

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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### DEACONS:

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931-212-2560  
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Ken Copley - *Education*  
931-703-5062  
Steve Craft - *Youth*  
931-729-5063  
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931-994-9508  
Adam Jude - *Young Adults*  
615-584-9348  
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931-994-7244  
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615-975-3938

### Benevolence

931-729-4534

### Pulpit Minister:

Mike Kelley - 931-994-1911

### Associate Minister:

Josh Copley - 931-994-3944

### Youth Minister:

Chris Wright - 931-206-6629

### 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**



## Mike's Minute

*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.*

Romans 8:26

Derek Redmond, a twenty-six-year-old Briton, was favored to win the four-hundred-meter race in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Halfway through his semifinal race, a crippling pain suddenly shot through his right leg. He crumpled to the track. A torn hamstring.

As medical attendants were approaching, Redmond fought to his feet. "It was animal instinct," he would later say. He pushed away coaches and started hopping on his left leg in a crazed attempt to finish what he had started.

When he reached the final stretch, a large man pushed his way through the crowd. The man was wearing a T-shirt that read, "Have you hugged your child today?" and a "Just Do It" cap. The big man was Jim Redmond, Derek's father.

"You don't have to do this," he told his weeping son.

"Yes, I do," Derek replied.

"Well, then, we are going to finish this together."

And they did. Jim wrapped Derek's arm around his shoulder and helped him hobble to the finish line. The crowd clapped, then stood, then cheered, then wept as the father and the son finished the race.

What made the father do it? What made him leave the stands to meet his son on the track? Was it the strength of his child? No. It was the pain of his child. His son was hurt and fighting to complete the race. So, the father came to help him.

God does the same for His children. Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But, the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and *not* the one who prays it. Therefore, weak and hurt and broken as we are... our prayers make a difference.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





## Just Joshin'

## Rules Without Relationship Lead to Rebellion

Why is it, then, that some children rebel  
and some do not?

We are now on the other side of another Easter and what a blessed holiday it is! There is so much hope, joy, love, and peace found in the day that we celebrate the Resurrection. Now I ask the question: Are we keeping that same fire in our heart beyond Easter Sunday? It's easy to go back to our routines and to forget the feeling-that passion that we have on resurrection Sunday. So, what are we supposed to do, then? We must, constantly, be in the pursuit of greatness and striving to imitate Christ. Not just one day but every day.

Jesus flips our idea of greatness upside down, however. Instead of chasing status or recognition, He says real greatness comes from serving others. Matthew 20:26-27 reads, *"It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,"* That's not always easy, though. Serving often happens in small, unnoticed ways. Maybe you're helping someone out, offering encouragement, or simply showing up when it matters. But those moments reflect the heart of Jesus more than anything else. This week, look for simple ways to put others first. In God's kingdom, greatness isn't about being on top. Rather, it's about being willing to serve.

To God be the glory,  
**Josh**

I was listening to a family therapist being interviewed on the radio the other day. In the course of the program, I heard her use a phrase that really made me think. She said, "Rules without relationship lead to rebellion." The more I thought about that statement, the more I realized how true it was. Think about it - every family has rules. Why is it, then, that some children rebel and some do not?

Could it be that no matter how many or few rules there are, if a child's relationship with their parents is bad, then it is very likely they will rebel? I think so. Rules mean little without relationship.

Could it also be true that some children remain obedient and respectful to parents, not because of lack of rules, but because their relationship with their parents is so close that they are willing to obey whatever rules that family has? Again, I think so. With true love comes true respect.

Now, let's take this one step further. Could it be that some Christians "rebel" against their heavenly Father simply because they never develop a close, loving relationship with Him? Sadly, I think so. These people resent His will, which like earthly parents', is intended for their own good. To them, following God's "rules" are grievous.

Could it also be that some children of God remain obedient and reverent to their Father in heaven and, as a result, are willing to obey whatever commands He has for them? I know so. Those who grow and mature in the faith and continually increase their love for God will not see His commands as burdensome (Matt. 11:30), but rather will be happy to do them.

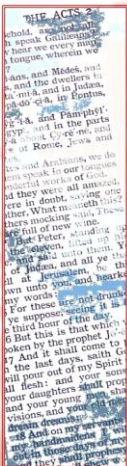
Maybe we could extend the saying to this: "Rules without relationship lead to rebellion, but rules with relationship lead to respect."

It is very important that we check our relationship with God. What is our attitude toward His will? Please carefully and prayerfully read 1 John 3:1-24.

Edd Sterchi  
Broadway church of Christ  
Campbellsville, KY

## John 20:30-31

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; **but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.**





### April

- 12<sup>th</sup>** - Puppet Show during evening service  
In Lift-Off
- 19<sup>th</sup>** - 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade devo, during evening  
Service at the Field House
- 21<sup>st</sup>** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 - 8:30  
at the Field House

### May

- 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Senior Night, details later. It will start  
with the evening service followed by  
a slide show and Bible Presentation,  
then finger food fellowship to end the night



Congratulations to **Ethan Willis** for being named the  
Most Outstanding Computer Engineering student at  
University Alabama Huntsville for 2026.

The jail ministry had a baptism last Saturday. **Sarah  
Gray** was baptized into Christ.

## COMMUNITY-WIDE, WIDOWS & WIDOWERS LUNCHEON



**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026 (at) NOON**  
**GUEST SPEAKER: TERESA PURCELL**

FAIRFIELD CHURCH OF CHRIST  
1860 HWY 100  
CENTERVILLE, TN 37033  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

RSVP BY APRIL 22nd  
RANDAL HALBROOKS (931) 994-9070

## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude  
**Scripture Reading:** Robert Graf  
**Scripture:** John 20:30-31  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Left:** Ken Copley      **Right:** Lafayette Spears  
Marty England      Keith Harvill  
Erik Hassell      Buddy Chandler  
Phillip Coates      James Swaw  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Josh Copley  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

**Announcements:** Gary Basford  
**Scripture Reading:** Gerry Hinson  
**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 8:3  
**Song Leader:** Gary Basford  
**Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey  
**Lord's Supper:** Gary Wright, Boyce Cannon  
**Closing Prayer:** Roy McCoy  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford (931-628-0355)

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright  
**Song Leader:** Gary Basford  
**Opening Prayer:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love (931-994-7855)

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF April 5, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP	290
CONTRIBUTION	\$7,702
<b>2026 WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,417</b>

*Welcome to all our visitors. Please fill out a  
visitor's card and leave it on the seat so we can  
have a record of your visit.*



Stay in touch with us on social media:  
**Facebook:** Fairfield church of Christ - Field Family  
**Instagram:** fcofamily  
**Website:** fairfieldcofc.org

## UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be a mission meeting Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in room 104.

There will be a planning day for the Ladies' Tea Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in room 104.

There will be a Community Wide Widows/Widowers Luncheon held April 25<sup>th</sup> at noon. Guest Speaker will be Teresa Purcell. RSVP to Randal Halbrooks by April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please spread the word.

The women's Purpose Field Ministry is having a supply drive for Women are Safe. Needed items are listed in the bulletin, and items need to be brought to the Ladies' Tea on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about the supply drive, please see Jan Campbell or Joyce Bruno.

If you have brought food to any of the recent meals for funerals, please check the fellowship hall for your dishes.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 pm in room 104.

The **Men's Prayer Breakfast** meets Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the **basement**.

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday at 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.



**Women Are Safe**  
(soon becoming We Are Safe)

### Spring 2026 Wishlist

Any/All Household Cleaning Products  
Laundry Detergent, Bleach, Fabric Softener, & Sheets

- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- Trash Bags (13 Gallon)
- Standard Pillows
- Square/Rectangle Plastic Laundry Basket
- Sheet Sets (Twin or Queen)
- Comforters or Blankets (Twin or Queen)
- Towels, Hand Towels, and Wash Cloths

Donations purchased on our Online Wishlists will be delivered directly to WAS.

**AMAZON:**  
[https://www.amazon.com/bw/wishlist/t/8BQ3XBA7W10zrfnqv\\_wishlist\\_list\\_17\\_encodingU78Mzpmshlist](https://www.amazon.com/bw/wishlist/t/8BQ3XBA7W10zrfnqv_wishlist_list_17_encodingU78Mzpmshlist)

**WALMART SPARKGOOD:**  
[https://www.walmart.com/wishlist/8813ce6241\\_9fbc-4288-0868-74932K152te](https://www.walmart.com/wishlist/8813ce6241_9fbc-4288-0868-74932K152te)

For all other donations, contact our office at (931) 729-9885 to make delivery arrangements.

**NOTE:** Due to funding changes, we no longer have a cloths-closet.

For all services that we offer, check out our website at:  
<https://www.womenaresafe.org/>

P.O. BOX 2  
CENTERVILLE, TN 37033

## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**Members:** Mary Morphis (home), Woody Woodruff (St. Thomas West), Amber McDonald, Dana McCaleb, Whitney Carroll, Preston Rochelle, Linda Smith, Dot Davidson (home), Gerry Loveless, Shelby Bates, Kerry Lynn, Steve Atkinson, Brandy Sullivan (surgery April 28<sup>th</sup>), Harry Totty, Peggy McCoy, Conner Peebles, Dave Davidson, Curtis Edwards, Jackson Bates, Adam Lawson, Marlin & Barbara Lawson, Violet Shelby, Brenda Carroll, Sherrie Talley, Bobby C. McCoy, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Lelia Mae Poore, & Dorothy Weatherspoon

**Friends & Family:** Richie Spann (brother-in-law of Terri Barber), Hilda Atkinson (Centennial hospital), Doug Gardner (cancer), Gail Barber, Donald Brady, Tammy Wright, Amalia Rose Shaw, J.T. Booker, Gail Tidwell, Regina Elkins, Kathryn Purcell, Randy Pitman, Deborah Roberts, Dottie McClearn, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Mildred Rochelle, Edna Copley, Doug True, Davy Baker, Linda Canady, Paul Harvill, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, Willie Lawler, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

**Life Care:** Willie B Coates, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler

**NHC Columbia:** Leroy Cannon (rehab)

If you have a **prayer request**, please write it on a blue card and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.

## Deuteronomy 8:3

- **Deuteronomy 8:3** "He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.