

# 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

**Woody Created A Buzz.** A special thanks to Woody Woodruff for serving as our 5th Sunday speaker at the Field. Woody is a member here at Fairfield who preaches often at the Coble congregation as well. He is known as the "Cowboy Poet" but I think he could also be called the "Cowboy Preacher!" He presented an outstanding message. The worship service has now been viewed 991 times (and counting) on Facebook. A special thanks to Jerrie Wayne Barber, Darin Cochran, Ronald Lynn, Randy Prince, and Rick Bruno for their hard work in improving our live streaming capabilities and getting our Sunday morning worship out to the masses.

**Forsaking The Assembly.** The Bible tells Christians to not be guilty of "forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:24-25). What does this mean? Are we guilty? Forsaking the assembly is abandoning or giving up on assembling for worship. It is getting out of the habit of meeting with other Christians. What we are doing, under the direction of our elders, is temporarily meeting in spirit (through technology) in place of meeting in body. We are worshipping from our homes, instead of at the church building. What we must refuse to do is to get out of the habit of worship during these unusual times. When things get back to normal (and they will), let's all plan to come back to the assembly and worship together both in body and in spirit on a regular basis. What a wonderful day that will be!

**Will We Grow Through What We Go Through?** Will this time of global pandemic ultimately make you a better person? Will you merely go through this time of quarantine and isolation, or will you GROW through it? How can you make sure you grow? First, realize that no one can isolate you from God. Paul could rejoice even when he was wrongly imprisoned because he knew that Jesus was with him (Philippians 4:4-5). They could lock Paul in that jail but they could not lock Jesus out! Second, choose to live by faith instead of fear. Spend more time with the Good News (which is the literal meaning of the word "Gospel") and less time with the evening news (where good news need not apply). Finally, ask yourself, "What am I going to learn from this? How is this going to make me stronger? How is this going to bring me closer to God?" Then prayerfully and diligently seek for those answers. Winston Churchill is credited with saying, "Never let a good crisis go to waste." Let's follow his sage advice in the days and weeks to come.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





The Life Line Screening has been cancelled for this month.



Thanks to all of you for your concern for our family when we lost our sister, **Dale Hudgins Moss**. Some of you have good memories of her also since she was at Fairfield in its beginning. A special thank you to Lorraine Bates for remembering when they worked together at First National Bank. Thanks also for the beautiful wind chimes.

In Christian love,  
**Floy Cochran & family**

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF March 29, 2020  
CONTRIBUTION: \$5140  
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET \$4167

## The Blessings of Friends and Family

It is truly a blessing to be part of a loving family. In like fashion, it is a great blessing to have dear friends. Sadly, not everyone knows what it feels like to be part of such things. All too often we take our family and friends for granted.

If you are so blessed as to have good friends, thank your heavenly Father.

If you are so blessed to have a loving earthly family, thank your heavenly Father.

If you are so blessed as to have a loving spiritual family (meaning you are a member of the body for which Jesus died—the Church), thank your heavenly Father.

In fact, the sacrifice that brought about the New Testament Church is one of the ways by which we know we are deeply loved by God (Acts 20:20).

In the church, God has provided everything a family needs: Leadership (1 Peter 5:1-4); Companionship and Strength (Gal. 6:2; 1 Thess. 4:18; Heb. 10:24); Love (1 John 3:1, 11). Don't you want to be part of this? Don't you want all that are dear to you to be part of this?

Bart Warren  
South Green Street church of Christ  
Glasgow, KY



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

**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:** Harley Parker (granddaughter of Raymond & Brenda Stoltz, back surgery Tuesday), B.J. Springer (surgery Thursday), 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, 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

## Without Restraint

Near the end of the book of Hosea, the prophet delivers a message from God that relates to the time of the Messiah's kingdom. That means it is a message for members of the church of the Lord.

That's you and me.

Here's the message: "I will heal their apostasy. I will love them freely" (14:4). Did you catch that last part? I will love them "freely," a word that means "without restraint." A God **infinite in power** imparting love without restraint?

That boggles the mind. How about yours?

Eddie Parrish  
Brown Trail church of Christ  
Bedford, TX



## Center Fielders News

“New Every Morning”

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice. In the morning I lay my requests before You and wait in expectation.... Psalm 5:3.

My favorite time of the day is in the morning, especially just before dawn. It requires rising early but, in my opinion, it is worth the effort. Daybreak gives an opportunity to see a new miracle each day as it happens. When the sun appears, I think I get a little sense of God’s pleasure when He said, “Let there be light,” and there was light!! We can experience this many times if we rise early and look to the east.

God’s mercies are also new every morning, and great is His faithfulness. The idea of a new supply of mercy and grace for the issues of the day is like watching darkness being chased away by light.

Yesterday is gone. Along with all the pain, regret, stress, and all the other things that robbed our joy is gone forever. If I gave in to bitterness or self-pity or greed or lust, I have another chance to implore God’s mercy and live in victory for today. If I had been bullied, or abused or insulted, I have a new supply of grace available to see God’s hand at work teaching me humility. The things that happened the day before need not make me fearful that I will fail again.

Being born again is not a one-time experience. After the initial new birth by faith and repentance, God continues to give new starts. The trials of life call us to Him for new mercies every day. Having failed or been discouraged yesterday does not force me to continue in that state today. Each new day gives me the opportunity to do what God enables me to do. What a blessing that is!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

### Rodney



### APRIL

- 1 Olivia Craft
- 4 Shanon Irwin
- 5 Barbara Edwards  
Tyler Stacks
- 6 Landon Graham  
Kathy Rose  
Chase Stanley
- 7 Katie Graham
- 8 Sherry Dunn  
Jewell Prince  
Tyler Stacks
- 9 Terri Barber  
Jackson Peebles
- 10 Renee Halbrooks
- 14 Teresa Warren  
Peyton Mathis
- 15 Fran Batts  
Angie Stacks
- 17 Deneen Clayton
- 18 Brandon James
- 19 Betsy Licciardello  
Bob Graf  
Caleb Truett  
Amy Gossett
- 20 Summer Duncan
- 21 Nevaeh Wright
- 22 Teresa Purcell
- 23 Isabella Liddell  
Joyce Cayce
- 25 Mike Breece
- 26 Burton Winters  
Sara Lawson
- 27 Roy McCoy
- 29 Marvin Truett  
Hester Moss
- 30 Betty Truett  
Martha Butler



### APRIL

- 28 Phillip & Roberta Anderson

*“We have little control over the circumstances of life. We can’t control the weather or the economy, and we can’t control what other people say about or do to us. There is only one area where we have control—we can rule the kingdom inside. The heart of every problem is the problem in the heart.”*  
— Warren Wiersbe

## **FROM THE ELDERS**

Troublesome times are here.....

We are experiencing what seems historically unreal in our world! Our people are sick with many more predicted to become sick and many of those who are already ill will not recover and many of those who will become stricken with the demon-like COVID-19, are predicted to not recover. The economic state of our great nation as we know it, is very much at stake also. The business world seems to slowly be grinding to an unprecedented halt leaving many without necessary means to provide needed daily necessities.

It is our duty and obligation as citizens and Christians to do what each of us can to assist in the slowing and stopping of the spread of this physical disease. Various officials in leadership positions and in the medical profession have set up guidelines that should be followed in an attempt to curb and to lower the physical infection rate. Thusly, "Safer At Home" requests and social distancing policies have been issued in hopes that we will follow these instructions as we combat and stop this somewhat mysterious physical sickness.

How does all this affect us? As daily routines and lifestyle habits have become altered for all, we might be wise to take a close look at Galatians 5:22-23 which speaks of the fruit of the Spirit.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

As we embrace each other through these struggles and tribulations, let us be mindful of our fellow Christians, friends and neighbors, and may we always set forth a good example in our daily lives as we live by "the fruit of the Spirit".

It is written in Psalm 32:8 "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise and watch over you." With the instructions and guidelines set forth for us many places in the Bible, let's all of us do our very best to remember that **God is in control** and it is our responsibility to do what we should do through these troublesome times.

Pray daily that through this pandemic *all things work together for good!*

**Lafayette, Wayne & Gary**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK FACEBOOK & FAMILY LINE FOR THE LATEST UPDATES TO OUR LIVE STREAM.**

**Mike Kelley will be speaking at 9:00 am via live streaming on YouTube and Facebook.**

This is the correct URL to log in and watch on YouTube Sunday morning.

<https://youtu.be/X7jM-BdLj54>