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Fairfield Church of Christ

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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



Mike's Minute

*Dear children, let us not love with words or speech
But with actions and in truth.*

(1 John 3:18)

In April 1973, the Park Center YMCA in Midland, Texas, asked for volunteers to help repair 17 run-down homes in the city. The effort was so successful that the Midlanders made it an annual event. After volunteers had completed repairs on one home, the owner opened her front door and exclaimed, "It's just like Christmas in April." The name stuck.

The idea later spread to Wichita County and the name changed from "Christmas In April" to "Christmas In Action" so that work could continue all throughout the year. The main work day is still the last Saturday in April.

To date 3,165 homes have been rehabilitated, using a total workforce of 69,542 people. Not only have thousands of homes been made more livable, the project has helped bring the communities together. Men and women...young and old...black, Hispanic, and white volunteers build not only homes but community spirit as they scrape, caulk, plaster, paint, hammer, and roof together.

Said one volunteer, "It's a blessing to us as well as to those we help. There's no better way to get to know someone than to sit up on a roof with him all day."

May this spirit of community and cooperation spread throughout the nation and world! Please be working and praying toward this end: that the love of power will someday be replaced by the power of love!

In Christian Love,

Mike





COMMUNION PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00-4:00 PM AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

The Sweetheart Banquet will be held on February 20th with drive thru dining at the Fellowship Hall starting at 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm. Sign up sheets are located in both foyers. Please sign up and list the number of meals you will be picking up.

5th Sunday is today, January 31st. **Josh Copley** is the speaker for the day. All of our contribution today will go toward emergencies and repairs needed for our building. No potluck today. Evening worship will be at 6:00 pm.

LADIES CRAFT NIGHT

We will be making aprons on Monday, Feb. 8th at 6:00 P.M. in room 104. If you have a sewing machine, please bring it.



Dear Church,

In a world that has been filled with chaos and uncertainty for months, it is with humble heart that I say a special thanks to **all** of you. Thank you for your concerns, calls, cards and prayers!

It has been a struggle as it took time for the doctors to come up with a correct diagnosis and then to have surgery amid the threats of the covid-19 virus. I am recovering very well now and hope to be back in the midst of things before long.

Your thoughtfulness and understanding is greatly appreciated!!

In Christian Love,
Wayne Prince

Several of our church members are sick at home.

Members: Brenda Scott (Horizon), Dorothy Noonan (Vanderbilt), Carol Warren, Jerrie W Barber, James Swaw, Brenda Scott, Don Beard, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Dave Davidson, Hester Moss, Deborah Perry, Gene Carathers, Raymond Stoltz, Terry James, Dewayne Victory (VA hospital), Kenneth Chandler, Paul & Noble Victory, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Helen Shanes, Harold Choate, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

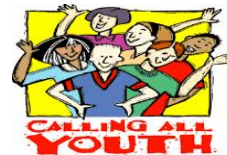
Friends & Family: Isaiah Noonan (son of Dorothy, is in the hospital in Oklahoma), Evan Boyd (son of Eddie Ray & grandson of Joyce), Benjamin Noonan, Donna Gaspard, Teresa Carroll, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, Marshall Carothers, McKinley Moore, Randy Hall, Jimmy Jenkins, B.J. Springer, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Sandy McFarlin, Elizabeth Dunn, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Tommy Cagle, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Prayers for the family of **Robert Lambert** who died Wednesday night in an automobile accident Wednesday night.

Life Care: Mary England

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Naomi Bailey, Jo Hudgins (hospice) & Sybil Jenkins.

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page



Feb 2 – Middle/High School devo, 6:30 – 8:30 @ FH

Feb 7 – Super Bowl Devo, 5:00 @ FH

Feb 14 – 3rd-5th grade devo, during evening service @FH

Feb 16 – Middle/High School devo, 6:30 – 8:30 @ FH

Feb 21 – Puppet Show, during evening service

In case anyone missed the lesson Wednesday night on "Angels" by Wayne Qualls, the audio was cleaned up and has been uploaded to the website at fairfieldcofc.org. We apologize for the noisy sound Wednesday night during class.



Center Fielders News

“God Is Not On Trial”

So many people now days put God on trial. They blame God for all the evil in the world and rant against Him because He supposedly does nothing about it. This is the thing that ungodly people most often charge God with. In fact, it is a main reason that many turn away from God. People put God on trial and they are the jury.

God does not need a defense lawyer or a counselor! In His desire to have mankind worship Him, God created him with a thing called “freewill of choice”. God did not want puppets to worship Him; He wanted loving, devoted hearts that worship Him voluntarily. Neither is God the originator of evil. That is the devil domain; he and all the evil men and women in the world are the source of the suffering that goes on today. The broken homes, the abused children, the adulterous relationships, the killing of untold millions of the unborn; these all testify of man out of touch with God and outside moral precepts.

None of this wickedness needs to be. Why does God allow it? Is God on trial? NO NO NO! Humanity is on trial!

God endures wickedness so that He can pour out His mercy on believing and obedient people. He wants to make them holy as He is holy. God is not on trial: you are and so am I.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney

NEW ADDRESS:

We received an updated address for the Dustin Bailey family:

1400 Tralee Dr. Apt. 36
Duncan, SC 29334

The February men to serve sheets are in both foyers.

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF January 24, 2021	
MORNING WORSHIP	94
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3066
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

MEN TO SERVE JANUARY 31

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears
Scripture Reading: Gary Bailey
Scripture: Romans 10:11-15
Preside Lord's Supper: Marvin Truett
Alternates: Rusty Bates, Kenneth Jett
Basement: Chris Wright, Edwin Wright
Announcements: Gary Wright
Closing Prayer: Ken Copley
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks
Scripture Reading: Boyce Cannon
Scripture: Psalm 92:1
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Gary Bailey
Lord's Supper: Phillip Coates, Gary Basford
Closing Prayer: Mike Kelley
Van Driver: Gary Basford 931-628-0355

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Randal Halbrooks
Song Leader: Jeff Stacks
Opening Prayer: Mathew Wright
Invitation: Mike Kelley

Good Morning!

Welcome to flight #2021. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your **Attitude** and **Blessings** are secured and locked in an upright position. All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should we lose altitude under pressure, during the flight, reach up and pull down a **Prayer**. Prayers will automatically be activated by **Faith**. Once your Faith is activated you can assist other passengers. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. The Captain (GOD) has cleared us for takeoff. Destination **GREATNESS**.

Submitted by Gina & JoAnn Stikes

**“The danger of missing church-
is soon you won't
miss it!”**

Craving Perspective in the Valley



People in the valley often have little perspective on how big the mountains really are, how long the range is, or what is waiting on the other side. Isn't it wonderful to know that whatever valleys life tries to shove us into, God has provided perspective we badly need, yes, even *crave*?

What *really* gets you down? Maybe economy, politics, sorrow, trouble, rumors, falsehood, families, wars, persecution or simply dread of the future? What valley are you walking through? The challenge in the valley is this: remembering that God is bigger than all those things and works His purposes despite (and often because of) those things being present (Romans 8:28). Consider how better to cultivate God's perspective in the valley:

Turn off or minimize messages that cause you to focus on the valleys. Want to get depressed really quickly? Look at news, newsfeeds, front page articles, conspiracy theories, etc. You will adopt a fearful, despairing, negative mentality pretty quickly. Minimize or eliminate the messages that will negatively affect your trust in God (Ps. 23:4; Matt. 14:28-33). Replace them with messages of trust and comfort (2 Cor. 1:3-7; Ps. 16).

Cry out to the God who hears and cares for us (1 Pet. 5:6-7). The psalmist cried out to God from the depths (lit. abyss, deep ditch) (Ps. 130:1). Peter cried out from the water rapidly engulfing him (Matt. 14:30). Many of us drown in sorrows created in our lives instead of turning our eyes upon the One who raises us to stand on higher ground! Consider that when we go through the valleys, it is a reminder that there is nothing we ourselves possess or call upon that can get us out of the valley (see Jer. 9:23-24). God wants us to cry out to Him. He hears. He cares. Where do you turn when you don't know where to turn (Jas. 4:8-10)?

Follow Jesus *through* the valley. God has not promised us that He will remove the valleys (Ps. 23:4), rather that He will be *with* us in the valley. Jesus faithfully followed God and it led Him to the cross. Yet, through His valley, He did not grumble or complain. He did not charge God falsely or lash out at others. Instead, He patiently bore the cross, and He compels us to do the same (Luke 9:23). In fact, He learned obedience through His suffering (Heb. 5:8). God is leading us to higher ground if we will be patient and follow Jesus faithfully through our valley (Phil. 3:8-14).

Andy Baker
Graeber Road church of Christ
Rosenberg, TX



FEBRUARY

- 2 Stephen Halbrooks
- Debbie Beard
- 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
- 21 Abbie Jude
- 22 Lisa Truett
- 23 Woody Woodruff
- Mike Batts
- 24 Mary Copley
- 25 Stephen Graham
- Tommy Stanley
- 27 Boyce Cannon
- 28 Dave Davidson



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