

# 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

***Only fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."  
They are corrupt, and their actions are evil;  
Not one of them does good!  
Will those who do evil never learn?  
They eat up my people like bread  
And wouldn't think of praying to the LORD.  
Terror will grip them,  
For God is with those who obey Him.  
(Psalm 14:1, 4-5)***

As Vice President, George Bush represented the United States at the funeral of former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. Bush was deeply moved by a silent protest carried out by Brezhnev's widow. She stood motionless by the coffin until seconds before it was closed. Then, just as the soldiers touched the lid, Brezhnev's wife performed an act of great courage and hope, a gesture that must surely rank as one of the most profound acts of civil disobedience ever committed... she reached down and made the sign of the cross on her husband's chest.

There, in the citadel of secular, atheistic power, the wife of the man who had run it all hoped that her husband was wrong. She hoped that there was another life, and that it was best represented by Jesus, who died on the cross, and that the same Jesus might have mercy on her husband.

As I read that story recently, I was reminded of another Russian... a novelist named Andrei Bitov, who grew up under the atheistic Communist regime. The book, "The Purpose Driven Life," by Rick Warren, tells about the dreary day that God got his attention. Here, in Bitov's own words, is what happened: "In my twenty-seventh year, while riding the metro in Leningrad, I was overcome with a despair so great that life seemed to stop at once, preempting the future entirely, let alone any meaning. Suddenly, all by itself, a phrase appeared: *Without God life makes no sense*. Repeating it in astonishment, I rode the phrase up like a moving staircase, got out of the metro and walked into God's light."

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**



There will be a drop off bridal shower for **Rachel Gosser**. Please leave your gift on the table in the front foyer by this Sunday. The church is invited to her wedding in Arkansas. The invitation is on the bulletin board.

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, after class, Virginia & Dallas Bailey will host a spaghetti luncheon for \$5 a plate with green beans, dessert & drink to raise funds for church camp this summer.

The widows and widowers luncheon this year will be on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the fellowship hall. This year's guest speaker will be Bill McDonald. Please RSVP Randal Halbrooks by April 24<sup>th</sup> at 931-994-9070.

If you know of anyone additional seniors that should be honored on senior night, please let Teresa Craft know. Senior night is May 6<sup>th</sup>.

\*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.

## YOUTH CALENDAR FOR APRIL

**April 14** - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo, during evening service & Field House. Please bring a flashlight.

**April 16** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 @ Field House

**April 19** - No school

**April 21** - Egg Hunt following Sunday school. We need individually wrapped candy or filled eggs. See Teresa if you need some eggs.

**April 21** - Puppet show during evening service.

**April 30** - Desserts & Devo, 6:30 – 8:00 @ the Field House



**Horizon Rehab:** Greg McCord (he can have visitors after 3 pm)

**Members:** Dollie Wheeler, Willie Powers, Roy McCoy (cancer free), Connor Peebles (home), Dot Davidson, Brenda Scott, Daisy Beard, 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, James Coates, Glenda Coates, Jo Ann Totty & Sarah Brown (*Magnolia Place, Waverly*).

**Friends & Family:** David Talley (Dickson Horizon hospital, bronchitis), Ray Woodruff, Alyssa Aydelott (surgery soon), Mary Spears, Willie B. Coates (NHC Transitions, Columbia), Ronnie Pittman, Angie Davis (surgery scheduled soon), Lonnie Qualls, Adam Lawson, Sandra Bagwell, Joyce Bates, Arica Hinson, Mark Wright, Linda Goad, 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, Jean Greer, Tommy Cagle, Clare Loughrey, Linda Truett, Kathy Brown, Jackson Bates, 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.

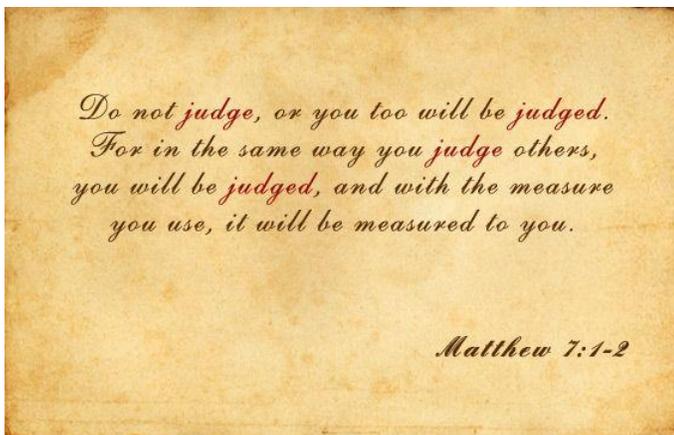
**NHC Dickson:** Percy Lancaster

## PLACING MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome **Keith & Zack Harvill** to Fairfield as they wish to place membership with us. Please welcome them.

*"I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live."*

*Ecclesiastes 3:12*





## Center Fielders News

“Why Change”

As we grow older, changes become harder to make. We like to get into a groove and stay there. We don't like to have our pattern disrupted. However, this is not a valid reason to refuse change. Not all change is bad. The scriptures encourage us to grow in our relationship with God, and this means making positive changes. Of course, we need to be established in sound faith and not discard practices without carefully considering why they were established. Let's not tear down fences without first knowing why they were put there. If removing a fence will not improve our spiritual safety, we had better leave it in place. Otherwise we may be destroying valuable spiritual boundaries.

Why do we want change? Is it because of a desire for a closer walk with God, or a desire from our own fleshly longings? We need to examine our motives to determine if they are honorable or dishonorable. Does the desired change enhance our relationship with God? Does it fit with cross bearing? What changes have we made in our personal or family life over the last few years? Do we allow activities or items of technology in our homes that we once considered harmful? If so, what are the results now?

The Scriptures encourage us to make many positive changes in our lives. For example, 2 Peter 1:5-7 says. “Add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, Godliness; and to Godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. If we will practice these changes, we will become more and more like our savior, Jesus Christ. And that is will of the Father for every person who has ever been born.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## SENIOR NIGHT

*May 5<sup>th</sup> during evening service.*

*Our Seniors for 2019 are :*

*Olivia Dotson*

*Garrett Cochran*

*Cameron Creech*

*Allison Cook*

**Please let Teresa know if she has missed someone.**

## Of Facts and Feelings

The movie and television industries exist to promote entertainment fantasy. One of the latest fads is the “reality” show. The only problem is that there is almost nothing even remotely “real” about these shows. So what?! Selling fantasy is about creating feelings not delivering facts. Except for a few documentaries and such, the purpose of television programming in general is to provoke emotions.

It is sometimes difficult in matters of religion to balance the dual presence of both facts and emotions. Some have argued that religion is exclusively about facts and there is no place for feelings. Not true. Others seem to care only about emotional responses and have little regard for truth.

Feelings are not equal to truth. Jacob grieved over the death of his son, Joseph, and could not be consoled by the rest of the family, (Gen. 37:33-35) even though Joseph was in fact not dead. The so-called evidence presented to Jacob led him to conclude his son was dead. Those “facts,” though deceptive, caused Jacob to “feel” exactly the same as if Joseph was truly dead.

In Acts 23:1, Paul stated that he had lived with a clean conscience before God all his life. Later, to Timothy, he would say that he was the chief of sinners (1 Tim. 1:15), guilty of blasphemy and violence (v. 13). How could both be true? Simple, Paul actually did the deeds of animosity and destruction against the church while denying that Jesus was the Christ. However, since Paul believed he was fighting for God he felt good about his actions. Later, when he learned that he was wrong in what he had believed and was wrong in what he had done he felt very bad about the same actions he had previously felt good about.

Jacob's feelings of loss did not change the truth about Joseph. Paul's feelings of zeal in persecuting Christians did not change the fact that he was wrong and was harming the church of Christ.

Whether one is in a lost or saved condition cannot be ascertained by the emotions that one feels. It is one's obedience to the word of God, and not feelings, that determines salvation. However, when one has come to understand the truth of God, it is normal, and expected, that feelings will follow. The response of the Jews in Acts 2:37 shows that a proper understanding of the truth of the gospel can bring about deep convictions and that obedience to the word of God can also evoke great emotions “and he went on his way rejoicing,” (Acts 8:39).

*Tim Orbison*

*Maysville church of Christ*

*Gurley, AL*

