

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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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

***Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.***

**1 Peter 2:11-12**

On a balmy October afternoon in 1982, Badger Stadium in Madison, Wisconsin, was packed. More than 60,000 University of Wisconsin fans had gathered to watch their beloved football team take on Michigan State. It soon became obvious the Michigan State had the better team that day. They got off to an early lead and were adding to it with apparent ease. But, strangely, as the score became more and more lopsided in Michigan State's favor, Wisconsin fans began to cheer. There were bursts of applause and shouts of joy from Wisconsin fans throughout the stadium. The small gathering of Michigan State fans wondered what was going on.

It turns out that, 70 miles away, the Milwaukee Brewers were beating the St. Louis Cardinals in game three of the 1982 World Series. Many of the Wisconsin fans were also avid Brewers fans, and they were listening to the World Series game on their portable radios and reacting when something good happened for the Brewers. These Wisconsin fans were confusing the Michigan State fans because they were responding to something other than their immediate circumstances.

The Bible encourages us to live as pilgrims and strangers in this world... to focus not on what is seen but what is unseen. If we do this, we will surprise many in the unbelieving world around us. We will surprise them because we will be able to rejoice even in the midst of hardships. Why? Because we have a constant awareness that no matter how it appears that the game of life is going, through Christ we are winning the ultimate victory.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**



The Golden Agers will be going to the Plantation Restaurant to eat on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The bus will leave the building at 5:30 pm. Signup sheets are in both foyers.

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

The homeless committee will meet this Monday in the basement at 6 pm.

A 2-day yard sale will be held here in the fellowship hall on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 4 pm and Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 2 pm. A chili lunch will be served both days for \$5 and a dessert for \$1. This will benefit Help for the Homeless.

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.

## MEMORIAL:

Please accept this contribution as a memorial in remembrance of Louise Hudgins.

Thank you,  
**Bill McDonald**

## YOUTH CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- 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

## MOTIVATION

- "The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything." – Edward Phelps
- "The grass is always greener where you water it." – Neil Barringham



**Members:** Dollie Wheeler, Mike Breece, Hester Moss, Christina George, Harry Fielder, James Hassell, Leon Lynn, Martha Harvill, Tony Halfacre, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Angie Davis, Lonnie Qualls, Adam Lawson, Wallace Harvill, Sandra Bagwell, Joyce Bates, Arica Hinson, Mark Wright, Linda Goad, Greg Bates, Helen Shanes, Bracey Campbell (hospice), Donna Popp, Bobby Mack Dunn, Bobby Brawley, Dorris French, Dana Hall, Mary Ann Wallace, Dorothy Love, Don Glover, Slater Springman, Tana Rochelle Brinke, John Beard, Jimmy George, David Talley, Jean Greer, Tommy Cagle, Clare Loughrey, Linda Truett, Kathy Brown, Jackson Bates, Greg McCord (St. Thomas West, no visitors), 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:** Percy Lancaster

## AREA EVENTS

The St. Jude Walk-A-Thon will be this Saturday 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.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY

**MARCH 31 – SPEAKER CRAIG SHELTON 9AM & 12:30PM**

*All of our contribution given that day will be going to our debt retirement. We will have a potluck after class and afternoon service at 12:30 p.m.*



## Center Fielders News

“Did You Get My Message”

One of the marvels of modern communications is its ability to distort or totally lose a message. Sometimes not using correct pronunciation marks or pressing a wrong key can change a message from being understood to confusing, from delightful to disgusting, or from worthwhile to destructive. This is in addition to all the messages that never get to their intended destination.

Is it now great to know that God hears us every time? He not only hears our words, He also understands the thoughts and intents of our heart, even if our mind is confused and our message doesn't make sense. Any dishonesty or conceit is completely obvious to His all-knowing mind. Even when our painful outcries cannot be reduced to words, He also understands what we are trying to say. He knows every language and the meaning of every word. He also knows if what we are asking for is not really what we need or want.

When God receives our requests in the form of rambling, undisciplined, shameful, or even sinful thoughts, He might decide to answer by giving us what we really do not want. When our thoughts are honest, just, pure, and lovely, and we focus on righteousness and praise, our prayers will be a delight to God and a blessing to ourselves. This will also be reflected in honorable and loving communication with others.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**



**Congratulations to Claire Willis for being chosen as Jr. Miss Queen Hickman County.**

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

- What if a dog only brings back the ball because he thinks I like throwing it?
- If poison is past its expiry date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
- Which letter is silent in the word “Scent,” the S or the C?
- Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
- Why is the letter w, in English, called double u? Shouldn't it be called double v?
- Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
- Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
- The word “swims” upside down is still “swims”
- Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.
- 100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today, everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.
- Your future self is watching you right now through memories.
- The doctors that told Stephen Hawking he had two years to live in 1953 are probably dead.
- If you replace “W” with “T” in “What, Where and When”, you get the answer to each of them.
- Many animals probably need glasses, but nobody knows it.
- If you rip a hole in a net, there are actually fewer holes in it than there were before.

