

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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Wayne Prince ext.14  
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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. -  
*Security*  
Roy McCoy ext.22  
*Transportation*  
O.D. Pratt ext.23  
*Seniors*  
Lloyd Rochelle ext.21  
*Maintenance*  
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 10:15 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

This past Sunday morning, I presented a message on the subject of Biblical meditation. Several people commented that they had never heard a sermon on meditation. I think it is an important and helpful topic, so I would like to summarize here a few of the things I found in my study.

Is meditation mentioned in the Bible? Yes, it is. Several times. One example is Psalm 1:1-3: "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law, he *meditates* day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."

What is Biblical meditation? It is focusing your attention for an extended period of time on a truth found in Scripture for the purpose of understanding and application. Think of your mind as a cup of water and Scripture as a tea bag. Hearing a sermon or class would be like dipping the tea bag into the water. A little of the color and flavor would be absorbed. Reading and studying the Bible would be like additional dips. More color and flavor would be absorbed with each dip. Meditation is like dropping the tea bag into the water and letting it sit. More and more of the essence of the tea would seep into the water. Meditation is letting the Word of God sit in our mind so that more and more of its truth is absorbed.

What are some positive results of meditation? It can make you healthier, happier, and (most importantly) holier. Listen to Psalm 119:11: "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Meditation is certainly one way to hide God's Word in your heart. The result? It is a booster shot against sin!

How do you begin to practice meditation? Take a small section of Scripture (a verse or short passage) and think deeply about it. What did it mean to the original readers? What does it mean to you? What truth is there to learn? What promise is there to claim? What action is there to perform? Go deep in the Word of God. You will not be disappointed with the results.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**



This Sunday morning after class we will have a soup & chili lunch. We will also have hot dogs, grilled cheese sandwiches and desserts. The cost is \$5 a person. All proceeds go to Relay for Life.

The elders will meet with the Deacons Sunday at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Our annual Valentine's Banquet will be on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in the fellowship hall. Steak, brisket & all the fixings will be served and is open to everyone. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 6 pm going thru Saturday till noon, there will be a Ladies' Retreat at Camp Meribah Lodge. The theme is "Love Knows No Bounds". Speakers are Janna Beth Hunt & Lynetta Anderson and the cost is only \$10 including dinner Friday night. Questions, see Cindy or Diana Bailey or Sheila Brady.

Lee Ann & Kathy are making care packages at the nursing home. Some of the items needed are toothpaste/toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors, lip balm, washcloths, soap, shampoo, conditioner, socks, toboggins, gloves, hand sanitizer/wipes, washcloths and deodorant and are all to be in travel size if possible. If you can help please let them know. This is to benefit the homeless.

The men to serve and van driver sheets for February are in both foyers.

\*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.



A contribution was given in memory of **Louise Hudgins** by **Gary & Kita Wright** to the **Carl & Floy Cochran** scholarship fund.

## YOUTH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Jan 29 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:00 pm at the FH



**Members:** Christina George, Harry Fielder, O.D Pratt, Hester Moss, Paul Victory, June Prince, James Hassell, Leon Lynn, Martha Harvill, Tony Halfacre, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Marlin Lawson, C.W. Tarkington, Harold Choate, Glenda Coates, Jo Ann Totty & Elizabeth Tarkington.

**Friends & Family:** Jo Hudgins (St. Thomas Hickman), Mark Wright (St. Thomas West), Linda Goad (mother of Melissa Worley), Greg Bates, Helen Shanes, Terry Peevyhouse, 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, Clare Loughrey, Linda Truett, Kathy Brown, Jackson Bates, Greg McCord, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash & Jimmy Mathis.

**Life Care:** Mary Carolyn McClanahan, 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.



Sympathy to the family of **Jace Spears**, a friend of **David Johnson**, who worked at Civil Constructors & was his golf partner, passed away following an accident Tuesday.

## SIN

**"BEHOLD, THE LORD'S HAND IS NOT SHORTENED, THAT IT CANNOT SAVE; NOR HIS EAR HEAVY, THAT IT CANNOT HEAR. BUT YOUR INIQUITIES HAVE SEPARATED YOU FROM GOD."**

ISAIAH 59:1-2

*"People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do."*

*"If you want to partake of God's truth, you will have to work for it. Bible study must become a job, not just a hobby; a habit, not just an impulse; and obsession, not just a whim."*



## Center Fielders News

“Dealing With Temptation”

A story is told of a boy who asked his father what it means to be tempted. The father explained that temptation is like two little puppies inside you fighting. One is fighting for good and the other for bad. “Which one wins?” asked the boy. The father replied that it’s the one you feed. This simple illustration clearly portrays the truth about temptation. A temptation in itself is not wrong; it only shows that we are alive in the flesh. What we do with temptation is what counts and what determines the course we chart for ourselves.

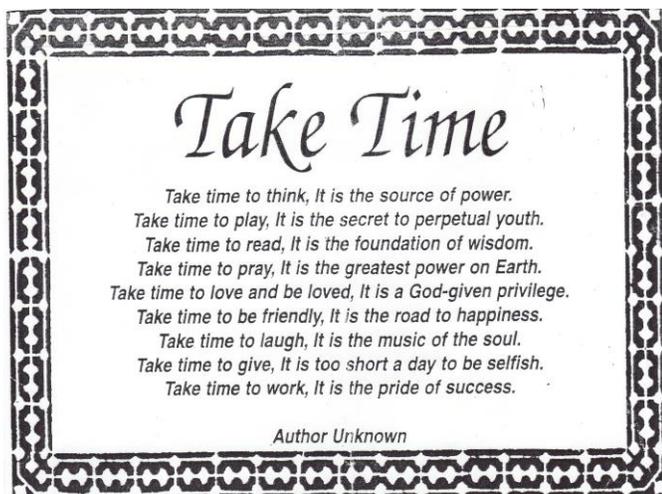
Temptation can test and improve our character. Resisting temptation shows that we are strong and will help us grow in maturity. We must not only resist temptation but also counterattack the tempter with God’s Word. James said “Resist the devil and he will flee from you”. The scriptures are a powerful tool for resisting Satan. When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, He defeated the devil by quoting God’s Word.

We may feel that a certain temptation is unique to us or that it is greater than we can resist. But 1 Corinthians 10:13 says that every temptation is “common to man” and that God will provide a way out from under it.

Victory is always possible with Jesus!!” Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world”. (1 John 4:4)

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**



## Toxic masculinity

“Toxic masculinity” is a term that is thrown out by the media a lot these days. The term means that masculinity is filled with poison. In other words, to be a man is evil.

In our society, men are under attack.

- Men should play with dolls, not soldier or action figures.
- Men should play dress up, not cowboys and Indians.
- Men should drive a Prius, not a 4-wheel drive pickup.
- Men should ignore women, not speak to them.
- Men should go to plays, not to see WWF.
- Men should like make-up, not guns.
- Men should enjoy salads, not steaks.
- Men should stay home with kids, not work manly jobs.
- Men should hunt for bargains, not wildlife.
- Men should buy soft clothing, not 4-wheelers and boats.
- Men should go to the spa, not to the Monster Truck Show.
- Men should defer to women, not flirt with them.

If you do the things that we are told men should not do, then you are infected with toxic masculinity. You are poisoned. There is something wrong with you.

In two passages of Scripture, the Bible exhorts men to be men. The phrase used is: “Quit you like men” (1 Sam. 4:9; 1 Cor. 16:13). God wants men to be men, to act like men, and to fulfill the role He has given them.

Regardless of what “the experts,” and the media say: “Men are not women!” A man is made much differently from a woman. Forcing men to be feminine is a corruption of the role of a man.

Let men be men. Let them do their “man” things.

This does not mean that they are not to respect and honor women. A real man knows exactly how to properly treat the women with whom he engages from his wife, to his daughter, to co-workers, and to a stranger on the street.

My friends, just to call something a name does not make it so. Just because a man acts like a man does not mean that he is poison.

**MEN, BE MEN!** And, don’t let society make you ashamed of it!

*Victor Eskew  
Oceanside church of Christ  
Atlantic Beach, FL*

**MEN TO SERVE JAN. 27**  
**LORD'S TABLE**

**Preside:** Gary Bailey  
**Left:** Lafayette Spears **Right:** Dustin Bailey  
 Justin Beard Curtis Edwards  
 Kim Clayton Dewayne Victory  
 Phillip Coates Mike Worley  
**Alternates:** James Swaw, Buddy Chandler  
**Basement:** Mike Breece, Norman George  
**Sun. P.M.:** Gerry Hinson, Ken Copley

**PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE**

**A.M. Scripture Reading:** Vance Willis  
**Scripture:** Ephesians 4:14-16  
**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Marvin Truett  
**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Wallace Smith  
**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Rick Bruno  
**Scripture:** Genesis 1:1-5  
**P.M. Opening Prayer:** Darin Cochran  
**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Willie Powers  
**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Wed. Invitation:** (Jan 30) Mike Kelley

**SONG LEADERS**

**Sunday A.M.** Darin Cochran  
**Sunday P.M.** Steve Baker  
**Wednesday P.M.** (Jan 30) Justin Beard

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday A.M.** Jerrie W. Barber  
**Sunday P.M.** Marvin Truett  
**Wednesday P.M.** (Jan 30) Mike Batts

**VAN DRIVERS**

**Sunday A.M.** Roy McCoy 931-729-2956  
 931-994-7571  
**Sunday P.M.** Gary Basford 931-628-0355  
**Wed. P.M.** Roy McCoy 931-729-2956  
 (Jan 30) 931-994-7571

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 20, 2019  
**A.M. WORSHIP:** 154  
**CONTRIBUTION:** \$3420



**FEBRUARY**

- 2 Stephen Halbrooks
- 4 Naomi Bailey
- 6 Edwin Wright
- 8 Carl Daugherty
- Teresa Kimbro
- 9 Lloyd Rochelle
- 12 Norman George
- 13 Liz Spears
- 14 Ralph Givens
- 16 Sue Smith
- Lou Dickens
- 17 Kole Hellmann
- 18 Tommy McClanahan
- 19 James Martin
- 20 Lee Ann Sanderson
- 21 Abbie Jude
- 22 Lisa Truett
- 23 Woody Woodruff
- Mike Batts
- 24 Mary Copley
- 25 Stephen Graham
- 27 Boyce Cannon
- 28 Dave Davidson



**FEBRUARY**

- 6 Lloyd & Faye Rochelle
- 9 C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington
- 12 Bobby & Sherry Dunn
- 13 Tony & Kitty Halfacre
- 14 Al & Faye Williams
- 23 Tommy & Darla McClanahan
- 24 Phillip & Diane Coates

**Courage or Foolishness**

*It takes a lot of courage  
 To put things in God's hands,  
 To give ourselves completely,  
 Our life, our hopes, our plans,  
 To follow where He leads us  
 And make His will our own,  
 But all it takes is foolishness  
 To go the way alone!*