

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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



## Mike's Minute

### Kindness

In a world of partisan politics, war, anxiety, broken marriages, and ruined relationships we are in desperate need of kindness. Kindness is not only one of the fruits of the Spirit that must live in Christians, but it also makes us more like God. If we really want to be like God, we will develop a heart and kindness.

“Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart” (Proverbs 3:3). The proverb from the wise king is reminiscent of the apostle Paul’s admonition to us all, “Speak the truth in love...” (Ephesians 4:15). May our words always be filled with kindness as well as truth.

Another passage from Proverbs with a similar tone is a part of Solomon’s description of the worthy woman. “She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue” (Proverbs 31:26). Wouldn’t it be wonderful if all of God’s people were like this worthy woman!

A part of the triad of traits that is required of God’s people is to love kindness. “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8).

If we are truly a part of the family of God, kindness will live in our hearts and will be displayed to everyone around us. “So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Colossians 3:12). Each of these character traits begins in our hearts and is recognizable to everyone around us.

The words of an anonymous author are needed now more than ever: “Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind.”

Jeff Jenkins  
One Word Study Guide

*In Christian Love,*  
**Mike**



Craft night for the ladies will be this Monday at 6 pm in the basement. They will be making aids to help memorize Bible verses and a winter wreath. The cost will be \$2.00.

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

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

If you would like to prepare food for the **Stacks** family, see Darla or Dianna.

Congratulations to **Ryan & Amanda Myles** on the birth of a son, **Ladanien Keith Myles** weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. He is the grandson of **Lou & Alan Dickens**, born this past Monday morning.

Connor Peebles got an excellent report from his doctors in Dallas this week. They are pleased with his progress. He will return in July for his next appointment.

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

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

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

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



We extend our love and sympathy this past week to the families of **Louise Hudgins**, mother of **Jerry**, **Rubye Roberts**, sister of **Alice Lynn**, **Louise Bates** and **Nell Nickell**, wife of **Jim** who passed away recently.



A donation has been made to the Cochran Scholarship fund by **Gene & Ruth Ann Carathers** in memory of **Elsie Lancaster**, **Annie Lee Whitwell**, **Ben & Pearl Mayberry**, **Jo Bingham & Raymond Truett**.



**Horizon Medical:** Mary Carolyn McClanahan

**Members:** O.D Pratt, Hester Moss (fell this week), Paul Victory, Rhonda Powers, 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:** Helen Shanes, Mark Wright (heart surgery on Friday), Terry Peevyhouse (leg amputated), Bracey Campbell (hospice), Donna Popp, Bobby Mack Dunn, 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, 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:** Bill Shanes, Sybil Jenkins, & Gladys Primm.

## STILL CAN'T BEAT GOD

Around 1970, a fellow named Gordon Moore originated a computer technology maxim which has been termed "Moore's Law." Simply stated, the law says that computer processing power will double every two years.

Since that time, the rule has proven true. Personal computers are tremendously fast and powerful, and capable of amazing things, and researchers continue to expand computing power. However, they still can't touch God's creation of the human brain.

The living computer God designed is capable of performing 38 thousand trillion operations per second. In order to even get close to this, a man-made supercomputer requires an ever-expanding number of microchips and more than 17 megawatts of power.

The human brain can store about five times as much information as Wikipedia, and only requires as much power as a 10-watt light bulb. All this from one single human brain.

We are indeed "fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14)!"

Matt Clifton  
Dulles, Virginia



## Center Fielders News

“Living Sacrifice”

In the Old Testament, a sacrifice that was acceptable to the Lord, was an animal that was valuable to its owner. It could not be lame or defective in any way. To be a true symbol of the sacrifice for sins, that animal would then be killed and be sacrificed on the altar to God. Today we are called to offer our own bodies as living sacrifices. How is this possible, if a sacrifice means putting to death or giving up something that is valuable to us? It could sound as though we are asked to give up our bodies through death.

The story is told of a young girl in the early church whose brother had been martyred for his faith. She expressed her desire to also give her life for the Lord. In trying to persuade her from turning herself in, an older person told her although it may take courage to die for a cause, it may take even more courage to live for a cause. That is the kind of sacrifice we are talking about here.

It does take courage for a Christian to give his or her life for their faith, but usually that is soon over. Giving our bodies as living sacrifices may well take even more courage. That means giving up our will for God’s will day after day, year after year, for the rest of our lives! Everything we receive from God is to be used for His service. Our lives are truly to be given to Him as living sacrifices. If you have never done that won’t you please consider doing that as this New Year begins.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

### Rodney



### Children Need Instruction

Proverbs shows the need for children to pay attention to instruction. Solomon admonishes his son to pay attention to his parents (Prov. 1:8-9), and to recognize the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Prov. 1:7). Children also need to be *shown* how to put those things into practice. The Bible says to acknowledge the Lord in all your ways (Prov. 3:6), which means everything we do should be shaped by the wisdom of God. If parents live this way, it will be more likely that our children will do the same.

## It’s a New Year, But Has Anything Changed?

It’s 2019, a brand-new year, but has anything really changed, even over the past two thousand years? Isn’t it true that “the more things change, the more they remain the same”?

Two thousand years ago, Jesus used the word “all” four times. He has “all authority in heaven and on earth.” We are to make disciples of “all nations.” We are to obey “all things” the apostles taught. He promised to be with us “always, even to the end of the world” (Matthew 28:18-20).

Has anything changed? Has God changed? Has Jesus changed? Has the Holy Spirit changed? Has the gospel changed? Has the need to commit to Christ changed? Has man changed? No. Nothing has changed.

We are a sinful mess just like billions of others since the fall in the Garden of Eden. We forget God. We hate, fight, kill, lust, are greedy, selfish and hypocritical, commit adultery, fornicate, lie, divorce for convenience, and steal.

But God still loves us. He sent Jesus to save us and give us abundant life. God provides for all our needs in Jesus Christ.

We need forgiveness. God provides it in Christ.

We need genuine love. God provides it in Christ.

We need peace and a relationship with God. God provides it in Christ.

We need hope. God provides it in Christ.

We need assurance of life after death. God provides it in Christ.

We need a loving, loyal community for friendship, encouragement, discipline and support. God provides it in Christ through his church.

This is why, two thousand years later, we are still talking about Jesus, and we will for eternity. There is no other way of salvation, no other savior, no other hope, no other God. When you believe and obey Jesus, all of God’s blessings in Christ are for you (Eph. 1:3). Faith in Jesus is not just religious talk. It’s the way that we live our lives.

*Calvin Warpula  
Pittsfield, IL*

### YOUTH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

**Jan 13** – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**MEN TO SERVE JAN. 13****LORD'S TABLE****Preside:** Chris Wright

<b>Left:</b> Wayne Prince	<b>Right:</b> Marvin Truett
David Gossett	Brett Wilson
Derek Hutchings	Rickey Weems
Kenneth Jett	Jeff Warren

**Alternates:** Bobby Orton, O.D. Pratt**Basement:** Rodney Rochelle, Jeff Stacks**Sun. P.M.:** Steve Craft, Edwin Wright**PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE****A.M. Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates**Scripture:** Ephesians 4:29-32**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Rodney Rochelle**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Jerrie W. Barber**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Kenneth Jett**Scripture:** John 11:24-27**P.M. Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Boyce Cannon**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince**Wed. Invitation:** (Jan 16) Rodney Rochelle**SONG LEADERS****Sunday A.M.** Darin Cochran**Sunday P.M.** Justin Beard**Wednesday P.M.** (Jan 16) Mike Kelley**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Sunday A.M.** Mike Batts**Sunday P.M.** Mike Batts**Wednesday P.M.** (Jan 16) Marvin Truett**VAN DRIVERS**

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<b>Sunday P.M.</b>	Roy McCoy	931-729-2956
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<b>Wed. P.M.</b>	Roy McCoy	931-729-2956
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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** January 6, 2019**A.M. WORSHIP:** 216**CONTRIBUTION:** \$3630**Can You Give God Fifteen Minutes a Day?**

The New Year of 2019 has begun, most of us make mental or written resolutions about changes to improve our lives. The most popular ones deal with healthier eating, weight control, exercising, saving money and breaking destructive habits.

There's one resolution that I'd like to challenge you to make that will provide peace and joy and increase your spiritual stability and serenity. It's something that we all can do and it only takes fifteen minutes a day.

In our twenty-four-hour days, if we allot eight hours to sleep, we have sixteen waking hours to work, go to school, read, eat, bathe, watch television, surf the internet, and visit with family and friends. Those sixteen hours consist of sixty-four fifteen-minute segments. I'd like to challenge you to give one of those fifteen-minute segments to reading the Bible, praying and reflecting on your life.

The Bible claims to be a revelation of the mind of God. What greater use could we ever make of our time than getting to know God? Through his word, the eternal God will speak to your heart, give directions to your life, calm your fears and increase your love and joy.

We have all the time we need to do the things we really want to do. It's all a matter of choice of how we spend our discretionary time. Surely, we all can give fifteen minutes a day to feed our souls on the greatest thoughts in the universe. Could there be any greater use of our time than that?

If you read three chapters a day and five on Sundays, you can read through the Bible in 2019. That's easy enough, isn't it? And it only takes fifteen minutes a day, one sixty-fourth of your waking hours.

*-Selected*