

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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Josh Copley - 931-994-3944

### Youth Minister:

Chris Wright - 931-206-6629

### 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**



## Mike's Minute

*Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans?*

*The kings of earth plan for battle; the rulers plot together against the LORD and against his anointed one. "Let us break their chains," they cry, "and free ourselves from slavery to God." But the one who rules from heaven laughs...*

Psalm 2:1-4

The wicked of the world have always felt that God's rules were too restrictive, too confining, too narrow for truly intelligent people. Their desire is for uninhibited living. "Let's break the chains and be free from God!" That is the battle cry of the masses. "No cords! No bands! No controls! No restrictions!"

They imagine they will be really happy without God... and that they will be in a world of peace and love with no one around to spoil their fun.

But they eventually learn that they are wrong. They end up defeated and crushed. They find out that God's laws are immutable. You don't break God's laws... and by attempting to do so you end up broken by God's laws. Broken lives. Shattered dreams. Crushed hopes. This is the lot of those who refuse to acknowledge God as God.

How silly to think we can win in opposing God. God cannot be overthrown. Every attack against him rebounds against the attacker.

Former President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, had it right. Here's what he said: "Without the assistance of that divine being, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail."

To that, we say, "Amen."

*In Christian Love,*





## Just Joshin'

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:10-11 ESV

These verses in 1 Peter speak about the importance of service. We are recovering from Winter Storm Fern and what a nightmarish week it was. There were so many people across the county who were without power, water, food, and heat. Thankfully, we live in an awesome community with a lot of great folks. There were many who endured minimal rest for the sake of getting Hickman County back to normal. The tireless service provided by our first responders, electricians, linemen, and other hardworking men and women should serve as an example to us all.

I was also so proud to call Fairfield my home over the course of this last week. This church gave anyone struggling a warm place to stay, a shower to clean themselves, and even some food and water. As great as this is, we cannot be complacent. We cannot grow fatigued. We must keep serving. We must keep loving. We must stay Christ-centered and we will go far together!

To God be the glory,  
**Josh**

## Memorial

A memorial was given in memory of **Mary Spears** by **Doug True**.



Once again, we are so blessed to have Fairfield as "family." Just as Granny's life will always be remembered, the love and comfort extended by all of you will always be a good feeling of love and comfort.

Thanks!!!  
**The Spears**

## ATTITUDE

Attitude has so much to do with living the Christian life. A negative attitude will cause one to be overly critical and to see only the dark side of life. Such a perspective can be very depressing. When we see only the bad, we cease to experience the joys of being a Christian.

Our focus should be on the positive. Just look around. See our wonderful world as it was created by God. The sunrise, the majestic mountains, the rivers and oceans, the beautiful flowers, and trees, and all the magnificent wonders of the world were given to us by God to enjoy. What a great love God has for mankind! We are such a blessed people. How can we help but be happy?

The positive Christian has hope burning like a flame in his heart. He has learned from God's word about His love for His children and he knows the great price God paid for all of us, not just for His children, but for all the souls of the whole world.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Knowing such a price was paid for us, we cannot help but be joyful and confident that, if we remain faithful, we will receive that crown of life that has been promised (Revelation 2:10).

Another of the beauties and joys of this life is the Christian home. A truly Christian home is one with loving, godly parents who are working together to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Such a home has members who desire to spend eternity together in heaven. To achieve this marvelous goal, this family spends time studying together in order to be familiar with God's road map to heaven. Yes, attitude can make the difference between being saved or being lost. We are the light of the world, a city set on a hill (Matthew 5:14). Let's be sure the world knows that we are happy to be Christians!

Dale Grissom  
via Dexter church of Christ  
Dexter, MO



### FEBRUARY

1 Keith Harvill  
 2 Debbie Beard  
 Stephen Halbrooks  
 4 Trevor Demary  
 5 Marty England  
 Courtney McCoy  
 6 Bettina Horner  
 Edwin Wright  
 7 Declan Carter  
 8 Yvonna Caillouet  
 Carl Daugherty  
 Luke Hassell  
 Teresa Kimbro  
 9 Lloyd Rochelle  
 12 Norman George  
 13 Liz Spears  
 14 Dana Atkinson  
 Ralph Givens  
 Jack Green  
 15 Brent Atkinson  
 Jared Brown  
 16 Sue Smith  
 17 Kole Hellmann  
 18 Tommy McClanahan  
 19 Bobby Brawley  
 Norman Moss  
 Logan Surline  
 20 Ronny Pitman  
 21 Wesley Crowther  
 Abbie Jude  
 22 Lisa Truett  
 23 Mike Batts  
 Woody Woodruff  
 24 Mary Copley  
 Caileigh Pitman  
 25 Stephen Graham  
 Tommy Stanley  
 27 Boyce Cannon  
 28 Dave Davidson



### FEBRUARY

6 Lloyd & Faye Rochelle  
 7 Morgan & Anna Patton  
 12 Bobby & Sherry Dunn  
 14 Al & Faye Williams  
 23 Tommy & Darla McClanahan  
 24 Phillip & Diane Coates  
 29 Austin & Stephanie Crockett

### MEN TO SERVE

#### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy

**Scripture Reading:** Carter Bates

**Scripture:** Psalm 145:1-4

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Chris Wright

**Left:** Tom Gosser      **Right:** Wayne Prince

Rick Bruno      Adam Jude

Dwight England      Jeff Stacks

James Swaw      Boyce Cannon

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Vance Willis

**Van Driver:** Jack Green (931-994-8317)

#### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Ronny Pitman

**Scripture Reading:** Gary Bailey

**Scripture:** Psalm 18:28-30

**Song Leader:** Gary Basford

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright

**Lord's Supper:** Gerry Hinson, Phil Coates

**Closing Prayer:** Boyce Cannon

**Van Driver:** Jack Green (931-994-8317)

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright

**Song Leader:** Randal Halbrooks

**Opening Prayer:** Kenneth Jett

**Van Driver:** Chris Love (931-994-7855)

### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF February 1, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP      ---

CONTRIBUTION      \$ ---

**2026 WEEKLY BUDGET      \$5,417**

Welcome to all our visitors. Please fill out a visitor's card and leave it on the seat so we can have a record of your visit.



Stay in touch with us on social media:  
**Facebook:** Fairfield church of Christ - Field Family  
**Instagram:** fcocfamily  
**Website:** fairfieldcofc.org

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Congratulations to **Alice Riley Bowers**, who was baptized here at our building on Friday by Bill McDonald.

Hickman County **Relay for Life** is taking orders for chocolate covered strawberries for Valentine's Day. See any Relay member and the deadline to order is February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mission Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in Room 104.

The **Valentine Banquet** which was postponed has been changed to February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The theme this year is "Green Acres." This is for the whole family. There will be an attended nursery for anyone with small children. Sign up lists are in both foyers.

The **Ladies Breakfast** which was postponed has been changed to February 21<sup>st</sup> in the basement. This is a planning meeting for Purpose Field Women's Ministry for 2026. Bring your favorite breakfast food and ideas for 2026.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 pm in room 104.

The **Men's Prayer Breakfast** meets Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the **basement**.

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday at 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.



### February

**8<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo**, during evening service at the Field House

**15<sup>th</sup>** - Puppet Show during evening service -in Lift-Off

**17<sup>th</sup>** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at the Field House

**21<sup>st</sup>** - Valentine Banquet in Fellowship Hall

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

**Members:** Shelby Bates (surgery was January 30<sup>th</sup> after falling and breaking her ankle & foot), Kerry Lynn (home), Paul Gilbert, Jan Hopkins-Campbell, Steve Atkinson (home), Brandy Sullivan, Harry Totty, Peggy McCoy, Conner Peebles, Dave Davidson, Curtis Edwards, Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Violet Shelby, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

**Friends & Family:** Donald Brady (Vanderbilt), Jean Smith (Centennial ICU), Tammy Wright (undergoing chemo treatments), Maeve McDonald (4 month old-St. Jude hospital), Amalia Rose Shaw, JT Booker, Gail Tidwell, Regina Elkins (surgery January 27 @ Centennial hospital), Kathryn Purcell, Sue Essary, Randy Pitman, Deborah Roberts, Michael Harvill, Dottie McClearan, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Mildred Rochelle, Edna Copley, Doug True, Davy Baker, Linda Canady, Paul Harvill, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, Willie Lawler, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

**Life Care:** Willie B Coates, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Wilma Green

**NHC Dickson:** Woody Woodruff (would like to have visitors, room 108)

If you have a **prayer request**, please write it on a blue card and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.



Sympathy to the family of **Daisy Hudgins**, wife of **Ray** and daughter **Pam**, who passed away Tuesday. Her visitation will be Friday from 4 – 8 pm at McDonald Funeral Home with service on Saturday at 11:00 am.

**"Worry says that God is not in control."**

**Mike Kelley**