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Fairfield church of Christ

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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

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Mike's Minute

Here We Grow Again. We are thrilled to report that Carter Bates was baptized into Christ at Fairfield this past Sunday afternoon. Carter was baptized by his grandfather, Joe Bates, a long-time preacher in our area. Carter is the son of Greg and Kim Bates. His grandmother is Brenda Stoltz. We are so proud of Carter! We pray that he will have a healthy, happy, and holy walk with the Lord. Be sure to find Carter at a worship service soon and congratulate him on his life-changing decision.

A Christian Goes Home. We were surprised and saddened to learn that Chris Breece passed away this past Sunday morning. Chris died suddenly and unexpectedly from a blood clot. He was such a kind, gentle, tender-hearted man. The good news is that Chris was baptized into Christ a few months ago by Rodney Rochelle. That makes all the difference! That means that, while we are sad because we will miss having Chris with us, his death is also cause for celebration. It means a Christian has gone home to be with the Lord. We will always cherish the time we had with Chris... and look forward to a heavenly reunion. We certainly appreciate the work that Rodney did with Chris. Rodney has a great heart for ministry and his work is making an eternal difference.

New Faces In New Places. We have so many new faces at Fairfield these days. That's good news. Even better news is that the folks who are joining us are rolling up their sleeves and getting to work! How refreshing to see new members leading singing, presiding at the Lord's Table, leading public prayers, driving the church van, running the cameras, streaming our worship, acting in children's puppet shows, coming to meetings with the elders... and on and on we could go! Be sure to welcome these new members. Also, let's allow their enthusiasm and involvement to inspire us to find our place of service and get busy. What an exciting time to be at Fairfield!





Movie night will start Saturday, at 3:00 pm in the church auditorium. Do not bring any finger foods as was originally announced.

The Quilters have started meeting again on Thursday mornings at 9:00 till 12:00 noon. If you are interested in quilting or would like to learn how to quilt, they would love for you to join them. They are willing to teach anyone interested.

The Golden Agers will have a potluck in the fellowship hall on January 27th at 5:30 pm. Sheets will be out soon.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Chris Breece**, who passed away Sunday morning; his memorial service was Friday, here at the church.

RESPONSES

Coming forward Sunday asking for prayers was **Chris England, Rita Beard** and **Joyce Swaw**. Coming forward Wednesday night was **Jeff Rose**. Let's keep all of these in our prayers.

BAPTIZED

Carter Bates, son of **Greg & Kim Bates**, was baptized here Sunday afternoon by his grandfather, **Joe Bates**. Carter is the grandson of **Brenda Stoltz** and a cousin of **Gary Wright**.

THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for prayers, for safety, cards, calls and the gift. My church family is a big part of my family. Dwain loved you all very much.

Love you all,
Joyce Boyd

We want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and calls on our behalf.

Harry & JoAnn Totty



Members: Joyce Boyd, James Hassell (St. Thomas-Rutherford), Harry Totty (Dickson Horizon Rehab), Floy Cochran, Linda Chandler, Brenda Yates, Diane Coates, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Barbara Chandler (waiting for surgery), The Jude's, Derek Hutchings, Carolyn Phillips, Deborah Peery, Dewayne Victory, Carleigh Liddell, Marlin Lawson (lung biopsy-Thursday), June Prince, Helen Shanes, Kenneth Chandler, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Doris & Marjorie Claud, Sue Edney, Marilyn Mathis, Carmela Brown, 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 (sister-in-law of Joyce Swaw-very sick with cancer in Michigan), 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.

**Rachel Davis of Summertown, mother-in-law of Angie Davis, is in a hospital in Alabama. She will be coming home on hospice soon. Angie is the daughter of John & Brenda Fly.

Life Care: Hester Moss, Joyce Cayce

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

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page



Jan 16 - 3rd - 5th grade Devo, during evening service @FH
Jan 18 - Middle/HS Devo, meet at FH 6:30-8:30 pm



Center Fielders News

“Let the Son Shine In”

My wife’s doctor encouraged her to get more exposure to the sun in order to get more vitamin D. This made me think of how much we need to be exposed to the Son of God through His Word and the example of love that He left while He was on this earth. Can the world clearly see the love in our heart by what we do, or do our actions reflect a different message?

Is the love of Christ being expressed through our facial expressions? None of us cares to be around a person with a gloom and doom look on their face. Actually, our expressions should reveal an attitude of thankfulness. Our facial expressions so often reflect the nature of our thoughts. If you are happy, let your face know it!! Folks, a smile will go a long way in telling others that you have God’s love and joy in your heart.

We need to remember that we are ambassadors for Christ, and if His love isn’t evident in our actions and expressions, then we aren’t being witnesses that we should be. Yes, there are times of sadness, a time to weep and a time to laugh. In times of mourning such as at a funeral, we can still express love and compassion by an encouraging smile and reassuring words. “Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep” (Romans 12:15).

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

QUOTES

“Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.” — Abraham Lincoln

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

“It is never too late to be what you might have been.” — George Eliot

MEN TO SERVE JANUARY 16

SUNDAY MORNING:

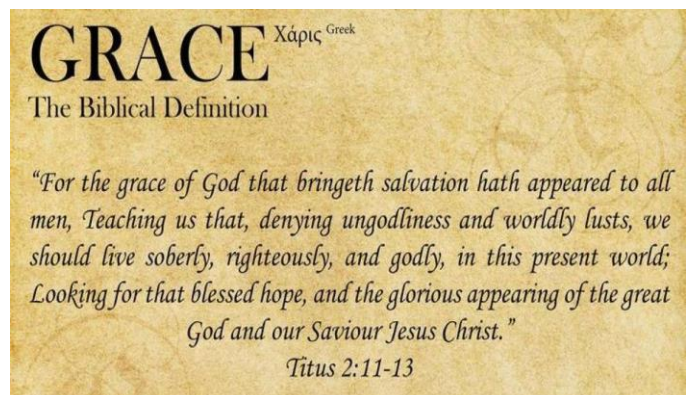
Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Vance Willis
Scripture Reading: Wallace Smith
Scripture: Titus 2:11-13
Preside Lord’s Supper: Adam Jude
Alternates: Chris Wright, Gary Wright
Announcements: Jerrie W Barber
Closing Prayer: Woody Woodruff
Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Scripture Reading: Robert Graf
Scripture: Matthew 4:1-7
Song Leader: Bobby McCoy
Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Lord’s Supper: Edwin Wright, Gerry Hinson
Closing Prayer: Kenneth Jett
Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks
Song Leader: Joseph Green
Opening Prayer: Rodney Rochelle
Invitation: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF January 9, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	141
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4314
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

ESCAPE FROM AFGHANISTAN

By an Anonymous Contributor

Many World Bible School and World English Institute teachers are familiar with our dear S.H. (Study Helper). She has taught thousands, including hundreds converted to Christ from Islam. She has long wanted to travel to encourage her many students, to let them know they are not alone in their dangers and struggles. S.H. arrived in Afghanistan just in time for the crisis that has dominated the news ever since. She was staying with a family of her converts. As the Taliban took over, the Muslim neighbors began to ask, "Who is the American you are keeping? Why is she here?"

S.H. was prepared to die for Christ, but she realized that her presence inadvertently could get others killed. Her presence was attracting attention to her converts, making them targets and placing them in unnecessary danger. In late August, she was at breakfast with her Afghan family, and later described the scene.

As we ate breakfast together and I thought about my presence among them, tears began to flow. Finally, I could not contain it. I broke down and cried openly. [They] told me I was not putting them in danger and they wanted me to stay; they would protect me. I blubbered that I wanted to protect them by leaving. So, we "argued" over who got to protect whom, as I boo-hooed.

[Her message from inside Afghanistan continued:] Now, they are targeting Americans and Christians. So, included in our family discussion, I told them that one of them may be killed. I reminded them of the ones arrested, tortured, and killed by terrorist Saul and the Christians that fled Jerusalem when Stephen was killed, etc. But I kept hammering home, "You cannot kill a Christian." A bullet will just open up the door to heaven for Christians where they will live life more fully and eternally. I urged them that, if their home is attacked, they are to run when their enemies' corner someone who they will shoot in the next moments. At least the Taliban do not torture, and I told them about Foxe's Book of Martyrs. It is no shame to run. They must run to keep the church alive. Yes, *(continued on next column)*

they will mourn for the one of them that was killed, and they will be hugely missed, but they must be happy for them also and be prepared to carry on.

Editor's Note: *By God's grace and through many prayers, S.H. escaped Afghanistan. That escape involved many harrowing, exhausting experiences, especially for a woman of advanced age. For now, too many lives are at stake, but someday that saga will be told.*

*Submitted by Tom Gosser
from the Action Magazine of World Bible School*

A New Year: Time to Take Inventory

As we begin a new year, may we "take inventory" of our spiritual lives. Most businesses or organizations (the ones that are successful) will ask three questions in terms of their direction: "Where have we been? Where are we? Where are we going?" Our spiritual lives are of far greater importance than any business or organization. The church is paramount and is no comparison to some man-made organization or institution. But we can draw a few parallels when taking inventory of our spiritual lives. Second Corinthians 13:5 says, "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? —unless indeed you are disqualified."

Please consider the following questions as we plan our spiritual growth for 2022:

- Am I known as a Christian where I work?
- Is Christ more loved or respected because of the way I live?
- Do I criticize the church and Christians in front of my children?
- Do people know me as one who has Christ in the center of my life?
- Is it possible that I claim to be a Christian and nurse revenge on others?
- Do I find time every day for Bible study?
- Can I work with other people? Can other people work with me?
- Do I have a secret longing to be first? Or can I truly say I do not care who is second, third, or fourth as long as Jesus is first?
- How can I do a better job of leading others to Christ?
- Have I grown as a Christian in knowledge and service compared to three years ago?

As the days roll by this year, may we seek to truly walk with Christ as well as grow closer to Him.

*Allen Jones
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