

# 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  
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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

Scripture is truly amazing. Each time we come to a passage; we can find a precious new truth that impacts our life. Such has been the case with me recently. This past Sunday, I led us in a study of Luke 8:40-56. In this narrative, Jesus raises a dead girl (Jairus' daughter) and heals a woman from chronic bleeding.

After I finished the sermon and reviewed the text in my mind, another insight occurred to me. One I hadn't seen in my original study of the passage. The insight comes from verses 51 and following:

"When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not allow anyone to go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. 'Stop wailing,' Jesus said, 'She is not dead but asleep.' They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and said, 'My child, get up.' Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up."

*Jesus took only the believers into the house to witness the miracle.* The skeptical, scoffing unbelievers were left outside. It's as if the believers needed to separate themselves from the unbelievers for this miracle to occur.

The takeaway? Our environment is so important! There are many in our world who scoff at Christian faith. We must be careful to limit our exposure to such people. During our time with them, we must make sure that we influence them more than they influence us.

This is one of the reasons that being in the assembly to worship God is so important. Being in the presence of believers does us more good than we know.

Be sure to frequently separate yourself from the unbelieving crowd. Get yourself in the "inner circle" of believers... and watch God go to work and do amazing things!

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





Senior night is this Sunday during evening service. Our seniors for 2022 are: **Lemuel Watson, Anna Green, Daniel Green, Jesse Stacks, Ethan Willis, John Anderson, Michael Bosch** and **Gabe Stone**. We will have a finger food fellowship following the evening service.

Mother's Day is May 8<sup>th</sup>; we will recognize our mothers with "Muffins with Mom" and her family in the Fellowship Hall starting at 8:00 am. Please signup by May 4<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend and indicate the number that will be attending with you so we can prepare what is needed. Sign up sheets are in both foyers.

We need to take time to say a special thanks to some of our men who have volunteered to help with the jail ministry and Sunday worship at the nursing home. Daniel Dressler oversees the ministry for both but has been unable to participate as he is recovering from knee surgery. They are: **Tom Gosser, Norman George, Boyce Cannon, Steve Baker and Jeff Rose**.

Men to serve and van driver sheets for May are in both foyers. Please pick one up.

Responding to the Lord's invitation Wednesday night and requesting prayers was Chris England, Boyce Cannon and Joyce Bruno (for Connie Johnston, who had a heart attack and is a co-worker of hers at the local hospital).



We express our love and sympathy to the family of **Greg McCord** who passed away Wednesday night. To Karen, Michael, Jana and their families, we offer our sincere condolences. Greg was a former youth minister and pulpit minister here in the 90s. Visitation with the family will be Saturday from 2-8 pm at McDonald Funeral Home. Visitation Sunday will be from 12-2 pm and funeral at 2 pm at the Centerville church of Christ. A meal will be provided for the family after the burial in the fellowship hall. Pinewood and Centerville churches will also provide food for the family on Sunday.



**Members:** Garland Horner (St. Thomas Midtown), Janey Gilbert, Margaret Martin (home), Ralph Givens (Dickson Horizon), Patsy Givens, Butch Sullivan (broken ankle), Ronald Lynn, Deborah Peery, Lelia Mae Poore, Sherry Breece, Harry Totty, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Dewayne Victory, Helen Shanes, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens (back surgery on May 16 at St. Thomas Midtown), Paul & Noble Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Christians, missionaries, military personal & people in the Ukraine, Connie Johnston (co-worker of Joyce Bruno-St. Thomas Midtown, heart attack), Mark Walton (heart surgery), J.B. Brown (local hospital-therapy), Wyatt Aydelott, Nancy Clancy (daughter of Dorothy Noonan-cancer), Cruze Wright, Randy Pitman, Gus Gilreath, 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:** Wilma Green, Francis Qualls, Anthony Stacks, Hester Moss

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

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



**May 1** - Senior Night and finger food fellowship

**May 3** - Middle/High school devo, 6:30-8:30 in FH

**May 14** - Hickman/East high school graduation

**May 15** - Puppet Show in Lift-Off

**May 17** - Middle/High school devo, 6:30-8:30 in FH

**May 21** - Middle/High School outing, TN Renaissance Festival

**May 22** - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade devo, during evening service @ FH



## Center Fielders News

"Gaining in Maturity"

The word "perfection" means maturity sometimes in the Bible. There are several areas we need to become more mature. One of these is in our worship to God, where we must direct all praise and glory to His name. I have heard many times people say, "I just didn't get anything out of the worship service today". My reply is "what did you give"? We come to get, we come to give! This leaves no room for glorying in our own works. Our worship must also be "in spirit and in truth" rather than in mere feelings. Satan will still point out ways that we fail in maturity, but when we honestly seek to honor God alone, Satan has a harder time attacking us.

Gaining in maturity produces an increasing desire that the Word be multiplied in our day, just as it was in the first century. How strong is our interest in this area? Are we as concerned about the man next door receiving the Word as we are about our loved ones? When our love for God is truly strong, we will want to share His Word with everyone we meet. Not all will receive it with joy, of course, but we should always have a strong zeal for the Word of God.

Gaining in maturity means advancing in our prayer life, our devotion and our study. We are not Paul and I understand that, but we can always spread that marvelous good news of salvation. Do not let the devil intimidate you by putting thoughts in your mind like "What if someone asks me a question I don't know the answer to"? It is okay to say "I don't know, but follow that up with 'let me tell you what I do know'. Then the rest is easy! Just tell them what you were and who you are now!!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF April 24, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	175
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4543
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

## MEN TO SERVE MAY 1

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Vance Willis  
**Scripture Reading:** Keith Harvill  
**Scripture:** John 6:35  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Wayne Prince  
**Alternates:** Phillip Coates, Kenneth Jett  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Van Driver:** Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

### SUNDAY EVENING:

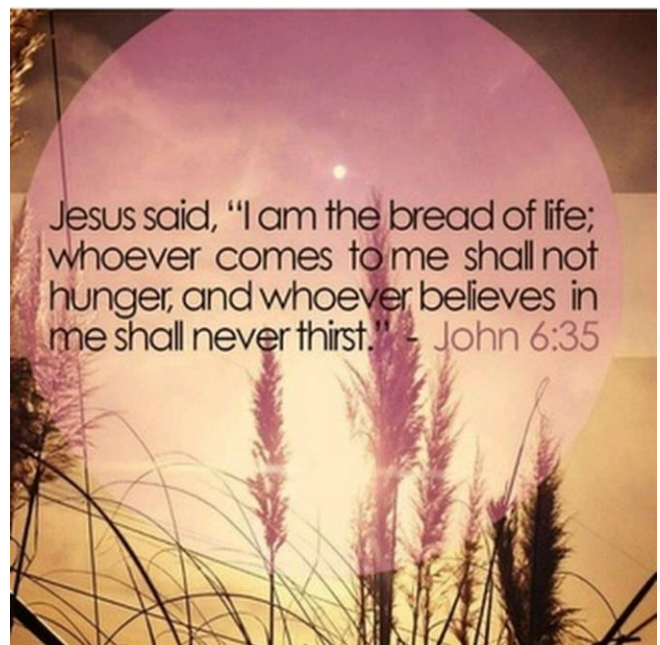
**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates  
**Scripture:** James 1:9-11  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Rose  
**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy  
**Lord's Supper:** Dale Dillingham, Gary Basford  
**Closing Prayer:** James Swaw  
**Van Driver:** Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

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



If you would like to submit an article for the bulletin, feel free to hand it to Rick.







*For Hester Moss on May 15, 2021  
from 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Fairfield church of Christ  
Fellowship Hall  
No gifts but she would love a card  
Please join us for cake and punch.*

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls and texts since my hospital stay. My vision and taste are still messed up, but in God's time, it will be better. I love you all.

**Deborah Peery**

**Burton Winters** would like to thank everyone for the cards and birthday wishes that he received for his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**\*\*\*GOD never sends you into a situation alone. GOD goes before you. He stands beside you. He walks behind you. Whatever situation, GOD is with you!\*\*\***

## **The Devil's Tool Sale**

There is an old fable that says the devil once held a sale and offered all the tools of his trade to anyone who would pay their price.

They were spread out on the table and each one labeled--hatred, malice, envy, despair, sickness, sensuality--all well known to everyone. Off to one side lay a harmless looking wooden instrument marked "discouragement." It was old and worn but was priced far above the rest.

When asked the reason why, the devil replied, "Because I can use this one so much more easily than the others. No one knows that it belongs to me. With it I can open doors that are tightly bolted against the others. Once I get inside, I can use any tool that suits me best."

*Submitted by Willie Powers  
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**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

