

THE PROVIDER

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Fairfield Church of Christ

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ELDERS:

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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



Mike's Minute

The Lord's Supper

Jesus Christ wanted to be remembered. Shortly before his death on Golgotha he instituted his Supper which he said is "in remembrance of me." It is a memorial to the life, death, and resurrection of God's Son. In partaking we "shew the Lord's death until he come." It should be regarded with a great deal of reverence and solemnity.

To abuse the Supper is to endanger our spiritual health. To the Corinthians who had corrupted this feast Paul wrote, "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you and many sleep." This sickness was attributed in large measure to their violating the Supper of the Lord.

Too often we fail to understand, appreciate, and properly observe this institution. Some commune with the Lord in an irreverent, light, flippant manner. They are not "discerning the Lord's body." Others seem to believe that Communion is all that is needed. If they faithfully take the Lord's Supper, then their minds are at ease and they feel that they have done their duty. We must do *all* that the Lord commands in our work and worship.

The Lord's Supper is a time for us to look back at the cross, look in to our own lives, and look ahead to his coming... but not a time to look around at others! We should avoid, as much as possible, whispering, distracting noises, and unnecessary movement. We should search our own hearts to determine whether or not our motives are pure and penitent. Let us strive as never before to observe the Lord's Supper in spirit and in truth.

Paul Rogers

My God and My Service

In Christian Love,

Mike





The Golden Agers will be going to Catfish Kitchen on February 27th leaving the building at 5:30 pm. Signup sheets are in both foyers.

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.

Our annual blood drive is coming up on Monday, March 2nd from 12:30-5:30 pm. Signup online at redcrossblood.org or see Margaret Martin.

*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.



Our sympathy to the family of **Mark French**, brother-in-law of Rodney Rochelle, who passed away Saturday. His funeral was Wednesday.

Our sympathy to the family of **Robert Powers**, nephew of Willie Powers, passed away last Saturday.



Members: Paul Victory, Rickey Weems, Angie Stacks, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Terry James, Noble Victory, Sandy Bagwell, Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Naomi Bailey, Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, Hester Moss, James Hassell, Diane Breece, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Bert Mathis (former minister here, fell at home & is in Vanderbilt hospital, neck surgery was Thursday), Margaret Anglin, Sandy McFarlin, Glenna Hill, Linda Jones (cousin of Sarah & Brenda-cancer), Randy Hall, Rick Lee, Norman Moss (Liz Spears brother), Dwain Jones, Kenneth “Bulldog” Williams, Betty Gilmer (sister of Butch Sullivan), Nancy Coursey, Nancy Davidson, Roy Cochran, Wilburn Horner, 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

MARCH 6TH & 7TH
(FRIDAY & SATURDAY)

TWO (2) DAY INDOOR YARD SALE

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



NOTE: CLOTHING GIVEAWAY AFTER 1:00PM, SATURDAY



Center Fielders News

“My Unconcealed Weapon”

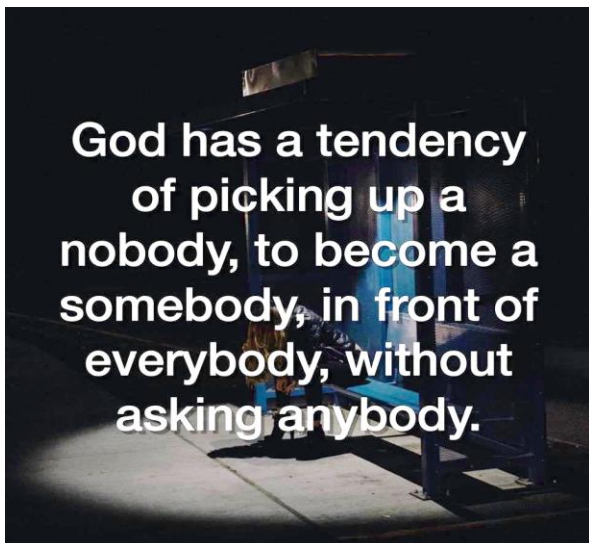
About twenty years ago I decided to carry a weapon, primarily for self-defense against an enemy who has relentlessly tracked me and made numerous attempts to destroy me. After all, we live in a violent and dangerous world, and no one can be too careful. Although our state requires a permit for a concealed weapon, I never applied for one. In fact, I even take it on airplanes, into banks, schools, and other public buildings. You could call it my “44”. I don’t carry it in a holster or pocket but rather in my heart. It is described in 1 John 4:4; “Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

Perhaps I should put a “No Fear” sticker in the back window of my vehicle as some do, but I honestly don’t need one. My weapon is really a Person, and instead of being concealed, I trust that He is clearly revealed by my appearance, my speech, my behavior and my peace and joy. I hope it is evident to everyone I meet daily that I am a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Regardless of what the world offers in terms of security, such as firearms, burglar alarms, insurance plans, and investment schemes, there is no greater security than a heart that’s truly surrendered to our Lord. That surrendered heart has the same access to the same strength that empowered David to slay Goliath: that enabled Samson to kill a lion, that restored sight to the blind, that cleansed the lepers, that made the lame to walk again, and that even raised Jesus from the dead. That power is available to all who will unconditionally dedicate their heart, soul, and mind to the Lordship of Christ.

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



How To Make Sermons Last?



A preacher posted recently that someone had commented to him, “sermons are ineffective because they are forgotten by the time people get to the restaurant after church.” This statement concerned me because I feel the person who suggested this idea to the preacher put preachers in a negative light (probably not intentionally). I, like you, have heard someone complain from time to time about the preaching, the message, or the presentation. As I have tried to grow spiritually, I’ve learned the hearer has as much of a responsibility to the sermon as the speaker. If the hearer has trouble remembering what the message was during the week, here are some suggestions:

Pray. A day or two prior to Sunday (or when the lesson will be presented), pray and plan so no interruptions will limit your ability to pay attention. Be mentally prepared to hear.

Limit distractions. Put electronic devices out of arms reach. Do not sit with someone you are tempted to talk to. Find a place to sit so you can hear and see the presentation.

Listen Actively. Take notes on the handout or in a notebook designated for Bible class lessons or sermon notes. Study those notes on your own or with a family member (home devotional) throughout the week. Read ahead and prepare if the Bible class or sermon is part of a series of topics (do your homework).

Repeat. Go back and listen to the sermon on the church’s website for reinforcement.

I have to remind myself in order to gain something, I must invest something (time, effort). Preachers prepare but we must participate (2 Peter 1:5).

*Allen Jones
South Green Street church of Christ
Glasgow, KY*

BAPTIZED

Congratulations to **Lorena Johnston** and her son **Daniel Carl** who were baptized on Sunday morning by Mike Kelley. Give these two a warm welcome and keep them in your prayers.

MEN TO SERVE FEBRUARY 23 LORD'S TABLE

Preside: Rick Bruno
Left: Dustin Bailey **Right:** Rodney Rochelle
 Carl Daugherty Lafayette Spears
 Dewayne Victory Rickey Weems
 Terry Duncan Boyce Cannon
Alternates: Stephen Graham, Gary Bailey
Basement: Rusty Bates, Gary Basford
Sun. P.M.: Gary Bailey, Boyce Cannon

PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

A.M. Scripture Reading: Adam Jude
Scripture: Ephesians 5:11-14
A.M. Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince
A.M. Closing Prayer: Mike Breece
P.M. Scripture Reading: Phillip Coates
Scripture: James 4:3-4
P.M. Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
P.M. Closing Prayer: Gary Wright
Wed. Opening Prayer: Willie Powers
Wed. Invitation: (Feb 19) Mike Kelley

SONG LEADERS

Sunday A.M. Darin Cochran
Sunday P.M. Darin Cochran
Wednesday P.M. (Feb 19) Jeff Stacks

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday A.M. Mike Batts
Sunday P.M. Mike Batts
Wednesday P.M. (Feb 19) Gary Wright

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 16, 2020
A.M. WORSHIP: 212
CONTRIBUTION: \$4141
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET \$4167



MARCH

2 Sharon McCoy
 Harry Fielder
 Rita Beard
 3 Harold Choate
 Joyce Swaw
 Amera Rye
 4 Ethan Willis
 Bobby Dunn
 6 Hunter Mayberry
 9 Willie Powers
 10 James Jett
 11 Brenda Stoltz
 Joyce Bruno
 12 Ron Mayberry
 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 Breece
 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

