

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Wayne Prince ext.14  
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*Activities*  
Clay Chandler ext. 6  
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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. -  
*Security*  
Roy McCoy ext.22  
*Transportation*  
O.D. Pratt ext.23  
*Seniors*  
Lloyd Rochelle ext.21  
*Maintenance*  
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 10:15 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

***Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.***

**(Titus 2:9-10)**

The word "doctrine" is not an appealing word in today's society. If I were to announce that I am beginning a series of "doctrinal" sermons, the announcement would be met with some yawns and some groans. But, "doctrine" is a good word. It is a Bible word.

Doctrine can be compared to the skeleton in the body. If the skeleton is removed from the body, a person would fall into a heap and could never get up. Doctrine is what holds up a body of believers. Without doctrine, the church would be just another civic group, destined for an eventual collapse.

Doctrine, being like a skeleton, needs something around it to beautify it. I don't know of anyone who admires the beauty of a skeleton. In the text above, Paul says that Christians should take the doctrine, the "skeleton" of truths which holds up the church, and "adorn" it. The word "adorn" is the Greek word "cosmeo." We get our word "cosmetics" from this Greek word. The word means "to beautify, to make attractive." Paul says Christians should live in such a way that we adorn (beautify or make attractive) the doctrine of God.

A mathematician told a Christian that he didn't believe in the truth of the Bible. He said: "I refuse to believe a book that is ancient and has authors I don't know." "How about the multiplication tables?" the Christian asked. "They are ancient and no one knows who wrote them." "I believe in the multiplication tables because they work," replied the mathematician. "That's why I believe the Bible," said the Christian, "because it works."

Let's show the watching world that the Bible "works." That it produces meaningful, purposeful, joyous, and even *beautiful* lives.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**



There will be two work days coming up and your help is needed. There are clothes in the basement that need to be gone through and sorted. This is for Help for the Homeless. The first work day will be on Friday March 8 and the second day will be Friday March 15. These will both begin at 10 am.

Craft night will be on Monday, March 11th at 6 pm in the basement. They will be making spring decorations. The cost will be \$3.00.

The elders will feed the deacons & wives on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Golden Agers will be going to the Plantation Restaurant on March 21<sup>st</sup> leaving the building at 5:30 pm. Signup sheets will be out soon.

The elders will meet with the ladies of the congregation on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

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.



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Maxine Atkinson**, wife of long-time sheriff **Frank Atkinson** who passed away on Tuesday. Her visitation and funeral was on Thursday. She was the mother of **Pam Morgan & Susan McNabb**.

Also our sympathy to the family of **Skipper Sands** who passed away. He was the nephew of **Jewell Prince**.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

March 31 – Speaker Craig Shelton 9am & 12:30pm



**Members:** Mike Breece, Dewayne Victory, Hester Moss, Dave & 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, Wallace Harvill, Sandra Bagwell, Joyce Bates, Arica Hinson, Mark Wright, Linda Goad, Greg Bates, Helen Shanes, Terry Peevyhouse, Bracey Campbell (hospice), Donna Popp, Bobby Mack Dunn, Bobby Brawley, Dorris French, Dana Hall, 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

“A Monumental Choice”

God planned for humanity to walk with Him and experience fulfillment and meaning. He intended that we enjoy peace of mind, purity of heart, and innocence of conscience. But God also created us with the ability to exercise our free will and choose our own way. Humanity has the option to live in cooperation with God or try to live independently of God. The Lord has spoken, and we have His law within our conscience and in the Bible. God has always been clear with His instructions. Man has never been left in the dark. The deciding factor is our desire to do right or wrong. If we earnestly want to do right, God will give us the strength to do right. If we want to do wrong, He will allow us to do as we please.

God created us with a void that can be filled only as we walk with Him and do His will. If we pursue what we think will bring us happiness, we will not succeed in filling the empty space, because only God fits that void. After Adam and Eve fell from grace, they probably never forgot the glory they had experienced in Eden, nor the terrible emptiness they felt after disobeying God’s instructions. Peace and paradise were replaced with guilt and suffering.

We have the same choice before us today. Will you choose to experience God and His fulfillment, or will you choose the way that seems right to man and live an empty, meaningless life? This monumental choice has results that affect the present and will extend into eternity.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

### YOUTH CALENDAR FOR MARCH

**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  
- Desserts & Devo. 6:30 @ Kaitlyn's

### BIRTHDAYS WE MISSED THIS MONTH:

March 19 John Anderson III  
March 27 Lucy Knight

## Outing to the Vanderbilt Women's Basketball game last Sunday afternoon



I want to thank you for all the cards, visits, calls, and prayers since I have been sick. It is good to be back home! Please continue to pray for me.

In Christian love,  
**Hester Moss**

I want to thank those who are so willing to work & give of their time to help me with our Red Cross Drives, to Sharon & Roy McCoy, Brenda Stoltz, and Dorothy Weatherspoon. I could not do these drives without your help, also to O.D. Pratt, Sharon McCoy, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Brenda Stoltz, & myself for all the delicious cookies. We work hard, but also have lots of fun.

Again, thank you,  
**Margaret Martin**

**Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best.**

*Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)*



