

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Wayne Prince ext.14  
Lafayette Spears ext.15  
Gary Wright ext.24

### DEACONS:

Gary Bailey ext.18  
*Schedule Events/FH*  
Mike Breece ext.19  
*Activities*  
Clay Chandler ext. 6  
*Benevolence*  
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

**Survey Says...** Surveys were distributed this past Sunday morning for our new women's ministry. If you did not receive a survey, see Amber Kelley and she will get one to you. You may place your completed survey in the basket on the table in the front lobby of our church building. We value each woman's input... and hope you will let us know what you think by completing this short, simple survey. We are so excited about the women's ministry! We are confident that much and lasting good will be done in our congregation and community.

**Spring Into Action.** Spring is in the air! The temperatures are warming, the sun is shining, buttercups and pear trees are starting to bloom. Spring is a time for new life and new growth. Let's work and pray for a "spiritual spring" in our congregation. Let's do some "spring cleaning" in our individual lives to make sure we are removing spiritual clutter that might hinder our service to God and one another. Let's pull the weeds that threaten to choke out the Word. Let's be working and praying for revival and growth in our congregation. The clocks have moved forward. Let's move the Kingdom forward through hope and hard work!

**Men's Prayer Breakfast.** Tuesdays are terrific at Fairfield because they begin with prayer! Several of our men meet in the basement of our building each Tuesday at 5:45 a.m. for a light breakfast. At about 6, we begin a chain prayer where everyone present is invited to pray. This past Tuesday, 17 of us gathered to lift our voices to God. We prayed for world leaders and world peace. We prayed for the sick and suffering. We prayed for our new women's ministry. We prayed for our nation. We prayed for several prospects who have been visiting our worship services. 17 is our all-time attendance record and we would like to break it! If you would like to join us, please do so. Hope to see you Tuesday!

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





The next outing for the Golden Agers will be on March 24<sup>th</sup> and will be going to Catfish Kitchen, a favorite of many. The bus will leave at 5:30 pm. Signup sheets are in both foyers.

The elders will meet with the deacons on March 27<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall at 5:00 pm.

The ladies' ministry questionnaire may be returned to Amber Kelley or drop in the basket in the front foyer (main entrance).



Thank you all for your kind words and prayers for our family through the illness and loss of **James Hassell**. You all meant so much to him and we are blessed to have had such a beautiful service for him at the church he considered "home." We appreciate everything from each and every one of you!

With love,  
**The Hassell Family**

### **PLACING MEMBERSHIP**

**Yvonna Caillouet** has expressed her desire to place membership here at the Field. She noted on her card: I can never thank this membership for the unbelievable warm welcome! I am so humbled to be in this church and to feel I've always been here. As true Christians, your members have blessed me and I hope to be the Christian that God and your members have encouraged me to be! Welcome Yvonna to our fellowship.

### **AREA EVENT**

We invite you to our first annual Friday night singing service. It will be at the Liberty Hill church of Christ at 7272 Old Cox Pike, Bon Aqua, TN at 7:00 pm on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Emcees will be: David Binkley, Curtis Hand and Mark Sullivan. At 9:00 pm, there will be a break for refreshments. Hope to see you there!



**Members:** Lelia Mae Poore (home), Lizzie Barber (home), Sherry Breece (home), Gerry Smith, Harry Totty, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Derek Hutchings, Dewayne Victory, Marlin Lawson, June Prince, Helen Shanes, Kenneth Chandler, Barbara Chandler, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

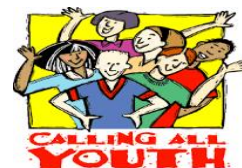
**Friends & Family:** Christians, missionaries, military personal & people in the Ukraine, Gus Gilreath (military service in Italy-eye issues), Wilma Green (mother of Barbara Edwards-hospital), Willie Taylor (cancer), Everett Kelly (father of Angela Green-ICU St. Thomas West), Vickie Halbrooks (mother of Randal-Centennial hospital), Phillip Halbrooks, Ray Weatherspoon (Vanderbilt-uncle of Nancy Baker), Kevin Chandler, Denny Quillen (hospital in Nashville), Jo James, Lucille Morphis, J.B. Brown (St. Thomas Midtown), 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, Billie Church, Daniel Spears, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Rachael Bellis, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, Donna Gaspard, Evan Boyd, Roman Surra, Rita Stacks, McKinley Moore, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

Isaiah Locke, grandson of Dorothy Noonan, will be deployed to Korea on March 22. Prayers for his safety.

**Life Care:** Francis Qualls (surgery went well this week), Anthony Stacks, Sue Edney, Hester Moss

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

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



**Mar 20** - Puppet show, during evening service, in Lift-Off



## Center Fielders News

"The Functioning Body of Christ"

Years ago, there was an article written about a "freak" turtle that had two heads. As you can imagine, this drew much attention. One thing that stood out about the turtle was that the two heads constantly fought against one another while eating, even though all the food was going to the same stomach. As humans, we would look upon that scene as something that does not make sense. We might even say, "That's silly". Don't they know the food is for them both? Yet sometimes we act more like this than we care to admit.

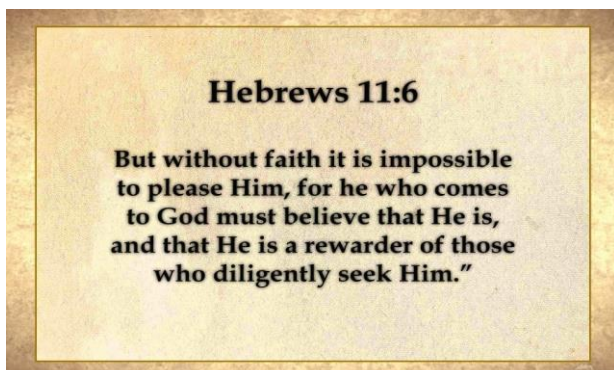
We as God's people are called "one body in Christ," but how often do we fail to respond in a Christlike way when we disagree with a brother or sister in Christ's church? We shake our heads and cluck our tongue about that way things are going in the world around us. People are divided and striving against each other, families are falling apart, schools are becoming more and more godless, and churches are crippled and struggling because of indifference, individualism, and selfishness.

How is it with us, the visible body of Christ? We find a beautiful picture of the functional body in 1 Corinthians 12. "For the body is not one member but many" (verse 14). The church is made up from a broad variety of members that should blend together in harmony, love, and submission to one another, with Christ as the Head of the whole body.

God designed the body to work together, one part helping the other. Every member is to be controlled by the same Head. Every member is to take care of the other members. "By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love one to another" (John 13:35).

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**



## MEN TO SERVE MARCH 20

### SUNDAY MORNING:

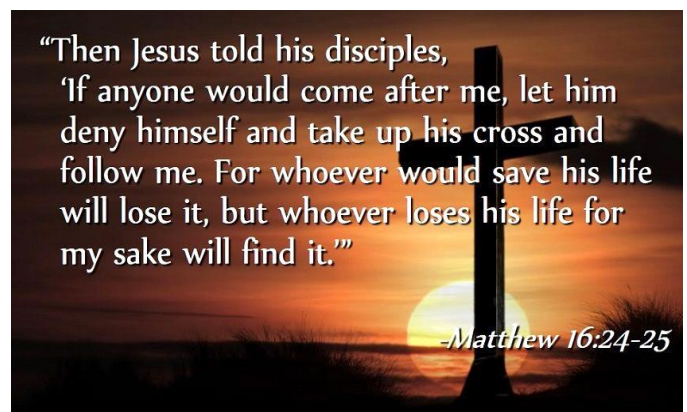
**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Mike Breece  
**Scripture Reading:** Wallace Smith  
**Scripture:** Matthew 16:24-25  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Adam Jude  
**Alternates:** Chris Wright, Gary Wright  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Woody Woodruff  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Scripture Reading:** Robert Graf  
**Scripture:** Hebrews 11:6  
**Song Leader:** Joseph Green  
**Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey  
**Lord's Supper:** Edwin Wright, Gerry Hinson  
**Closing Prayer:** Rick Bruno  
**Van Driver:** Jack Green 931-994-8317

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman  
**Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright  
**Invitation:** Mike Kelley  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855



## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 13, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	215
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5081
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

# THE BEATITUDES

(fourth in a series)

## BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST

***Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for they shall be filled.***

(Matthew 5:6)

The need for water or food is among the most common elements necessary for human existence. The prosperity of America has caused its citizens to devalue these requirements for life. Of course, the need for water and food remains in the minds of most people, but being honest, most of us have a casual desire that is easily supplied daily.

This beatitude suggests a much deeper need than just a casual desire for a daily meal. In fact, it has nothing to do with daily meals. Jesus is teaching people to develop an intense desire for righteousness. The value of the soul is measured not by general desires, but the intense need for the fulfillment of the qualities that leads to the saving relationship with the Lord.

The problem in America is that many are so intensely interested in living the good life and getting ahead financially that they have little time to pursue righteousness. However, Jesus is saying that to obtain righteousness the individual must have an intense desire to do so.

The promise to those who have such a desire for righteousness is that they shall be filled. The kingdom of heaven consists of those who have a deep longing for goodness, godliness and the qualities that are described as righteous, not after wealth, honor, or worldly fame.

The promise is not that they shall be partly filled or modified in form, but completely satisfied with the presence of the Lord. Realizing that life is a series of desires and fulfillments, the hunger and thirst is among the most intense needs.

*Bill Hopkins  
Ravenna, OH*



### Junior/Senior High Retreat 2022



# Welcome

*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.*

*Stay in touch with us on social media:*

**Facebook:** Fairfield church of Christ-Field Family

**Instagram:** fcocfamily