

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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Wayne Prince ext.14  
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*Activities*  
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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

***Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4)***

There is a story about a daughter who complained to her father about her life, and how hard things were for her. The adversity of life was overwhelming her, and she wanted to give up.

As her father listened, he filled three pots with water and brought them to a boil on the stove. Into the first pot he put carrot slices, into the second pot he put eggs, and into the third he put ground coffee beans. He then let them simmer for a few minutes and then placed the carrots, eggs, and coffee before her in three containers.

"What do you see?" he asked. "Carrots, eggs and coffee," she replied. He asked her to feel the carrots. As she picked one up, it squished between her fingers. He then asked her to examine an egg. She picked one up and broke the shell, and observed the hard-boiled egg inside. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. She smiled as she tasted its rich flavor.

"So, what does it mean?" she asked.

"Each ingredient was subjected to the same thing... boiling water... but each reacted differently. The carrots went in hard and came out soft. The egg was fragile with a liquid interior, but the inside was hard. The ground coffee beans did not change much, but they changed the water for the better."

"Which are you?" he asked. "When you face adversity, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

- David Swanger  
*Building A Better You*

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





The Golden Agers will meet Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm for their monthly meal. This will be a soup, sandwich, and dessert meal. Signup sheets are in both foyers and a signup sheet for what you will be bringing.

Homeless committee meets Monday night at 6 pm.

\*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 is now meeting at Centerville United Methodist church every Thurs. night at 7:00pm.**



## YOUTH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

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 express our sympathy to the family of **Grayson Campbell**, former member here, who passed away this week. He was the husband of Sandy and father of Michael.

## Use the New Year to Get Closer to God

This world is not my home. I want to go to heaven. Use this New Year to get closer to God and closer to heaven. I want to go to heaven because it is a place of beauty and splendor. Our hope is, "Laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel" (Colossians 1:5). Heaven is a, "City which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:10). Imagine being in a place where, "The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb" are its temple (Revelation 21:22). Heaven is a place of beauty, joy, comfort and delight. Let's go to heaven together. I love you.

Charles Box  
Walnut Street church of Christ  
Greenville, AL



**Members:** Bobbie Graf (lung cancer & biopsy soon), Connor Peebles (surgery this week in TX), Terry James, Noble Victory, 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:** Roy Cochran, Wilburn Horner, Mark French, Mickey Dodd, McKinley Moore, Kim Jenkins, Deborah Crews, Rachel Bellis, June Bell, Connie Garrett, Len Womack, Jerry Milam, Phillip Askins, Elizabeth Dunn, Kitty Pharris, Mark Fagan, 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

## Quotes

A person interested in success has to learn to view failure as a healthy, inevitable part of the process of getting to the top. – Joyce Brothers

The greatest discovery of my generation is that people can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind. – William James

Nothing sparks the fires of desire more than the sudden realization that you do not have to stay the same.

That which holds your attention determines your actions.

Life can be likened to a grindstone. Whether it grinds you down or polishes you depends upon what you are made of.



## Center Fielders News

“The Law of the Lord”

Creation is a declaration of God, and His law is universally fulfilled in nature. The sun rises and sets and nothing can resist its light and heat. We can choose to live in the shadows, or box ourselves in darkness, but that will not change the sun in any way. So, the law of God stands regardless of how we live. God’s law is broader than the Mosaic Law, which was completely fulfilled in Jesus. If we are in Christ Jesus, all the spirituality, goodness, and righteousness of God’s law will be fulfilled in us (Romans 8:4).

God’s law is perfect in its requirements, which are instrumental in converting the soul of man. Its conviction helps the guilty sinner to become a justified, forgiven saint through repentance, confession, and faith in the Lord Jesus. God’s law enables simple, common people to make wise choices. God’s law opens people’s eyes to understand spiritual issues and to see God’s kingdom. When we carry the fear of God with us daily, it has a cleansing effect, a work of ongoing sanctification that will reach to eternity. We can be assured that the judgments of God’s law are always true and right.

We have trouble with human weakness, which can lead to errors, secret faults, and dangerous sins. The law of the Lord gives us warning about these, shows how to find grace for overcoming them, and describes the rewards of obedience. Today the “great transgression” consists of rejecting Jesus and His power to make a person a faithful child of His. Don’t put that decision off any longer if you are not a child of His! Accept Him today as your Lord and Savior!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

### JANUARY EVENTS

**Jan. 23** – Golden Agers will meet in the fellowship hall for soup, sandwiches and dessert at 6 pm.

Signup sheets are in both foyers.

**Jan. 26** – Elders & Deacons meet at 4:30 pm in FH

### Quote

The most important single ingredient to the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people. – Teddy Roosevelt

## CONTROLLING YOUR MIND

*If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth* (Colossians 3:1,2)

Someone has said, “The mind is the seat of the soul.” While it is evident the mind is the controlling factor of life, it is imperative that the individual learn early how to control the mind. It is also evident that the devil is able to attack the mind, and hence control the individual. This is seen in the first few chapters of the Bible as Satan influences Eve to eat the forbidden fruit. (Genesis 3:1-8)

Reading the story of the sin of Adam and Eve we must ask, “Where did the temptation to eat the forbidden fruit begin?” Did the desire to eat begin with the presence of Satan or was Eve tempted to eat sometime before she was approached by the evil one? Is there a nature of man (sinful nature) that is ever present which must consistently be controlled? While most translations of the New Testament uses the word flesh, the NIV often translates **SARKI**, as sinful nature. (Romans 7:18) This is certainly a questionable translation.

On the other hand, James writes: **“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.”** (James 1:14) This seems to indicate temptation stems from the evil desires which are ever present in the mind. But even if this is a factor, the devil cannot be taken out of the picture. He is the great tempter.

There are situations in life which may be very difficult to understand, but it is evident that the individual has the responsibility to set his mind on things above if he is to live a God-fearing and righteous life. A careless approach to the power of the mind will lead the individual down the wrong road and end up destroying his hope of everlasting life. At the same time each person must realize Satan is “a roaring lion roaming about seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8) *(first in a series)*

*Bill Hopkins  
Ravenna, OH*

*Rejoice*  
IN THE *Lord* ALWAYS.  
I WILL SAY IT AGAIN:  
*Rejoice!*  
-PHILIPPIANS 4:4

## MEN TO SERVE JANUARY 19 LORD'S TABLE

**Preside:** Willie Powers  
**Left:** Rusty Bates      **Right:** Jerrie W. Barber  
          Terry Duncan           Nathan Carroll  
          Mike Worley           Wyatt H. Barber  
          Al Williams           Zack Harvill  
**Alternates:** Randal Halbrooks, Keith Harvill  
**Basement:** Ken Copley, Josh Copley  
**Sun. P.M.:** Roy McCoy, Phillip Coates

### PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

**A.M. Scripture Reading:** Zack Harvill  
**Scripture:** Psalms 63:1-3  
**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey  
**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Gerry Hinson  
**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Rick Bruno  
**Scripture:** Luke 19:9-10  
**P.M. Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy  
**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Rick Bruno  
**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Darin Cochran  
**Wed. Invitation:** (Jan 22) Mike Kelley

### SONG LEADERS

**Sunday A.M.**                      Darin Cochran  
**Sunday P.M.**                      Gary Basford  
**Wednesday P.M.** (Jan 22) Steve Baker

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday A.M.**                      Marvin Truett  
**Sunday P.M.**                      Marvin Truett  
**Wednesday P.M.** (Jan 22) Mike Batts

### VAN DRIVERS

**Sunday A.M.** Gary Basford      931-628-0355  
**Sunday P.M.** Gary Basford      931-628-0355  
**Wed. P.M.**      Jeff Stacks              931-994-7631  
 (Jan 22)

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 12, 2020  
**A.M. WORSHIP:**                      220  
**CONTRIBUTION:**                      \$4079

## *Our Enduring Constitution*

In a recent interview, Supreme Court judge Neil Gorsuch called himself an “originalist,” and an “enduring constitutionalist.” Then explaining, “Judges should follow the original meaning of the words on the page. Neither add things that aren’t there, nor take away things that are there.” Judge Gorsuch stated that the first-time judges went outside the Constitution was the Dred Scott case of 1857 wherein the supreme court upheld “the right to own slaves,” under article V. “But it is not there,” Gorsuch stated, “they just made it up.”

As Christians we all should likewise be “Originalists.” We should follow the original meaning of the words on the sacred pages of the scriptures. We should not add to or take away from teachings that are there. Sadly, across this land churches are making up a lot of things, and doing a lot of things, that “just aren’t there.”

Jesus warned John at the end of his teachings in Revelation, “*if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book... God will take away his part from the tree of life*” (Re. 22:18,19). The final judgement will come from God’s “book of life” (Re. 20:12), and the Supreme Court of Heaven will judge us as to how well we followed His inspired Constitution!

-Dennis Doughty

*Today I will...*

- ❖ *give thanks for all that comes my way.*
- ❖ *walk and talk through the Holy Spirit within me.*
- ❖ *see God's presence in every element of creation.*
- ❖ *remember that every person I encounter was created by God.*
- ❖ *remember that I am here to serve others.*

*Because... that is what my Savior has first done for me.*