

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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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

***He who ignores discipline despises himself,  
But whoever heeds correction gains understanding.***

Proverbs 15:32

An officer in the Navy had dreamed from childhood of commanding a great battleship one day. He finally achieved his dream and was given commission of the newest and proudest ship in the fleet.

One stormy night, the captain was on duty on the bridge when he spotted a strange light rapidly approaching his own vessel. As his ship plowed through the giant waves, the light rose and fell just above the horizon of the sea. He ordered his signalman to send a message to the unidentified craft directly ahead. The message was this: "Alter your course ten degrees to the south."

Within seconds came the reply, "Alter your course ten degrees to the north." Determined that his ship would never take a backseat to any other, the captain snapped a second order, "Alter course ten degrees— I am a CAPTAIN!" The response was beamed back, "Alter your course ten degrees— I am a Third-Class Seaman." By this time the light was growing ever brighter and larger.

Infuriated, the captain grabbed the signal light and personally signaled, "Alter course. I am a battleship." The reply came just as quickly, "Alter your course. I am a lighthouse."

A great strategy for success is this: follow the advice you give to others!

*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 this year 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 by February 12th and list the number of meals you will be picking up. If you are unable to add your name to the sign-up sheet please call Renee Halbrooks at 931-994-9071 and let her know how many meals you will need and whether you want braised beef or lemon herb chicken.

### **Bible Trivia**

1. Who was Jonah's father?
2. Where did the Lord tell Jonah to go?
3. Where did Jonah decide to go instead?
4. How long was Jonah in the great fish?
5. What happened to the gourd vine that shaded Jonah?

### **The G.O.A.T**

With the playing of the Super-Bowl this past week, there has been a lot of talk about a certain quarterback being the GOAT (Greatest of All Time). Is he the greatest quarterback to ever play football? His record might support that claim. It might depend on how you look at greatness and who is passing judgement.

The Lord looks at greatness differently. He saw the robe-clad religious leaders of Jerusalem and John in the wilderness dressed in animal skins and said, "there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist!" (Mt. 11:11). Jesus saw a widow make her temple contribution of two small coins. In His eyes she gave the greatest amount, "for she put in all she owned, all she had to live on" (Mk. 12:44).

When a dispute arose among his apostles about position in his kingdom Jesus said, "whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant." (Mt.10:43). This world looks at greatness in terms of position and wealth. God looks at greatness in terms of humility and service. Those in our nation who are the greatest among us are probably found in our churches, not on our football fields.

-Dennis Doughty



**Several of our church members are sick at home.**

**Members:** Rodney Rochelle (outpatient surgery), Wallace Smith, Brenda Scott (home), Carol Warren, 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:** Mark Wright (home), Isaiah Noonan, Evan Boyd, Benjamin Noonan, Donna Gaspard, Teresa Carroll, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, Marshall Carothers, McKinley Moore, Randy Hall, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Sandy McFarlin, Elizabeth Dunn, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Tommy Cagle, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

**Life Care:** Mary England

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

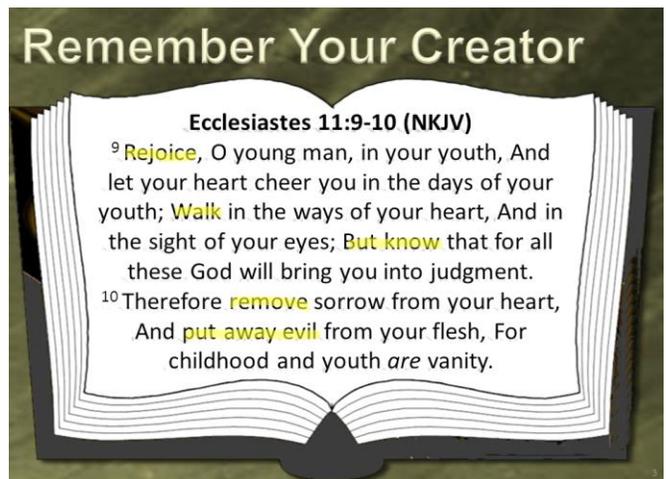
**Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson:** Martha Page



**Feb 14** - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade devo, during evening service @FH

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

**Feb 21** - Puppet Show, during evening service





## Center Fielders News

“The Fruitful Giver”

A few months back my friend and brother in Christ, Jerrie Wayne Barber, visited Israel. The visit of Israel is priority on my bucket list. JW explained the contrast between the Jordan River and the Dead Sea to me in detail. The banks of the Jordan are surrounded by trees and greenery, but nothing lives around the Dead Sea. The reason is that there is no outlet. When the water flows into the sea, it stays there. Eventually the salts accumulate and poison the water.

This is a vivid picture of two different financial plans. The Dead Sea compares to the world’s system, which is based on accumulation and preservation of wealth. The goal is to get enough so that you will have enough, but this approach results in self-centered stagnation. Christians who follow this plan mistakenly believe it’s the path to security. But what they fail to understand is that hoarding makes their lives spiritually unfruitful and hinders the good works God wants them to do.

The Lord’s financial plan is like a river that moves continuously. As His provisions flow into our lives, we pass them on to others. This results in a fruitful life centered on building God’s kingdom. Perhaps you have realized that He promises to supply “bread for food” to those who give, but did you know He’ll also provide “seed for sowing” (2 Corinthians 9:10)? He supplies enough to live and enough to give.

Have you hindered your spiritual growth by sowing sparingly? If you become a generous giver, God promises to increase the harvest of your righteousness. There are needs in the church and the world that He wants to meet through your generosity. Let His blessings flow through you.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF February 7, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP	125
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3537
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

## MEN TO SERVE FEBRUARY 14

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Mike Breece  
**Scripture Reading:** Kenneth Jett  
**Scripture:** 1 John 4:7-10  
**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Vance Willis  
**Alternates:** Gary Wright, Edwin Wright  
**Basement:** Rusty Bates, Lafayette Spears  
**Announcements:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Closing Prayer:** Darin Cochran  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Scripture Reading:** Edwin Wright  
**Scripture:** Daniel 7:9-14  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Stacks  
**Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey  
**Lord’s Supper:** Gary Basford, Gary Wright  
**Closing Prayer:** Mike Batts  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Song Leader:** Gary Basford  
**Opening Prayer:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Invitation:** Mike Kelley

Sunday February 21, 2021  
 Time--3:30 p.m.

**White Bluff Church of Christ**  
 4416 Hwy 70 E. White Bluff, TN 37187  
 615.797.9016 whbl@bellsouth.net

## Revival

*“Then Elisha died, and they buried him. And the raiding bands from Moab invaded the land in the spring of the year. So it was, as they were burying a man, that suddenly they spied a band of raiders; and they put the man in the tomb of Elisha; and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.”* 2 Kings 13:20-21

We are not sure who was in the funeral procession or who the man was who had died. There was fear and trepidation when they saw a band of raiders from Moab. They evidently stopped short of their intended destination, and it was a blessing that they did. They put the man into the tomb of Elisha, and when the dead man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived! There must have been jubilation and thanksgiving in that funeral party that day! The dead man was alive! He had been revived by the bones of the prophet Elisha.

We used to have revivals in the churches. Some preferred to call them Gospel Meetings, but by whatever name, they were intended to bring revival and renewal to the church. The means of bringing the revival was the preaching of the word of God. There is a precedent in many passages of scripture for revival by God’s word. In just one Psalm the idea of revival by God’s word is mention at least eight times in one form or another (Psa. 119:25, 37, 40, 93, 107, 149, 154, 156). The psalmist prayed, “Turn my eyes away from worthless things; revive me with Your word” (Psa. 119:37). In Psalm 23 David proclaimed, “He restores my soul” (v. 3). That is revival!2.

I remember a revival in Greenwood, Arkansas when I was just a boy. It lasted for an entire month. For two weeks several preachers did personal work in the community. They were visiting homes, studying with people, and inviting them to attend the evangelistic services. For the last two weeks, we had day services Monday through Friday, and we had preaching in the evening. In the day services young people were taught the rudiments of music and some of the young men learned to prepare lessons and present them. In the evenings we had gospel preaching and enthusiastic singing and praying. We had some of my cousins who came and stayed with us that week up in Fort Smith. That was about a 15 to 20-mile drive one way that we usually made a couple of times a day, once for the day services and once for the evening services. I’m sure that some of the ladies, including my mother, worked hard to prepare meals and be sure the kids had clean clothes. It was a glorious time of revival.

For many years we would have two-week or one-week meetings. There are not many one-week meetings any longer. We started cutting meetings to half a week or a weekend. When we did a half-week meeting in the fall, we generally had a Sunday – Wednesday meeting so that we did not conflict with high school football on Friday nights. Many of the kids were either on the team, in the band, or in one of the pep-squads.

When I was a kid, the schools, and the Boys Club, where many of us played baseball and basketball and football, never scheduled a game or activities on Wednesday night or Sunday. They knew most of us went to church and they honored that. I have watched over the years as that honor has turned to dismay or something worse. We had baseball season, basketball season and football season. But over time kids were encouraged to pick a sport and training for it lasted all year long. We started making traveling teams of especially gifted athletes and they traveled on weekends and weekdays. Sunday and Wednesday were no longer honored as a time set aside for church. We no longer have time for revival. We need the touch of Elisha to save us!

*L Scott Gage  
Fayetteville, Arkansas*

7 Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God.

8 He who does not love does not know God; for God is love.

9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.

10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.

### WOMEN’S CONFERENCE ONLINE:

This year’s Bloom (formerly WINGS) conference at Harding University is scheduled for the weekend of (Friday & Saturday, February 19-20) and the theme is “Build Your Influence – Going Wide and Deep.” For the first time, the Bloom conference will be livestreamed on Facebook. So, no matter where ladies live, they can take advantage of this spiritual resource. The livestream is free and no pre-registration is required. You’ll find more information and a complete schedule of speakers at: <https://www.harding.edu/events/bloom>