

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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Gary Wright ext.24

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*Schedule Events/FH*  
Mike Breece ext.19  
*Activities*  
Clay Chandler ext. 6  
*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 mentioned many times, both here in the Provider and in the pulpit, that I have a great appreciation for the Truth For Today Commentaries. They are written by the finest Bible professors and preachers that churches of Christ have to offer. I am currently reading the commentary on the Gospel of Matthew, which is written by Sellers Crain. In the application section from Matthew 3:11-14, Sellers writes about the humility of John the Baptist. He argues that Christians (in general) and preachers (in particular) should follow the example of John as it is presented in this text. Here's how he says it:

*Preachers need to be humble before God, recognizing their own sin.* It has been said that preachers are "wounded healers." They are extending to others the grace they themselves have experienced from God. While Paul traveled all over the Roman Empire sharing the good news of Jesus, he never forgot that he was the "chief" of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15).

*Preachers need to apply their message to themselves first.* Jesus severely chastised the Pharisees because "they [did] not practice what they preach[ed]" (Matthew 23:3). A preacher will not be very effective if he is perceived as a hypocrite (Matthew 7:1-5).

*Preachers need to point people to Jesus, not themselves.* By the very nature of the vocation, it is easy for a preacher to become the center of attention. However, Christ must have center stage; the preacher is simply the channel for the message. Paul said "We do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Cor. 4:5).

When preachers imitate the attitude of John the Baptist, they will point others to Christ and will be more effective in their service to the kingdom of God.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





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

There will be a bridal shower this Sunday for **Bridgett Tidwell & Andrew Fisher** from 2 – 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Amazon.com.



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

## **Paraprosdokians**

The first time I heard about *paraprosdokians*, I liked them. *Paraprosdokians* are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected & is frequently humorous. (Winston Churchill loved them.)

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you.... but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up.... we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. You do not need a paraYchute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
11. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
12. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first & call whatever you hit the target.
13. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
14. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
15. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder & harder for me to find one now.



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

**Members:** Rodney Rochelle, Wallace Smith, Brenda Scott, Carol Warren, Don Beard, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Dave Davidson, Hester Moss, Deborah Perry, Gene Carathers (hospice), Ruth Ann Carathers, Raymond Stoltz, Terry James, Dewayne Victory (VA hospital), Kenneth Chandler (St. Thomas Hickman), Paul Victory, Noble Victory (NHC Dickson), Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Helen Shanes, Harold Choate, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Adam Lawson (surgery went well), Sandy Guinn, Mark Plunkett, Mark Wright, Isaiah Noonan, Evan Boyd, Benjamin Noonan, Donna Gaspard, 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



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## **Bible Trivia**

### **JONAH**

1. Who was Jonah's father? *Amittai* (1:1)
2. Where did the Lord tell Jonah to go? *Nineveh* (1:2)
3. Where did Jonah decide to go instead? *Tarshish* (1:3)
4. How long was Jonah in the great fish? *3 days & nights* (1:17)
5. What happened to the gourd vine that shaded Jonah?  
*A worm destroyed it* (4:7)



## Center Fielders News

“Interrupted Plans”

We have all had times when our well-prepared plans were disrupted, delayed, or altered. As a result of the recent corona virus pandemic, the daily lives and routines of people around the world were suddenly interrupted. Planned public gatherings of all sorts such as special meetings, family reunions, and even worship services, were cancelled or postponed. Vacation plans, schedules, and agendas were upended.

Sometimes we can be very determined to carry out our plans and reach our goals. But our all-wise God overrules and intervenes in the affairs of men and nations to accomplish His sovereign purposes. There is never a panic in Heaven and nothing takes God by surprise. He has perfect knowledge of all things past, present, and future.

In Acts 16, Paul and Silas had decided to go to Bithynia, but God redirected their well-intended plan and sent them to Macedonia instead. While in that place, they were arrested and put into prison. Paul and Silas may have wondered, “Why did this happen?” But their faith was in God, and they were heard praying and singing praises to Him. God intervened by sending an earthquake, loosening their chains, and opening the prison doors. Through these unexpected events, the jailor and his family were converted and saved.

God’s thoughts and His ways are totally different than ours. Yes, we are to plan ahead, but we should always commit our plans to the Lord and allow Him to direct our steps in the way He sees best. He is faithful to direct the path of those who trust and acknowledge Him!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF February 14, 2021	
MORNING WORSHIP	74
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3601
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

## MEN TO SERVE FEBRUARY 21

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Vance Willis  
**Scripture Reading:** Lafayette Spears  
**Scripture:** Luke 5:4-6  
**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Vance Willis  
**Alternates:** Phillip Coates, Boyce Cannon  
**Basement:** Mike Batts, Kenneth Jett  
**Announcements:** Jerrie W. Barber  
**Closing Prayer:** Rick Bruno  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Rick Bruno  
**Scripture Reading:** Gary Bailey  
**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:14  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Rose  
**Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright  
**Lord’s Supper:** Gary Basford, Edwin Wright  
**Closing Prayer:** Mike Batts  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

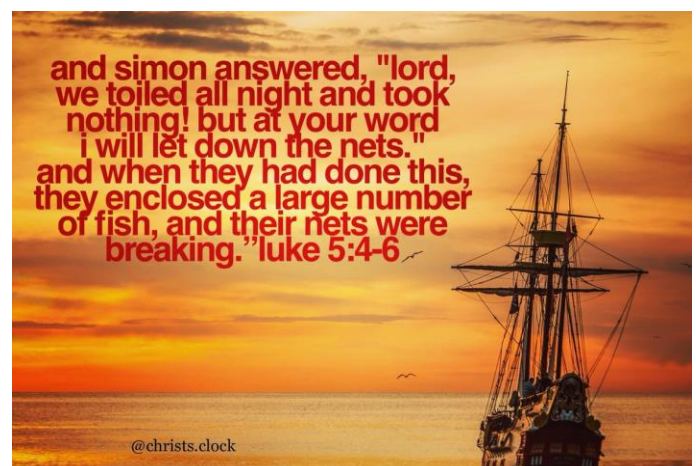
### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

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

Don't worry about anything instead

**PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING**

Philippians 4:6



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## Talk with Your Spouse



Over the years, I have been approached by several couples who were having marital problems. Here are two people who have promised to honor and sacrifice for each other for the rest of their lives. And now, their marriage is on the rocks. Often, the major complaint that comes from the wife is, “He doesn’t talk to me, anymore!”

Teenagers when they date are known for their long conversations. If you’ve ever had to pay a girl’s cell phone bill you know what I mean. Guys, our wives need us to talk to them. They need to hear us say, “I love you.” And they need us to share about our lives and our thoughts.

The Bible has an inspired loved poem. It is the Song of Solomon. At the beginning and end of this beautiful poem, Solomon’s beloved wife says: “let me hear your voice” (Song 2:14; 8:13).

The truth is, lovers talk, share, commune together, and listen to each other. And this is true whether talking about the intimate love between husband and wife or the family love between parent and child or the friendship that folks feel for their pals.

Being in love demands that we communicate with those we love.

*Larry Fitzgerald  
Woodlawn church of Christ  
Abilene, TX*



### MARCH

- 2 Sharon McCoy  
Harry Fielder  
Rita Beard
- 3 Harold Choate  
Joyce Swaw  
Amera Rye  
Ethan Willis  
Bobby Dunn  
Hunter Mayberry
- 9 Willie Powers
- 10 James Jett
- 11 Brenda Stoltz  
Joyce Bruno
- 12 Ron Mayberry  
Tommie Newsom  
Keegan Rochelle
- 14 Ken Copley  
Sarah Hinson  
Rickey Weems  
James Swaw  
Roy Wayne McCoy II  
Wesley Mobley
- 15 Brett Wilson  
Margaret Martin
- 16 Wallace Smith
- 17 Jennifer Barber  
Kenneth Chandler
- 18 Janice King
- 19 Lisa Hellmann  
Joyce Fielder  
John Anderson III
- 21 Noble Victory
- 22 Floy Cochran  
Nancy Baker
- 23 Emily Spears
- 24 Ronald Lynn
- 26 Tony McCoy
- 27 Lucy Knight
- 30 David Johnson
- 31 Ruth Ann Carathers



### MARCH

- 3 Mike & Melissa Worley
- 7 Kim & Deneen Clayton
- 10 Gary & Kita Wright
- 23 Mike & Jennifer Knight