

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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Steve Craft ext.20  
*Youth*  
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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 10:20 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

### How To Have A Big Day At Church

Pentecost was a big day! How big? Well, thousands were in attendance... and, after the sermon, three thousand responded to the invitation of Christ and were baptized. What made Pentecost so great? The simple answer is the power of God. However, while God provided the blessing on this great day, the people put themselves in a position to be blessed by God. What did they do? How can we do it, too? As we think about these things, let's apply what we learn to the big day coming to our congregation this Sunday... Easter.

**Prayer** made Pentecost a big day. Before Acts 2, which records the events of Pentecost, there is Acts 1. In Acts 1, we learn what the believers in Jerusalem were up to on the days leading up to Pentecost. They were praying (Acts 1:14). Prayer precedes many and most blessings of God! Would you be praying that Easter Sunday will be a great day at Fairfield? Would you be praying that much and lasting good will come from our worship, study and fellowship?

**Publicity** made Pentecost a great day. Acts 2:1-5 is certainly a strange passage compared to our normal experiences. The sound of rushing wind, tongues of fire, speech in many different languages. What did it all mean? What was God up to with all these pyrotechnics? God was getting people's attention. God was saying, in effect, "Hey, Jerusalem. Watch and listen to what is about to happen because this is a BIG deal!" Would you do your part in getting the attention of those in our community and letting them know about Easter Sunday at Fairfield? Would you invite those you come in contact with this week?

**Presence** made Pentecost a big day. Acts 2:1, "When the day of Pentecost came, they (the believers) were all together in one place." Would you do your best to be present and accounted for at worship this Sunday morning? There are many other places you could be, but nowhere better!

Can't wait to see you Sunday!

In Christian Love,

Mike





There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after services this Sunday. Everyone who is wanting to hunt eggs, please meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Sunday school. We will need help hiding eggs and need folks to stand next to the road to make sure that the kids do not get in the road.

If you have a loved one on the prayer list and they are now doing better, please let one of the elders know so they can be removed from the list.

Everyone is invited on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall when we will celebrate our **Burton Winters** as he turns **100** years old! Mr. Winters is a World War II veteran, a devoted Christian and a good example to us all. Signup sheets are in both foyers for food that you would be willing to bring and if you plan to attend. *BBQ, buns, and birthday cake will be furnished.* Signup sheets for side dishes are in both foyers. Also let us know how many from your family will be attending. *No gifts; cards only!*

The Golden Agers will be going to Legends in Columbia on April 28<sup>th</sup>. The bus will be leaving at 5:30 and signup sheets are now in both foyers.

Senior night is May 1<sup>st</sup> during evening service. If you are a high school senior and have not turned in your pictures and form, please do so immediately. Please see Teresa Craft for more information. Our seniors for 2022 are: **Lemuel Watson, Anna Green, Daniel Green, Jesse Stacks, Ethan Willis, John Anderson and Michael Bosch.** If any of our seniors has been left out, please let Teresa know as soon as possible.

Also, there will be an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party for **Gerry Smith** on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm at Homestead restaurant. No gifts please but cards would be appreciated.



We express sympathy to the family of **Laura White** of Scottsboro, AL, who was a close friend of **Gerry Smith.**



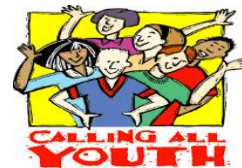
**Members:** Ralph Givens (Dickson Horizon), Patsy Givens, Yvonna Caillouet (broken foot), Butch Sullivan (broken ankle), Ronald Lynn (back surgery), Donna Pitman, Deborah Peery (home), Lelia Mae Poore, Sherry Breece, Harry Totty, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Derek Hutchings, Dewayne Victory, Helen Shanes, Kenneth Chandler, Barbara Chandler, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Christians, missionaries, military personal & people in the Ukraine, Cruze Wright (Yvonna C.'s grandson-tests) Diana Bailey (kidney stones), Greg McCord, Randy Pitman (home), Gus Gilreath, Wilma Green (mother of Barbara Edwards), Willie Taylor (cancer), Everett Kelly (St. Thomas West), Vickie Halbrooks, Ray Weatherspoon (Select Specialty Hospital Rehab), Kevin Chandler, Denny Quillen (hospital in Nashville), Jo James, Lucille Morphis, Wanda Gilliam Felts, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, Doris & Marjorie Claud, Rebeca Mears, David Dansby, James Coates, Greg Zoller, Seth Williams, Elizabeth Dunn, Kelley Wilson, Glen England, Billie Church, Daniel Spears, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, Donna Gaspard, Evan Boyd, Rita Stacks, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

**Life Care:** Francis Qualls, Anthony Stacks, Hester Moss

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

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



**Apr 17** - Easter Egg Hunt, immediately following Sunday School. We will need candy filled eggs for the kids to hunt and volunteers to help hide eggs and help with the hunt.

**Apr 19** - Middle/HS devo, 6:30-8:30 in the FH

**Apr 24** - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade devo, during evening service @ FH



## Center Fielders News

“Are All the Doors Open”

Our heart is like a house with many rooms. Most rooms are open for all to see, but some people carefully protect some small part for themselves. One man had a room in his house that he kept securely locked. Not even his wife was allowed access to it. Naturally the family wondered what was in there that no one else was allowed to know. It raised questions and concerns.

In the Bible there was a man that came running to Jesus. He asked what he must do to inherit eternal life, and Jesus listed a number of commandments. The man opened his heart and declared that he had kept all those things from his youth. Then Jesus pointed to the one door in the man’s heart that was locked. Jesus told him he would have to unlock it and give up everything in that room. This included selling everything he had, giving to the poor, and following Jesus. The man resisted and revolted. He was not ready to open the door of that one room. So, he went away very sad.

We can fall into the same trap. We can give much to God but keep something back that we are not ready to give up. It might be a possession, an attitude or a grudge, a wrong desire or a secret sin, or whatever it is, but whatever it is, the Lord knows!!!

If there is any locked room in our heart, we can be sure that Jesus will point to that door. He knows that the things in that room are harmful and are keeping us from the blessing He wants to give us. If one is not willing to open all the doors of our heart to God, we will be like the man that went away from Jesus very sad. But if we do open everything to Jesus, He can give peace and joy that the world cannot give and that the world cannot take away.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF April 10, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	205
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4672
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

## MEN TO SERVE APRIL 17

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Ronny Pitman  
**Scripture Reading:** Keith Harvill  
**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-4  
**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Alternates:** Rick Bruno, Kenneth Jett  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Van Driver:** Angie Green 931-219-7979

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Scripture Reading:** Gerry Hinson  
**Scripture:** Galatians 1:6-10  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Rose  
**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy  
**Lord’s Supper:** Dale Dillingham, Boyce Cannon  
**Closing Prayer:** James Swaw  
**Van Driver:** Angie Green 931-219-7979

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright  
**Song Leader:** Gary Basford  
**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude  
**Invitation:** Mike Kelley  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855

**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

“Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures” (NKJV).

## AREA EVENT

Friends & Family Day, at the Columbia Avenue church of Christ on April 24<sup>th</sup> with guest speaker: Marricus Ellis of Shelbyville, TN. Sunday School @ 10 am, Morning Worship @ 11 am. Boxed Lunch will be provided. Evening Worship @ 2:30 pm.

## THE BEATITUDES

(last in a series)

### BLESSED ARE THE PERSECUTED

***Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*** (Matthew 5:10)

One characteristic of a citizen of the kingdom of God is that he/she must be ready and willing to suffer persecution. The ability to suffer persecution without complaint is fundamental in being peacemakers. The work of a peacemaker is not an easy or light work.

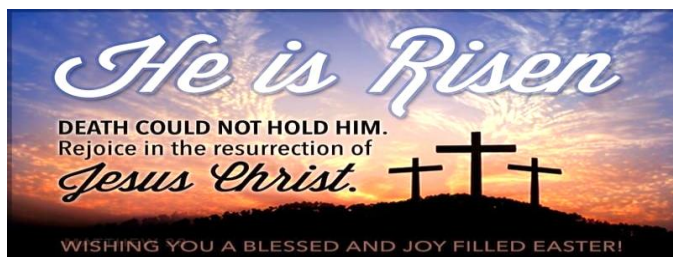
The blessing is pronounced upon those who are persecuted for righteous" sake and not for those who are persecuted for their opinions or their behavior. Jesus as our example was already bitterly hated and reviled. Evil men were already seeking His life. (Mark 3:6; Luke 6:7,11)

Persecution can be made in various ways. It can be the taking of a person's property or by misrepresentation, even by slander or willfully impugning a person's motives. There have been examples where a person's mistakes have been exaggerated for the purpose of destroying or demeaning the individual's character.

This plainly signifies that "the kingdom of heaven" will encounter opposition; righteousness has its foes in the minds of sinful people. There is the constant antagonism between good and evil, truth and error, right and wrong, Christ and the devil. The evil forces of the world are constantly at war with the godly. (Ephesians 6:10-18) Those who maintain a firm stand for godly living must expect persecution. (1 Timothy 3:12)

Those who suffer persecution are promised the kingdom of heaven. This is the result of allowing persecution to drive a person closer to God and His Word. The closer we are to God, the more successful we will be in our effort to patiently suffer persecution. It is the result of focusing our mind on the blessings of God and eradicating the world from our lives.

*Bill Hopkins  
Ravenna, OH*



Mark your calendars! VBS will be here soon. It will be on Sunday nights (July 10, 17, 24, and 31). The theme this year is "Heroes of Faith." If you would like to volunteer to teach, there is a signup sheet in the educational wing foyer. More information will be given soon.

### CRAFT NIGHT



## Welcome

*We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. 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