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Fairfield church of Christ

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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

Home, James. James Hassell has gone home to be with the Lord. James was a local treasure, a living legend, and a long-time member of the Fairfield family. James spent the first part of his adult life as a “moonshiner.” He made moonshine at numerous stills hidden in Hickman County. James delivered his product as far as California. He was known far and wide for his swashbuckling lifestyle... driving fast cars, running from federal authorities, crash-landing small planes in fields to sneak in his moonshining supplies. But, several brushes with death, and burying his godly mother, caused James to decide to make a change. He was baptized into Christ at the New Antioch church and settled in as a member at Fairfield. When James decided to become a Christian, he was as dedicated as they come. He was at every worship service, Bible study and church activity. He was hungry to learn and apply the Word of God. He was among the most generous givers that I have ever known. I remember our congregation’s New Year’s Eve party in 1999. The world was in the grip of Y2K fears. Many were afraid that computers wouldn’t survive the calendar changing over to the year 2,000. People were afraid that everything electric and electronic would shut down and society would descend into chaos. Some were even predicting the end of the world. We were gathered together in the basement of the church, playing games and enjoying one another’s company. As midnight drew close, we started counting down the last moments before the year 2,000 officially arrived. James snuck away from us and flipped the breaker just as the clock struck midnight! Everything went silent and black... until James cut the breaker back on and then came striding into the room. James Hassell put a smile on my face many times, but that might have been the biggest one. James was one of a kind. We are so thankful that God sent him our way.

In Christian Love,

Mike





The elders meeting with the deacons will be rescheduled later.

Looking for volunteers to be teachers to serve as graders on the World Bible School website. Starting pay is low starting out and the eternal benefits are great. To become a teacher or a student you sign up at worldbibleschool.net If anyone is interested more about WBS or need help in signing up/registering as a student or teacher I have a signup sheet in both foyers. Point of contact is Tom Gosser. If you have any questions about WBS, please see me.

The next movie night is Friday, March 11th in the church auditorium. The movie will be War Room.

The next outing for the Golden Agers will be on March 24th and will be going to Catfish Kitchen, a favorite of many. Sign up sheets will be out soon.



We can't thank you all enough for the love, prayers and support you all have shown our family after the loss of Mike's dad, Mac. The amazing meal you provided for us was so delicious and so comforting. And the lovely wind chimes will be a sweet reminder of our Pop every time we hear them. God bless you all.

With love,
Mike, Kelly, Shane & Saylor Breece

The Fairfield Family and Friends Relay Team would like to thank everyone that stayed on Sunday for our Chili/Soup Fundraiser. To the ones that donated items and bid on items for our silent auction or made donations we say a big Thank You! With your help, we raised a little over \$700 in the fight against cancer. We will continue in our efforts to Celebrate the Survivors. Remember those that have fallen, and Fight Back with the ones going through this disease at this time. Thanks again!



Members: Aiden Liddell, Sherry Breece (St. Thomas West), Gerry Smith, Harry Totty (heart attack but now back home), Dorothy Weatherspoon, Derek Hutchings, Dewayne Victory, Marlin Lawson (home), June Prince, Helen Shanes, Barbara Chandler (home), Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

Friends & Family: Christians, missionaries & people in the Ukraine, Vickie Halbrooks (mother of Randal), Samuel Ray Weatherspoon (Vanderbilt-uncle of Nancy Baker), Kevin Chandler (son of Buddy-diagnosed w/ leukemia), Frances Qualls (aunt of Clay & Kenneth Chandler), Denny Quillen (hospital in Nashville), Jo James, Lucille Morphis, J.B. Brown (St. Thomas Midtown), Charlie Shelton, Wanda Gilliam Felts, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, Doris & Marjorie Claud, Rebeca Mears, David Dansby, Darlene Rounsavall, Greg Zoller, Seth Williams, Elizabeth Dunn, Mike & Nancy Bradley, Kelley Wilson, Glen England, Melvin Roberson, Ronald Loveless (home), Billie Church, Daniel Spears, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Rachael Bellis, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, Donna Gaspard, Roman Surra, Rita Stacks, McKinley Moore, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Life Care: Anthony Stacks, Kenneth Chandler, Lelia Mae Poore, Sue Edney, Hester Moss, Joyce Cayce

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Barbara Beard, Naomi Bailey

Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson: Martha Page



We express our sympathy to the family of **James Hassell** who passed away last Thursday. He was a long-time member here at Fairfield. His funeral was Sunday.

Also, we express sympathy to the family of **Jim Stallings** who passed away and was a cousin of **Brenda Fly & Sarah Hinson**.



Center Fielders News

“Perfect Engineering”

Have you ever marveled at the engineering of man in designing skyscrapers, suspension bridges, and even machines that can transport people to the moon and back? God’s engineering is even far greater than that.

Was reading an article about the Weddell seal. It is the only mammal that is a year-round inhabitant of the frigid continent of Antarctica. God put a thick layer of blubber on it that allows it to live comfortable in 80 degrees below zero. Lack of fresh water is no problem either. It can eat snow and even drink salt water if necessary.

This seal can dive 2,000 feet and remain there for over an hour. It’s specially designed rib cages collapses, allowing it to evacuate all air from its lungs, thus keeping it from the need of resurfacing. How it survives at depth in pressures exceeding 890 pounds per square inch is still a mystery to all scientists. But it is not a mystery to the Creator who engineered its body.

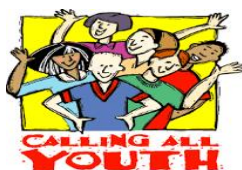
This seal has unusually large eyes. The eyes are covered with a special transparent membrane to protect them from the salty water, as well from the snowy blizzards. It can detect food in total darkness, and included with this engineering package is an elaborate sonar system.

In short, this Weddell seal glorifies its Creator simply by doing what it was designed to. We should do the same!! God created you to be you. Don’t try to be someone else.

And God saw that everything that He had made, and it was very good (Genesis 1:31).

Obey God and watch Him work,

Rodney



Mar 13 - 3rd-5th grade Devo, during evening service @ FH
Mar 15 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH
Mar 20 - Puppet show, during evening service, in Lift-Off

MEN TO SERVE MARCH 6

SUNDAY MORNING:

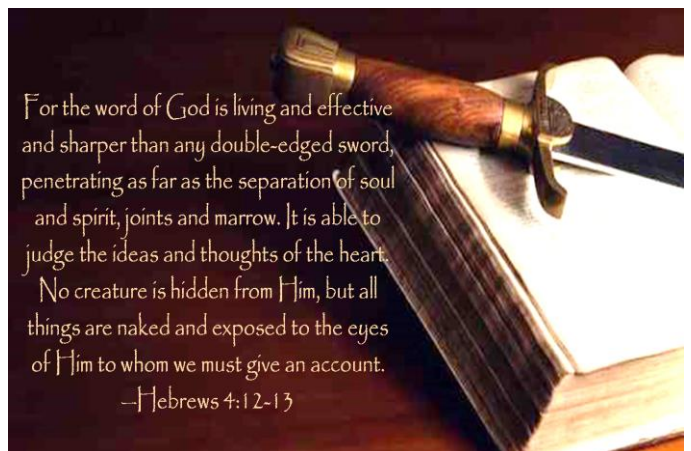
Song Leader: Darin Cochran
Opening Prayer: Ronny Pitman
Scripture Reading: John Irvin
Scripture: Hebrews 4:12-13
Preside Lord’s Supper: Gary Bailey
Alternates: Gary Wright, Rick Bruno
Announcements: Darin Cochran
Closing Prayer: Wallace Smith
Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

SUNDAY EVENING:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Scripture Reading: Mike Batts
Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6
Song Leader: Jeff Rose
Opening Prayer: Wayne Prince
Lord’s Supper: Edwin Wright, Gary Wright
Closing Prayer: Boyce Cannon
Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Gary Basford
Song Leader: Joseph Green
Opening Prayer: Roy McCoy
Invitation: Rodney Rochelle
Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855



For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. No creature is hidden from Him, but all things are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account.
 —Hebrews 4:12-13

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF February 27, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	191
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5026
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

THE BEATITUDES

(second of a series)

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN



Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)

It is a very impressive paradox to say happy are those who grieve, but it appears this is the meaning of the statement of Jesus. It is evident Jesus is describing the person who seriously considers the condition of his soul in regard to his own sins and the sins of others, especially those who are close to him. Those who enter the kingdom are placed in a situation where sin is considered a serious problem and an offense to the Lord. Thus, the sincere follower of Christ will make every effort to rid his life of the things that interfere with his relationship with the Lord and associate him with the world. (1 John 1:7-10)

Yet not every act of mourning can claim this blessing. The sorrows of a disappointed ambition, the tears of a wounded pride and a situation where he is suffering as the result of sin can claim to be blessed by God. **The sorrow of the world produces death.** (2 Corinthians 7:10) But, those who are described by Jesus will be comforted. Thus, Jesus is describing a special people. The people who make up the kingdom of heaven. The people who are faithful to Christ.

This is possibly a very difficult quality to possess. Life is filled with so many problems that it is difficult to constantly be concerned about the welfare of others, especially those with whom we have limited association. It is possible for a person to become so concerned for the welfare of others that he neglects the needs of his own spiritual growth. Just because we are mourning over the spiritual condition of others, does not mean we are pleasing to the Lord. It requires a balanced approach in life. The scriptures teach the Christian to first examine himself and then he will be able to serve others. (2 Corinthians 13:5; Galatians 6: 4,5) Not that others are not important to him, but with balance he is able to not only mourn, but assist others in their spiritual pursuit.

Bill Hopkins
Ravenna, OH

"If you plant a seed, then you might have to put a little fertilizer on it."

Renters' Excuses

These tenants gave landlords creative reasons for avoiding paying their rent.

"With my daughter's graduation, our new boat, and our trip to Europe this year, we're a little strapped."

"I'm getting real tired of paying this rent every month! You'll have to wait a few more days."

"We're a little short right now. But don't worry—we're getting a refund on my wife's tattoo. The artist messed it up, and we're getting back most of the bucks!"

"I didn't pay the rent because I'm saving up to move."

"It's your fault the check bounced. Why didn't you tell me you were going to run to the bank the very same day!"



We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today, especially if this is your first time to visit. Your presence is an encouragement and you are always welcome. Please fill out an attendance card you will find in the pew rack and leave on the seat. Please stay for a few minutes after the assembly has been dismissed, so that we can greet you personally.

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Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ-Field Family

Instagram: fcocfamily