

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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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

*He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life:  
but he that openeth wide his lips  
shall have destruction.*

Proverbs 13:3

Constance Cameron tells about a lesson her mother taught her. One day, when she was about eight, she was playing beside an open window. Inside, Mrs. Brown was confiding a personal problem to Constance's mother.

After Mrs. Brown had gone, the mother realized that Constance had heard everything that had been said. She called her daughter in and said, "If Mrs. Brown had left her purse here today, would we give it to anyone else?"

"Of course not," the girl said. Her mother went on, "Mrs. Brown left something more precious than her pocketbook here today. She left a story that could make many people unhappy. That story is not ours to give to anyone. It is still hers, even though she left it here. So, we shall not give it to anyone. Do you understand?"

She did. And from that day on, whenever a friend would share a confidence or even engage in careless gossip, she considered what they said to be the personal property of the other person—and not hers to give to anyone else.

The old saying bears great truth: "If you don't have something nice to say about someone or something, don't say anything at all." Always remember, the kindest words ever said are the unkind words that were never said!

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





The quilters are now meeting again in the basement on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am. Anyone that quilts is welcome to join us.

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



I wanted to let everyone know how proud I was on Monday, March 1, when 40 units of blood was collected, far exceeding our usual goal, I could not believe it. I was so happy. Thanks to Sharon & Roy McCoy for all their work & dedication to such a worthy cause, we take our work serious & it sure paid this time, knowing the Red Cross was thrilled, we had such a hard-working awesome group, they went 90 to nothing the whole time. Thanks to everyone who donated, we could not have done this without you. While the weather was so bad, the Red Cross was unable to make some of their drives so this has really helped them out.

Thanks again,  
**Margaret Martin**

Many thanks for the Valentine meal & the Goody Bag. Thank you to all who helped prepare. What a wonderful meal.

Thanks,  
**Brenda Yates**

I want to say thank you for all of the prayers, calls, texts, and cards that were given unto me. I can't describe the blessings I have received. A new chapter in this new year has begun. To God be the glory.

**Brenda Scott Carroll**

Thank you to all that helped cook and serve the Valentine's dinner. It was delicious and really enjoyed it.

God Bless you all,  
**Phil & Diane Coates**



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

**Members:** Janet Basford (home), Bobby Orton (very serious condition), Rita Beard, Violet Shelby (knee replacement Mar. 8), Brenda Scott, Carol Warren, Don Beard, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Hester Moss, Deborah Perry, Gene Carathers (hospice), Ruth Ann Carathers, Raymond Stoltz, Terry James (St. Thomas West), Dewayne Victory (VA hospital), Kenneth Chandler (St. Thomas Hickman), Paul Victory, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Helen Shanes, Harold Choate, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Adam Lawson, Mark Plunkett (son-in-law of Wayne & Jewell Prince-had surgery-went well), 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 & Sybil Jenkins.

**Olive Branch Senior Living, Dickson:** Martha Page

**NHC Dickson:** Noble Victory



We express our sympathy to the family of **John Bigbie**, who passed away. He was the brother of **Carolyn Phillips**, and the uncle of **Joni Prince, Gary Phillips & Lisa Kent**. He passed away in Indiana.



**Mar 14** - Puppet Show, during evening service

**Mar 16** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 - 8:30, @ FH

**Mar 21** - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo, during evening service @ FH



## Center Fielders News

“A Block Off the Chip”

Sometimes we say that a son or daughter is a “chip off the block” because the child closely resembles one of the parents in action or appearance. Recently someone remarked to me that a certain child was a “block off the chip.” As I first passed it off as a slip of the tongue, thinking the person just got his words mixed up. But then I thought maybe that was exactly what he wanted to say, because some children (chips off the block) do become bigger and perform better than the “block” they came from.

Solomon was clearly a “block off the chip.” Really, this is what we all as Christian parents want for our children. We want our sons and daughters to go farther and deeper and to be bigger “chips” for God than we are. We also want them to be more useful and fruitful for God than we have been. We want them to grow in Christian stature to what God desires for them. So, if we are parents, let’s do all we can to help our children and grand-children to do better than we have done. If we are children, let’s do all we can to become all we can for the Lord.

Every person should be useful for God and make a difference for Him. We should serve God with our whole hearts and encourage those around us to do the same. Our example can inspire our children and others to be a “block” off whatever size “chip” they came from. Whether chip or block, we need to be faithful and obedient to the Lord so those following us are challenged to be all they can be.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

**PLANNING FOR TOMORROW IS TIME WELL SPENT, WORRYING ABOUT TOMORROW, ISNT.**

### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF February 28, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP	123
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4154
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

## MEN TO SERVE MARCH 7

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Vance Willis  
**Scripture Reading:** Andrew Fisher  
**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 4:1-2  
**Preside Lord’s Supper:**  
**Alternates:** Phillip Coates, Boyce Cannon  
**Basement:** Mike Batts, Kenneth Jett  
**Announcements:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Closing Prayer:** James Swaw  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

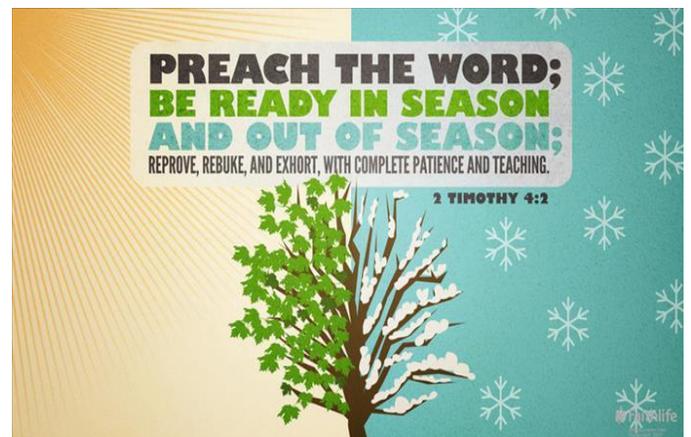
**Announcements:** Rick Bruno  
**Scripture Reading:** Gary Bailey  
**Scripture:** Matthew 19:23-26  
**Song Leader:** Gary Basford  
**Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright  
**Lord’s Supper:** Edwin Wright, Boyce Cannon  
**Closing Prayer:** Mike Batts  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Mathew Wright  
**Invitation:** Mike Kelley

**WHAT ANGERS YOU IN ANOTHER PERSON IS AN UNHEALED ASPECT OF YOURSELF...IF YOU HAD ALREADY RESOLVED THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE, YOU WOULD NOT BE IRRITATED BY ITS REFLECTION BACK TO YOU.**

*BORROWED*



## “THE BRIDGE BUILDER”

by Will Allen Dromgoole

An old man going a lone highway,  
Came, at the evening cold and gray,  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fear for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,  
“You are wasting your strength with building  
here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day,  
You never again will pass this way;  
You’ve crossed the chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build this bridge at evening tide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head;  
“Good friend, in the path I have come,” he said,  
“There followed after me to-day  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been as naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!”

## Quotes and Sayings

“Though I do not believe that a plant will spring up where no seed has been, I have great faith in a seed... Convince me that you have a seed there, and I am prepared to expect wonders.” — Henry David Thoreau

“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.” — Anne Bradstreet

“Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn.” — Lewis Grizzard

“Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat.” — Laura Ingalls Wilder

“No matter how chaotic it is, wildflowers will still spring up in the middle of nowhere.” — Sheryl Crow

## Are You Throwing Jesus Out of Church?

When Jesus came home to Nazareth and taught in the synagogue his message so provoked the people that they threw him out of church (Luke 4:16-30). He had read the prophet Isaiah and said that he was the Servant of the Lord empowered by the Spirit who ministered to the poor, the captives, the blind and the oppressed. Some of the people criticized him because he was a hometown boy, nothing more than a local carpenter. Jesus compared them to apostate Israel in the time of Elijah and Elisha when God worked miracles for foreigners. His comparison so incensed the worshippers that they grabbed Jesus, threw him out of church and tried to kill him. Jesus escaped from them and never went back to Nazareth.

The mission and message of Jesus calls us to minister to everyone. If a Muslim family moves into the neighborhood, how are you going to treat them? If a person of a minority race wants to sit with you in church, what are you going to do? If a poorer family needs food for their five children, are you going to serve them? If a gay or lesbian person comes to church, are you going to welcome them with the love of Jesus? If a homeless person knocks on your door and asks for something to eat, are you going to show mercy? If an alcoholic wants to talk, will you listen and point them to a greater friend than Jim Beam or Jack Daniels? When you see families who are not in church on Sunday mornings, do you pray for them? Do you share love and friendship with those confined in hospitals, nursing homes or jails?

Is Jesus determining your mission and your message? Are you sharing God’s grace with everyone, regardless of gender, age, color, language, nationality, ethnic background, occupation or social status? If not, then you, too, may be throwing Jesus out of church.

Calvin Warpula

