting for surgery), The Pitman's, The Jude's, Derek Hutchings, Carolyn Phillips, Deborah Peery, Dewayne Victory, Carleigh Liddell, Marlin Lawson, June Prince, Helen Shanes, Bob James, Kenneth Chandler, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Sue Edney (mother of Glenda Jacobs-moved to Life Care Center-stroke), Marilyn Mathis, Carmela Brown (home), Alex Chambers, Mike Harvill (brother of Keith), Rebeca Mears, April Dillingham, David Dansby, Darlene Rounsavall, Greg McCord, Greg Zoller, Seth Williams, Elizabeth Dunn, Mike Rhea, Mike & Nancy Bradley, Mike Harvill, Kelley Wilson, Glen England, Isaiah Locke family, Jeremy Primm, Melvin Roberson, Willie Taylor, Ronald Loveless, Billie Church, Daniel Spears, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Rachael Bellis, Michael Noonan, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, Adam Lawson, Evan Boyd, Donna Gaspard, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, McKinley Moore, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

**Life Care:** Hester Moss, Joyce Cayce

**St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:** Barbara Beard, Naomi Bailey

**Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson:** Martha Page

## QUOTES

*I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.*

*Abraham Lincoln*

*If you feel like you're losing everything, remember trees lose their leaves every year, and they stand tall and wait for better days to come.*

*Unknown*

*No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good.*

*C.S. Lewis*



## Center Fielders News

“Running the Race”

There is a true account of an athlete who put much time and effort in preparing for a three-hundred-meter dash. Feeling confident and well prepared to win, he set out with his eyes on the finish line. He established a sizable lead and the applause of the crowd just boosted his speed. Coming close to the finish line, he suddenly felt his leg snap, and he went down. As the other runners passed by him, the crowd also became quiet. Then suddenly out of the crowd, the runner's father came onto the track, helped his son up and hobbled him across the finish line. The son looked at his father and said, “Dad, I couldn't have made it without you.”

How often in our daily Christian walk do we find ourselves stumbling and falling? And yet, our loving Father is always there to help us get up again. God is faithful and He knows our heart's desires.

Let's consider our own life. Just how dependent upon God are we? Now, we may think we are very dependent, but what does our lifestyle say? Perhaps we have plenty of money and possessions, maybe debt free, and our jobs are secure. Self-sufficiency is a very dangerous trap that many fall into. What would happen if our health failed, or we lost our job? Would we have the confidence that our heavenly Father would come out of the bleachers and help us across the finish line? Just remember one thing; the prize is for everyone who reaches the end of the race. As we begin this new year, let's make one of our goals to be more dependent upon God and less dependent upon ourselves.

Obey God and watch Him work,

**Rodney**



**Jan 9** - Puppet show during evening service in Lift Off  
**Jan 16** - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo, during evening service @FH  
**Jan 18** - Middle/HS Devo, meet at FH 6:30-8:30 pm

## MEN TO SERVE JANUARY 9

### SUNDAY MORNING:

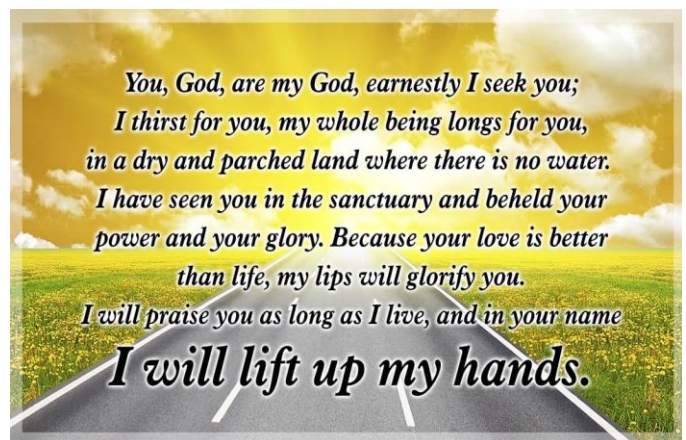
**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Mike Breece  
**Scripture Reading:** Keith Harvill  
**Scripture:** Psalm 63:1-4  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Roy McCoy  
**Alternates:** Kenneth Jett, Adam Jude  
**Announcements:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Closing Prayer:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Scripture Reading:** Jeff Stacks  
**Scripture:** Matthew 13:24-30  
**Song Leader:** Joseph Green  
**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince  
**Lord's Supper:** Chris Wright, Boyce Cannon  
**Closing Prayer:** James Swaw  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright  
**Song Leader:** Joseph Green  
**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude  
**Invitation:** Mike Kelley  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855



## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF January 2, 2022  
**MORNING WORSHIP** 180  
**CONTRIBUTION:** \$4320  
**2022 WEEKLY BUDGET** \$4167

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

1. LIKE PAUL, I will forget those things which are behind and press forward. (Philippians 3:13)
2. LIKE DAVID, I will lift up my eyes to the hills from where my help comes. (Psalm 12:1:1)
3. LIKE ABRAHAM, I will believe God and have it counted for righteousness. (Romans 4:3)
4. LIKE ENOCH, I will walk with God in such a way that it pleases Him. (Genesis 5:24)
5. LIKE JEHOSEPHAT, I will prepare my heart before God in the midst of insurmountable circumstances. (2 Chronicles 20:2-3)
6. LIKE MOSES, I will choose to suffer affliction with the people of God instead of living in sin. (Hebrews 11:24-25)
7. LIKE DANIEL, I will pray to God regardless of a king's decree. (Daniel 6:10-11)
8. LIKE JOB, I will be patient through the trials of life. (James 5:11)
9. LIKE JOSHUA & CALEB, I will refuse to be discouraged even when in the minority. (Numbers 14:6-10)
10. LIKE JOSEPH, I will turn my back on seductive advances. (Genesis 39:12)
11. LIKE GIDEON, I will move ahead by faith in spite of humanly-hopeless odds. (Judges 7:7)
12. LIKE AARON & HUR, I will uphold the hands of my spiritual leaders. (Exodus 17:11-12)
13. LIKE ISAIAH, I will fully consecrate myself to the Lord for any service. (Isaiah 6:8)
14. LIKE ANDREW, I will strive to bring my siblings and others to Christ. (John 1:40-42)
15. LIKE JOHN, I will become a close and trusted friend to Christ. (John 19:26-27)
16. LIKE STEPHEN, I will pray for the forgiveness of those who do me harm. (Acts 7:59-60)
17. LIKE TIMOTHY, I will diligently apply myself to the study of God's word. (2 Timothy 2:15)
18. LIKE JESUS, I will be willing to die to self to bring forth much fruit for God's glory. (Matthew 16:24 & John 12:24)

Realizing that I cannot hope to accomplish these things in my own strength, I will rely upon Christ, for "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." The indwelling Spirit of God gives both the desire and the ability to fulfill His will for our lives.

*Selected*



### 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 Dotson Graham  
Wyatt H. Irwin
- 8 Brittany Gilbert
- 10 Penny Creech
- 12 Mason Ward  
Hezekiah Springer
- 13 Brenda Burchard
- 14 Reda Springer
- 15 Jennifer Lynn
- 16 Lafayette Spears
- 17 Phillip Coates
- 19 Paige Truett
- 22 Rita Sullivan  
Dustin Holt
- 25 Quincy Cochran  
Zack Harvill
- 28 Crystal Wilson
- 29 Virginia Belle Bailey
- 31 Diana Bailey



### JANUARY

- 4 Vance & Jana Willis
- 22 Don & Debbie Beard

