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Fairfield Church of Christ

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Shanon Irwin ext.29
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O.D. Pratt ext.23
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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

A young minister was preparing to perform his first wedding ceremony. As the date for the wedding drew near, he got more and more nervous. He worried that he would make a mistake that would ruin the day for the bride and groom. To alleviate his fears, the minister called a preaching professor whom he had in college. The professor said, "Just make good notes and follow them carefully. If you happen to lose your place, simply quote a verse of Scripture while you look through your notes." The ceremony was underway and all was going well, but about halfway through, the minister didn't remember what he was supposed to say next. As he frantically searched through his notes, he quoted the only verse of Scripture that would come to his mind, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Let's face it... when it comes to love, we often "know not what we do." Love is a much-misunderstood concept in our world. Let me nail down a few important truths about true, biblical love.

First, love is a choice. Love is not feeling. Love is not an emotion. Love is a decision. Feelings and emotions may certainly be involved in love. However, true love is simply choosing to desire and work toward the positive good of another person.

Second, love is a command. Love is not an option. We are commanded to love others. We are even commanded to love our enemies. Remember, loving an enemy is not having warm, fuzzy feelings about him. It is choosing to want and work toward his positive good. Christians must love others in this way.

Third, love is central. Jesus was asked about the greatest commandment. He did not say that no commandment is more important than any other. He said that there is a greatest commandment... and it is love. First, love for God. Second, love for neighbor. Christians must "major" in love. Love must be at the very heart of who we are and what we do.

The world would be a better place if the love of power could be replaced by the power of love. May Christians lead the way in making this dream a reality!

In Christian Love,

Mike





Our 5th Annual Singing will be on February 28th from 7 – 9 pm with William Tankersley as master of ceremonies. We will need finger foods and desserts for the evening. See Gary Basford for more information.

The 2-day indoor yard sale is coming up on March 6th and 7th at the fellowship hall Friday from 8:00 am till 4:00 pm & Saturday from 8:00 am till 2:00 pm. A clothing giveaway will be held after 1:00 pm on Saturday. Come and enjoy chili, cornbread and a drink for \$5.00 and dessert for \$1.00. All proceeds will be for the “Help 4 the Homeless.” They are asking for help to setup on Thursday night.

*Men’s Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6:00 am in the basement.

*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1st & 3rd Tues. evenings @ 6:00 pm in the basement.

*The Quilters meet every Thurs. morning @ 9:00 am in the basement.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Feb. 23 – Elders & Men meet at 4:30 pm in FH

Feb. 27 – Golden Agers to Catfish Kitchen

Feb. 28 – 5th Annual Singing here at Fairfield from 7 - 9 pm with William Tankersley, master of ceremonies.



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Members: Josh Copley (flu), Paul Victory (home), Sarah Brown (back at the nursing home), Rickey Weems, Angie Stacks, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Terry James, Noble Victory, Dewayne Victory, Sandy Kimbro Bagwell, Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Naomi Bailey, Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, Hester Moss (flu), James Hassell, Diane Breece, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Linda Jones (cousin of Sarah & Brenda-cancer), Randy Hall (son in law of Gerry Smith-stroke & in the hospital in Arizona), Rick Lee (friend of G. Basford), Norman Moss (Liz Spears brother, Williamson Co. Medical ICU), Dwain Jones, Kenneth “Bulldog” Williams, Betty Gilmer (sister of Butch Sullivan), Nancy Davidson, Roy Cochran, Wilburn Horner, Mark French, Kim Jenkins, Rachel Bellis, June Bell, Connie Garrett, Len Womack, Jerry Milam, Phillip Askins, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fagan, Jimmy Cline, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Ron Gossett, Cooper Parker, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, Adam Lawson, Mark Wright, Donna Popp, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jackson Bates, & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Margie Olson (mother of Phillip Anderson), McKinley Moore, Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Bill & Helen Shanes, Jo Hudgins (hospice), & Sybil Jenkins.

Magnolia Place, Waverly: Sarah Brown

The Silent Treatment

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment.

Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight.

Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and lose), he wrote on a piece of paper, “Please wake me at 5:00 AM.” He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn’t wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed.

The paper said, “It is 5:00 AM. Wake up.”

MARCH 6TH & 7TH
(FRIDAY & SATURDAY)

TWO (2) DAY INDOOR YARD
SALE

Fairfield Church of Christ Fellowship Hall (in back)
8:00 am til 4:00 pm, Friday - 8:00 am til 2:00 pm, Saturday

Chili, cornbread and drink \$5.00

Dessert \$1.00

Help 4 the Homeless
931-623-7142
A 501c3 Organization

**NOTE: CLOTHING GIVEAWAY AFTER 1:00PM,
SATURDAY**



Center Fielders News

“Prisoners of Hope”

This newsletter is dedicated to Christian friends who are incarcerated, some for a short time and those for a long period of time. You have a role model to follow in the story of Joseph in Genesis 37-42. God has a place for you to fill wherever you are, regardless of how, why, or when you got there, or how long you need to stay.

To us on the outside, even if we are not physically confined, we can find ourselves in prisons of doubt, hopelessness, carnal living, or false religion. Every prison, whether physical or otherwise, holds the possibility of hope if we take our eyes off the walls and turn them to God.

As the congregation of the Church of Christ at Fairfield ministers to the inmates in our county jail, I am impressed with the testimonies we hear. Some have told us that incarceration was just what they needed to stop them in their ungodly living and to help them find the Lord. We seek to encourage those who see God working in this way.

Consider how useful Joseph was in spite of his unjust imprisonment. His character was so upright and his life so faithful that even as a prisoner, he ruled the prison!! His focus was not on himself but on others. He reached out to give help and hope where he could. His long years in prison were his training school for great usefulness to many people after his release.

What are your opportunities? If you feel you have none, and you meet each day with despair, it is time to take your eyes off the walls around you. Look to God! He has a purpose for you now. Look about you and find opportunities to encourage others and point them to God. He has a double blessing for you as you serve Him and your fellowman with hope.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



YOUTH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb. 15 - Junior/Senior High Retreat
- Feb. 16 - Puppet Show during evening service.
- Feb. 18 - Middle/High school devo, 6:30 pm in the Field House

SWEETHEART BANQUET



MEN TO SERVE FEBRUARY 16 LORD'S TABLE

Preside: Wallace Smith
Left: Willie Powers **Right:** Roy McCoy
 Chris Kimbro Mathew Wright
 Adam Jude Edwin Wright
 Jeff Warren Mike Breece
Alternates: Lee DeWire, Curtis Edwards
Basement: Boyce Cannon, Marvin Truett
Sun. P.M.: James Swaw, Gary Basford

PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

A.M. Scripture Reading: Randal Halbrooks
Scripture: John 6:54-54
A.M. Opening Prayer: Marvin Truett
A.M. Closing Prayer: Rick Bruno
P.M. Scripture Reading: Lafayette Spears
Scripture: James 4:3-4
P.M. Opening Prayer: Darin Cochran
P.M. Closing Prayer: Gerry Hinson
Wed. Opening Prayer: Marvin Truett
Wed. Invitation: (Feb 19) Rodney Rochelle

SONG LEADERS

Sunday A.M. Darin Cochran
Sunday P.M. Steve Baker
Wednesday P.M. (Feb 19) Mike Kelley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday A.M. Rodney Rochelle
Sunday P.M. Randal Halbrooks
Wednesday P.M. (Feb 19) Rick Bruno

VAN DRIVERS

Sunday A.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355
Sunday P.M. Gary Basford 931-628-0355
Wed. P.M. (Feb 19) Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

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 February 9, 2020
A.M. WORSHIP: 223
CONTRIBUTION: \$4287
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET \$4167

BANQUET PICTURES (CONT.)

