

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Wayne Prince ext.14  
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*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**

### Website:

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



## Mike's Minute

*I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore, choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.*

Deuteronomy 30:19

Victor Frankl was a psychiatrist and a Jew. While imprisoned in the death camps of Nazi Germany, he suffered unthinkable torture and countless indignities. His parents, brother, and wife all died in the camp or were sent to the gas chamber. Frankl never knew from one moment to the next if his path would lead to the ovens, or if he would be among the "saved" who were forced to shovel the ashes of the ill-fated.

One day, alone and naked in a small room, Frankl became aware of what he later called "the last of the human freedoms"... the control over his inner environment and his basic identity.

*He could decide within himself how all of this was going to affect him.*

Through a series of mental, emotional, and moral disciplines (largely using memory and imagination) he exercised his freedom, and it began to grow.

Eventually, he felt he had more freedom than his captors. They might have had the liberty to make choices in their external environment, but he had more freedom, more internal power.

He became an inspiration to the prisoners around him, and even to some of the guards. He helped others find meaning in their suffering and dignity in their prison experience.

Others may determine what happens to you on the outside, but only you and God determine your inside fate.

*Choice, not chance, determines human destiny.*

-Stephen Covey  
*7 Habits of Highly Effective People*





It was good to have **Donna Pitman** back with us on Wednesday for bible study.

There will be a mission committee meeting next Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in room 104. At 5:00 pm **Tom Gosser** will be showing the World Bible School website for anyone who is interested. He also will be helping those sign up/register as a student or teacher. Also, the Action magazine (which is about WBS and about what is being accomplished) is available in both foyers. Please pick one up.

The annual Sweetheart Banquet will be held in the fellowship hall on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited; the years theme is "Luau." Signup sheets are in both foyers. Please sign up by this Sunday.

Relay for Life is taking orders for chocolate covered strawberries for Valentine's Day; they are \$12 per dozen. See **Cindy Bailey, Joyce Boyd, Glenda Newsom or Sheila Brady** to order. Deadline for ordering is Monday.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Lloyd Luna**, who was a friend of Dale Dillingham.



Thank you all for the prayers, cards, soup, phone calls and every act of kindness shown during my recovery from surgery.

Love you all,  
**Brenda Yates**

Thank you all so very much for the cards and calls when I was sick. For Cindy and Sheila bringing me things I needed. It helps so much when you know your church family cares.

Love you all,  
**Joyce Boyd**



**Members:** Mac Breece (Maury Regional-pneumonia), Sherry Breece, Rita Beard, Gerry Smith, Harry Totty (home), Diane Coates, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Barbara Chandler, Derek Hutchings, Carolyn Phillips, Dewayne Victory, Marlin Lawson, June Prince, Helen Shanes, Kenneth Chandler, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Edith Talbert (hospice), Cody Crawford, Linda Goad (mother of Melissa Worley), Doris & Marjorie Claud (rehab facility in Springfield), Rebeca Mears, April Dillingham, David Dansby, Darlene Rounsavall, Greg McCord, Greg Zoller, Seth Williams, Elizabeth Dunn, Mike Rhea, Mike & Nancy Bradley, Kelley Wilson, Glen England, Melvin Roberson, Willie Taylor, Ronald Loveless, Billie Church, Daniel Spears, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Rachael Bellis, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, 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.

**Life Care:** James Hassell, Sue Edney, Hester Moss, Joyce Cayce

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

**Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson:** Martha Page



**Feb 6** - Puppet Show during evening service, in Lift Off  
**Feb 13** - Super Bowl Devo, at Field House at 5:00 pm  
**Feb 15** - Middle/HS Devo, meet at FH 6:30-8:30 pm  
**Feb 20** - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo, during evening service @ FH



## Center Fielders News

“Spewed Out”

Imagine yourself taking a drink of water. It's lukewarm. What is your response? If you are used to drinking cold water, you just might spit it out. Usually, we prefer our drinks either hot or cold.

So, what is the spiritual parallel here? God doesn't like the taste of a lukewarm church. An apostatizing church does get the approval of God. A lot of times we might think we are on the right track, but if we are lukewarm, the truth is we aren't.

So, what is apostasy? It is forsaking Christian values, simply drifting away from the truth. A person or church can do this without ever realizing it. How does it happen? My personal belief is self-reliance or independence. Once we start depending upon self rather than God, we began to cool off. Unless this issue is addressed, one becomes lukewarm. And then at a certain point, our Lord will spit us out. Repentance is the only way to return to the state of where God wants us to be and that is relying on Him.

One is not worth much under the Lord's disapproval and that is why we need to be faithful in our everyday Christian walk. Christ is pleased to see a thriving; faithful church and I know that Fairfield has put a smile on His face. He likes the taste of such a church. Does Fairfield fit that description? Do we truly represent the body of Christ? Is Fairfield faithful? I would have to answer yes to all three questions. Fairfield is definitely headed in the right direction and is truly being blessed by our Lord and Savior, and I am very proud to be a part. Being lukewarm is easy, but there is no blessing in it!!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**



Congratulations to **Heather Martin** who was selected 2020-2021 teacher of the year for Hickman County schools. She has taught at CES for 24 years and is the daughter of **Brenda Yates**. Her husband is Brett and her sons are Jake & Case.

## MEN TO SERVE FEBRUARY 6

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Mike Breece  
**Scripture Reading:** Keith Harvill  
**Scripture:** Philippians 3:1  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Mike Kelley  
**Alternates:** Kenneth Jett, Adam Jude  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Scripture Reading:** Bobby McCoy  
**Scripture:** Psalm 36:7-9  
**Song Leader:** Joseph Green  
**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy  
**Lord's Supper:** Dale Dillingham, Boyce Cannon  
**Closing Prayer:** James Swaw  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright  
**Song Leader:** Joseph Green  
**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude  
**Invitation:** Mike Kelley  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855

For whatever was written in  
the past was written for our  
instruction, so that we may  
have hope through  
endurance and through the  
encouragement from the  
Scriptures.  
Romans 15:4

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF January 23, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	179
CONTRIBUTION:	\$7191
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167



## Without Restraint



Near the end of the book of Hosea, the prophet delivers a message from God that relates to the time of the Messiah's kingdom. That means it is a message for members of the church of the Lord.

That's you and me.

Here's the message: "I will heal their apostasy. I will love them freely" (14:4). Did you **catch** that last part? I will love them "freely," a word that means "without restraint." A God infinite in power imparting love without restraint?

That boggles my mind. How about yours?

**Eddie Parrish**  
Brown Trail church of Christ  
Bedford, TX

## Anger: The Great Destroyer

In 1894, the Baltimore Orioles came to Boston to play a baseball game. Boston had one of the finest stadiums ever built in the 19th century. During the game, a fight broke out between two players at third base. The fight became a "brou-ha-ha" as both teams left their dugouts to join in the brawl.

Fans for both sides starting fighting, too. According to legend\*, one Baltimore fan got so hot under the collar that he set fire to the beloved stadium which burned to the ground and spread to the surrounding town. In the end, nearly 2000 people were left homeless.

Getting angry happens to us all. Some are just better at controlling their short fuse. God, himself, gets angry at times (e.g., 1 Kings 11:9-10; 2 Kings 17:18). But we know, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" (Psalms 103:8).

Ungodly anger can destroy friendships, jobs, neighborhoods and even whole cities. So let us get angry over the things that makes God angry. But, let's endeavor to put away all other causes of anger and strive to live peaceful lives (James 1:19-20; Ephesians 4:31).

**Larry Fitzgerald**  
Woodlawn church of Christ  
Abilene, TX

## TELL ME AGAIN HOW GREAT I AM

Movie star Joan Crawford is said to have hired an assistant to stay by her side on movie sets to whisper compliments in her ear between takes. It is clear that the human desire for self-glorification is never-ending! However, by both word and deed, Jesus the Christ encourages us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him (Mark 10:21). His is the only voice we should hear!

*BulletinDigest.com*

## New England Home

My husband and I purchased an old home in Northern New York State from two elderly sisters. Winter was fast approaching and I was concerned about the house's lack of insulation. "If they could live here all those years, so can we!" my husband confidently declared. One November night the temperature plunged to below zero, and we woke up to find interior walls covered with frost. My husband called the sisters to ask how they had kept the house warm. After a rather brief conversation, he hung up. "For the past 30 years," he muttered, "they've gone to Florida for the winter."



*We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Your presence is an encouragement and you are always welcome. Please fill out the attendance card you will find in the pew rack and leave on the seat. Please stay for a few minutes after the assembly has been dismissed, so that we can greet you personally.*