

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

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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)

## FROM THE ELDERS SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The elders met Tuesday afternoon concerning the Covid-19 virus. It is the elders' prayer that we have made some wise decisions to help keep our members safe and healthy during this time. From the 18<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, the following will be our schedule of services:

**Wednesday evenings: March 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> there will be no services.**

**Sunday morning worship service will be at 9:00 am as usual, and no Sunday School to follow on the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> and no evening worship.**

**For the Lords Supper, if you are unsure of taking it as usual, we will have individual bread and fruit of the vine at each entrance. We will be handing it out at each foyer as you come in.**

**The elders' meeting with the ladies on the 22<sup>nd</sup> will be rescheduled. The Golden Agers trip on March 26<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.**

**On March 29<sup>th</sup> we will have a special speaker, Woody Woodruff, for the fifth Sunday but there will not be a meal.**

**If you are sick or fall into the group of high risk, we encourage you to stay home and watch our live stream on Facebook at 9:00 am.**

**Thanks,**

**Lafayette, Wayne & Gary**



Ken Copley is needing 1 teacher for the next quarter (April-June) on Sunday mornings.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings here at Fairfield on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call **1-888-653-6441** or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word **circle** to **797979**.

\*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6:00 am in the basement.

\*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. evenings @ 6:00 pm in the basement.

\*The Quilters meet every Thurs. morning @ 9:00 am in the basement.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Wilburn Horner** who passed away. His funeral was is/was Friday.

## THE NEED TO FEAR GOD

There is no greater need in our time or any time, than the need to fear God. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7). The fear of the Lord is that understanding of God's greatness and power, and man's accountability toward Him. An "unknown God" cannot be trusted, served, nor worshipped. A scriptural and saving knowledge of God is the greatest need of every person, in every generation. Belief in God is the foundation principle of the Christian faith. The writer of the book of Hebrews said, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). Let us fear God and let's go to heaven together.



**Members:** Paul Victory, Rickey Weems, Angie Stacks, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Terry James, Noble Victory, Sandy Bagwell, Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Naomi Bailey, Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, Hester Moss, James Hassell, Diane Breece, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** B.J. Springer, McKinley Moore, Ruby Church, Wayne Winters, Emersyn Lannom, Carolyn Nash, Margaret Anglin, Sandy McFarlin, Glenna Hill, Linda Jones, Randy Hall, Rick Lee, Nancy Coursey, Kim Jenkins, Rachael Bellis, June Bell, Connie Garrett, Len Womack, Jerry Milam, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fagan, Jimmy Cline, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Ron Gossett, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, Adam Lawson, Mark Wright, Donna Popp, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jackson Bates, & William Dale Nash.

**Life Care:** Billie Joe Qualls, Margie Olson, Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

**St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:** Bill & Helen Shanes, Jo Hudgins (hospice), & Sybil Jenkins.

**Magnolia Place, Waverly:** Sarah Brown



**Woody Woodruff, speaker**

All of our contribution on this day will go into a building fund account in case of needed repairs, maintenance or expenses in the future. **CLASSES & POTLUCK HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.**

## BAPTIZED

Congratulations to **Bob Wilson** who was baptized last Saturday afternoon by Mike Kelley.

**ALL MARCH EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED**



## Center Fielders News

“Self-Identification”

Society puts great value on self-identification. Who do you think I am, what is my worth, and what are my rights? Interestingly, God has asked almost the same questions.

Who do you think I am? I am called to know and not just think that I am a child of God. Romans 13:3 puts this in perspective: “For by the grace given me I say to every one of you, do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. We are to think of ourselves as God thinks....no more no less.

What is my worth? The monetary worth of a human body is not easily agreed on. Estimates range from 4.50 to 45 million dollars. But even such prices cannot compare with my worth to God. You could add all the silver, gold, stocks, bonds, land, diamonds all together and those combined, would not value more than your soul to God. Your soul is the most valuable thing to God! He owns everything else!

What are my rights? I am absolutely free to choose good or evil. Some would say that God limits my rights by telling me what I cannot do. But if I have no desire to do the things I “cannot do,” then I am free. I can do as much good as I want to and there is “no law” against it (Galatians 5:23). Remember, there are no draftees in God’s army, just volunteers.

My worth. My rights. These questions revolve around “me.” The really important questions are these: What does think of my life? What is His worth to me? What rights do I grant Him in my daily walk? May we identify with Him so these questions are obvious to others from our daily walk.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

### What’s Your Answer?

I was on a flight the other day when the stewardess came up to me and said, “Excuse me sir, would you like to have dinner?”

I said, “What are the options?”

She said, “Yes and No.”

## MEN TO SERVE MARCH 22 LORD’S TABLE

**Preside:** Chris Wright

**Left:** Gary Basford  
Rick Bruno  
Keith Harvill  
Zack Harvill

**Right:** Jerrie W Barber  
Dalton Barber  
Wyatt H Barber  
Nathan Carroll

**Alternates:** Lee DeWire, Terry Duncan

**Basement:** Rusty Bates, Lafayette Spears

### PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

**A.M. Scripture Reading:** Rick Bruno

**Scripture:** James 1:2-5

**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Vance Willis

**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Dustin Bailey

### SONG LEADERS

**Sunday A.M.**

Darin Cochran

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday A.M.**

Rodney Rochelle

### VAN DRIVERS

**Sunday A.M.**

Gary Basford 931-628-0355

If you are unable to serve in anyway, please call or text Gary Basford at (931)628-0355 or Darin Cochran at (615)418-3148.

### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 15, 2020

**A.M. WORSHIP:** 170

**CONTRIBUTION:** \$3112

**2020 WEEKLY BUDGET** \$4167



## Mike's Minute

*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*  
(2 Timothy 1:7).

What strange times these are! In my 51 years, I have never experienced anything like the last several weeks. The Coronavirus has arrived in America and it has changed everything. Schools and businesses are closing. Sports are being shut down. Americans are being told to practice "social distancing," which basically means staying away from other people.

How does a Christian react in these times? First, we do not panic. If a Christian has a spirit of fear, it didn't come from God. God gives us a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind. We are certainly living in an age of anxiety. But God can help us rise above it.

While Coronavirus is very contagious, about 80% of people who contract the virus have relatively minor symptoms which go away fairly quickly. However, in about 20% of patients, especially the elderly and those who have pre-existing conditions such as kidney disease, diabetes, and heart conditions, the disease can be very serious and even deadly.

While panic is not called for, precaution is. Christians have a sound mind. That means we use common sense. Our elders here at Fairfield are asking us to take sound precautions as we worship together in the upcoming weeks. They are encouraging us to stay home if we are feeling ill, running a fever, or have pre-existing health conditions which make us vulnerable. Our services will be broadcast on Facebook Live for a few weeks and you are welcome to join us through this venue.

When we attend worship, we are encouraged to wash our hands frequently, and take advantage of the hand sanitizer which has been placed in the lobbies of our building. While we are a hand-shaking and hugging congregation, it would certainly be acceptable, and even advisable, for us to refrain from these activities for a few weeks.

Someone was asked about his favorite verse in the Bible. He said, "this too shall pass." May I remind you that these stressful times we are facing *will pass*. The sun will shine again. Things will return to normal. And, when this happens, we will appreciate "normal" more than we did before. In the meantime, remember to live with power, and love, and a sound mind.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**

