

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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*Education*  
Steve Craft ext.20  
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Randal Halbrooks ext.13  
*Missions*  
Shanon Irwin ext. -  
*Security*  
Roy McCoy ext.22  
*Transportation*  
O.D. Pratt ext.23  
*Seniors*  
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*Maintenance*  
Vance Willis ext.26  
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### 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 10:15 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

**Water, Water Everywhere.** What an incredible amount of rain has fallen in our area lately. This month will go down as the wettest February in the history of middle Tennessee. We are extremely thankful for our local public servants who have done such an outstanding job of keeping everything running and working during the flooding. A special thanks to our local political leaders, our police and rescue workers, and our water and gas departments for their good work. Hopefully, the worst is behind us now... and lots of sunshine will brighten us (both inside and out) very soon.

**MANDatory Meeting.** The elders meeting with the men of the congregation this past Sunday afternoon was both positive and productive. Some items under discussion were: our congregational debt (getting smaller and smaller), our security plan, recent renovations to our building and some future renovations on the horizon, the fact that more and more men are willing to take part in leading our worship services, and giving the preachers a big, fat raise (ok, I made that last one up). We appreciate our elders for their outstanding leadership and every man who attended the meeting.

**Busy Buildings Are A Blessing.** What a busy church building we have. It really is rare to pull into the parking lot without something going on somewhere on our campus. A woman stopped me not long ago looking for a particular meeting at the Field. She had already stopped by two different meetings still hadn't found the meeting she was looking for! Our fellowship building was used last Saturday to shelter a family displaced by the flood. Buildings are not cheap... nor are they easy to maintain, but they sure are a blessing to a community when they are used as much as ours is. Let's wear the place out in service to God and man!

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**



This coming Monday (4<sup>th</sup>), the Red Cross bloodmobile will be here at Fairfield in the fellowship hall between 12:30 – 5:30 pm. To sign up please go online to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or contact Margaret Martin with any questions.

Ken is looking for teachers and field guides for the second quarter (April – June). If you would like to volunteer please see him.

\*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6a in the basement.

\*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. evenings @ 6p in the basement.

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

\*Narcotics Anonymous meets every Thurs. night at 7p in the basement.



Our sympathy to the family of **Tim Buchanan** who passed away last weekend as the result of an auto accident. We mourn at the loss of a good man and a servant to this community. He was the assistant chief of police of Centerville and had been an officer for many years. Our prayers continue for the family.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of **Gene French**, brother of **Noble Victory**. He passed away in Preston, IL.

## YOUTH CALENDAR FOR MARCH

3<sup>rd</sup> - Vandy women's basketball game, leaving after Sunday school. All tickets are taken.

5<sup>th</sup> - Middle/High school devo, 6:30 @ Field House

10<sup>th</sup> - 3rd-5th grade devo, during evening service @ Field House

16<sup>th</sup> - St Jude's Walk a Thon @ River Park, 9-3. Need youth to help. We also need desserts to sell at the concession stand i.e. pies, cakes or individually wrapped bars, cookies, etc.

17<sup>th</sup> - Puppet Show, during evening service

19<sup>th</sup> - Middle/High School devo, 6:30 @ Field House



**Members:** Dorothy Noonan (arteriogram Thursday), Dewayne Victory (cancer on his ear), Hester Moss, Dot Davidson, Christina George, Harry Fielder, June Prince, James Hassell, Leon Lynn, Martha Harvill, Tony Halfacre, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Marlin Lawson, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Adam Lawson (shoulder surgery Thursday), Wallace Harvill (recovering from back surgery), Sandra Bagwell, Joyce Bates, Arica Hinson, Mark Wright, Linda Goad, Greg Bates, Helen Shanes, Terry Peevyhouse (home), Bracey Campbell (hospice), Donna Popp, Bobby Mack Dunn, Bobby Brawley, Dorris French, Dana Hall, Skipper Sands, Mary Ann Wallace, Dorothy Love, Don Glover, Slater Springman, Claude Teet, Tana Rochelle Brinke, John Beard, Jimmy George, David Talley, Jean Greer, Tommy Cagle, Clare Loughrey, Linda Truett, Kathy Brown, Jackson Bates, Greg McCord, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash & Jimmy Mathis.

**Life Care:** Donald Dorton, Mary Carolyn McClanahan, Kitty Halfacre, Anne Neely, Ray Dudley, Mary England, Georgia Belle Smith, and Jim & Jean Wright.

**St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:** Jo Hudgins, Bill Shanes, Sybil Jenkins, & Gladys Primm.

**NHC Dickson:** Dollie Wheeler, Lonnie Qualls, Percy Lancaster

## AREA EVENTS

Five Points church of Christ will be having a Friends & Family Day on March 10<sup>th</sup> with **Edgar Beard**. Sunday services are: Bible class 9 am, Morning worship 10 am, Fellowship meal 11 am, and evening worship at 1 pm.

The St. Jude Walk-A-Thon will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 3 pm at the River Park Pavillion. We need sponsors and donations for the walk. They will have a bake sale so please donate if you can. Any baked goods will be gladly accepted. The goal this year is \$25,000 to support the mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please contact Joyce Boyd for more information at 931-729-4144 or 931-224-4706.

The Hickman County Relay for Life presents Celebrity Waiter on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Tickets are only \$10 per person which includes a delicious meal served by a Celebrity Waiter, fun, fellowship, and entertainment. There will be a live & silent auction. To purchase a ticket, contact any Relay for Life team member.



## Center Fielders News

“Grey Hair”

Life can be viewed as being divided into three stages. In the first period, from birth to 30 years of age, our learning begins by example and teaching, and it continues as our interests and abilities develop. This is the time we form much of our concept about life and its important values. Many find their vocations and marriage partners during this stage. In the next period, from 30 to 60 years of age, we generally settle down and pursue our vocation. During this stage we raise our family as best we know, and our children grow into adulthood to find their own niche in life.

In the third period, from 60 years of age and upward, we gradually slow down. Some of us lose our teeth, others our hearing, and still others our eyesight. Not to mention our hair (ha-ha). Some even lose their ability to reason, which complicates life even more.

Often the value of “grey hair” is not fully appreciated as it should be by those below the third stage. Those who are in that stage, humbly propose that they still have much to offer to the younger generation, such as knowledge, wisdom, and values that we learned in the bumpy school of life. We long to tell the younger ones what we have learned through our mistakes as we endeavored to serve God, the church, and the community where we live.

As I get older, I constantly reflect back to two scriptures of wisdom and truth, Proverbs 16:31, “How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver” and 2 Corinthians 4:16. Yes, we may appear decrepit, but with Paul I testify that “though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**



### Mind Garden

Your mind is a garden,  
Your thoughts are the seeds.  
You can grow flowers,  
Or you can grow weeds.

## COTTON CANDY RELIGION

I read an article this week that compared religion in America to cotton candy. I found the comparison very interesting and factual. Think with me for a minute concerning this idea.

As you think of what has happened to so-called Christianity in America over the past century, you will agree Christianity is nothing like it was in the beginning. As cotton candy is nothing but a mixture of air and sugar, the church has become little more than an appeal to the physical. In many places it is not designed to change the hearts and souls of men, but to entertain.

As in the first century when the religious leaders had ignored the greatest commands and focused on a showy religion and ceremonial rites, the church of today can be described as having a form of religion, while neglecting grace and the weightier matters of God’s law. (2 Tim. 3:5; Matt. 23:23) In the beginning, the church was designed to bring the truth of God’s Word to the ears of people who needed God in their lives.

But all this has changed. As cotton candy looks great in the eyes of children, the church may have an appeal to the masses, but it is so divided that you can find any “flavor” you want. As cotton candy has little nutritional value and does not give the child what he may need, America is filled with a mixture of religious sugar and air without an appreciation for the instruction contained in God’s Word.

Religion without a deep understanding of Bible knowledge destroyed Israel and is destroying our land. (Hosea 4:6) It is impossible to know God without a knowledge of His words. (1 John 2:4) A person cannot love God and ignore keeping His Word. (John 14:15) Cotton candy may taste good to a child, but a steady diet will destroy his health. This is what is happening in our land. We may be feeding our lives with religion while we are starving our souls.

What an amazing world this would be if we honestly tried to return to the spiritual food Jesus came to give the church. We cannot be content with cotton candy religion. We must remove this food from the church and return to the teaching found in the New Testament.

*Bill Hopkins  
Ravenna, OH*

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Dustin & Diana Bailey Family  
408 Broadview Drive  
Dickson, TN 37055

Please update your directory.

**MEN TO SERVE MAR. 3****LORD'S TABLE****Preside:** Lafayette Spears

**Left:** David Gossett      **Right:** Lloyd Rochelle  
 Raymond Stoltz      Bobby Orton  
 Lee DeWire      Marvin Truett  
 Brett Wilson      Dustin Bailey

**Alternates:** Steve Craft, Carl Daugherty**Basement:** Ken Copley, Josh Copley**Sun. P.M.:** James Swaw, Jeff Stacks**PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE****A.M. Scripture Reading:** Derek Hutchings**Scripture:** Hebrews 3:12-13**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Steve Baker**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Adam Jude**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Ken Copley**Scripture:** Matthew 24:36-39**P.M. Opening Prayer:** Willie Powers**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Kenneth Jett**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Darin Cochran**Wed. Invitation:** (Mar 6) Mike Kelley**SONG LEADERS****Sunday A.M.** Gary Basford**Sunday P.M.** Jeff Rose**Wednesday P.M. (Mar 6)** Rodney Rochelle**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Sunday A.M.** Jerrie W. Barber**Sunday P.M.** Gary Wright**Wednesday P.M. (Mar 6)** Marvin Truett**VAN DRIVERS****Sunday A.M.** Gerry Hinson 931-729-3208

931-623-2043

**Sunday P.M.** Gary Basford 931-628-0355**Wed. P.M.** Roy McCoy 931-729-2956

(Mar 6) 931-994-7571

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 24, 2019**A.M. WORSHIP:** 200**CONTRIBUTION:** \$3808

Thank you to all the ladies who attended our retreat and made the weekend possible, even with all of the wet weather. We had a wonderful time learning about each other, how to listen when God speaks, how to pray fervently and so much more. Most importantly, we learned how to love with NO bounds. We are not all family through the blood, but rather through the blood of Christ. Special thanks to our speakers, Janna Beth Hunt and Lynetta Anderson, who bravely came through the weather to bring some wonderful examples of God's unconditional love and how it has worked in their lives.



*Visitors to Fairfield*