

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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*Education*  
Steve Craft ext.20  
*Youth*  
Randal Halbrooks ext.13  
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*Security*  
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*Seniors*  
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*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

***For with God nothing shall be impossible.***

Luke 1:37

I read the following story in a little book called *God's Little Devotional Book*.

Many years ago, a huge oil refinery caught fire. Flames shot hundreds of feet in the air and the sky filled with grimy smoke. The heat was so intense that firefighters parked a block away, hoping for the heat to die down. Instead, the fire raged ever closer to a nearby row of tanks.

Suddenly, a fire truck came careening down the street. With its brakes screeching, it hit the curb directly in front of the blaze. The firefighters jumped out and began to battle the flames. Inspired by this act, the other firefighters drove closer and joined the fight. As a result of their cooperative effort, the fire was brought under control in the nick of time.

Those who witnessed these events decided to honor the man who had driven the lead fire truck to the brink of the blaze. In preparing for the awards ceremony, the mayor said, "Captain, we want to honor you for your fantastic act. You prevented the loss of property, perhaps even the loss of life. Is there something we can give you as a token of our appreciation?"

The captain replied without hesitation, "Your Honor, a new set of brakes for my fire truck would be dandy!"

Acts of heroism all begin in a similar way: one person is willing to try when others are not. The right angle to approach any task or problem is the "try-angle."

Will you try great things for God?

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





We will recognize and honor our mothers and their families with "Muffins with Mom" in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am on Mother's Day, May 9, 2021. Please sign up in either foyer by May 5<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend!

There will be a baby shower for **Shelby Bates & Betsy Licciardello** on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 2 -4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Both are having boys. Betsy & Shelby are registered at Target & Buy Buy Baby.

Men to serve sheets for the month of May are in both foyers.



The **Eugene Carathers** family thanks our Fairfield family for the comforting wind chimes, the many cards and prayers for us during the loss of our husband and father. Your kindness will always be remembered.

**Ruth Ann Carathers & children**



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

**Members:** Joyce Boyd (eye surgery May 7), Deborah Perry (surgery went well), Violet Shelby, Brenda Scott, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Hester Moss (happy 94<sup>th</sup> birthday), Raymond Stoltz, Dewayne Victory, Kenneth Chandler, Paul Victory, Noble Victory, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Misty Aydelott, Bruce Coates (friend of Brenda Stoltz, cousin of James & Phil Coates), Harley Parker, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Elam, Jean Greer, Tony Duncan, David Dansby, Neil Jobe, Alice Cagle, Adam Lawson, Mark Plunkett, Evan Boyd (is in Cincinnati receiving treatment, grandson of Joyce Boyd), Benjamin Noonan, Donna Gaspard, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, Marshall Carothers, McKinley Moore, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Sandy McFarlin, Elizabeth Dunn, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Tommy Cagle, Mary England, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

**Life Care:** Harold Choate, Billie Church (brother-in-law of Jewell Prince)

**St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:** Naomi Bailey, & Helen Shanes.

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

And Jesus, responding, said to them: "Go and report to John what you have heard and seen. The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise again, the poor are evangelized. And blessed is he who has found no offense in me."

Matthew II:4-6



**May 2 - Senior Night, begins with the evening service. Finger food fellowship to follow in the Fellowship Hall. We will celebrate with Carlin Cochran, Maggie Conley, & Seth Williams.**

**May 4 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ the FH**

**May 15 - Hickman County/East Hickman Graduation**

**May 16 - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade devo, during evening service @ Field House.**

**May 18 - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ the FH**

**May 23 - Puppet Show, during evening service**



## Center Fielders News

“My Own Way”

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end, it leads to death” (Proverbs 14:12). Many think there are various ways to get to Heaven. We are all going to the same place, they say, just by different routes. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father except by Me” (John 14:6). This means there is only one way and it validates all other claims.

As Christians it is very important that we witness to the words of Jesus. Our words should not suggest that there are many ways to be right with God. Years ago, I was at a gas station standing in line to pay for my fuel and an old friend walked in. We chatted for a bit, and then I noticed he put two twelve packs of beer on the counter beside me. I mentioned that it looked like someone was going to be doing some partying. He replied, “I know I’m a sinner, and I would invite you to come to the party, but I know you wouldn’t fit in. I took that as a compliment! Does our life speak that way at all times? Do our words and actions tell others that there is only one way...God’s way?”

Cain and the people of Noah’s day lived in whatever way they pleased. They felt little guilt by doing so, but they suffered God’s judgment. Jesus also said, “Not everyone that says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but those who do the will of My Father who is in Heaven” (Matthew 7:21). It is very important that our life is consistent with our talk. Are you fully convinced that God’s way is the only way and most important, does our life bear testimony to our profession? Only you can answer that question. If there is a change that needs to be made in your life, call the church building and talked to a minister or an elder and make that change today!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF April 25, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP	166
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3569
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

## MEN TO SERVE MAY 2

### SUNDAY MORNING:

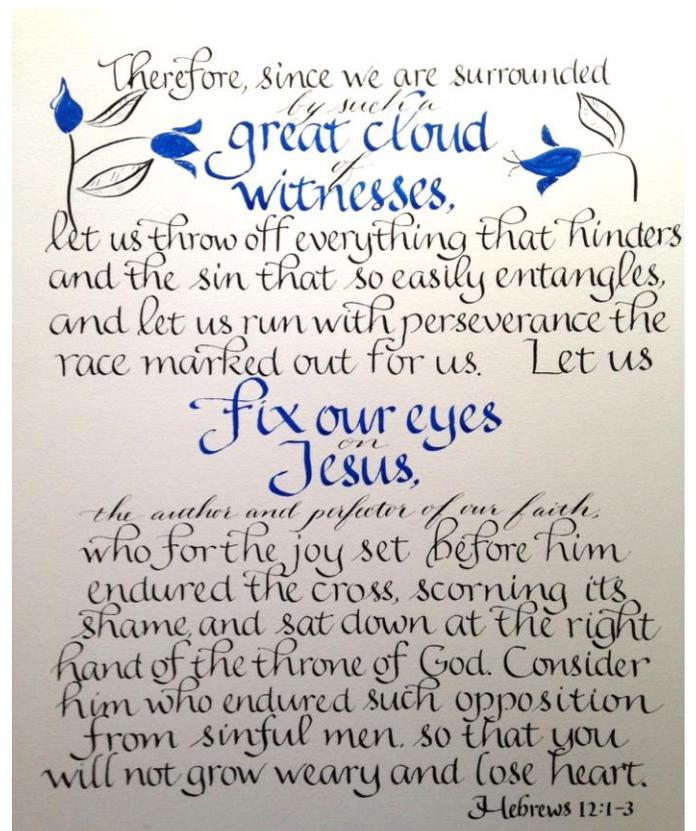
**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Willie Powers  
**Scripture Reading:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Scripture:** Hebrews 12:1-2  
**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Buddy Chandler  
**Alternates:** Roy McCoy, Kenneth Jett  
**Basement:** Ken Copley, Josh Copley  
**Announcements:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Closing Prayer:** Norman George  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright  
**Scripture Reading:** Gary Bailey  
**Scripture:** Matthew 11:1-6  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Rose  
**Opening Prayer:** Lafayette Spears  
**Lord’s Supper:** Edwin Wright, Gary Wright  
**Closing Prayer:** Gary Basford  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Mike Batts  
**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Invitation:** Mike Kelley



## **LIFE TO BE CONTINUED HERE IN TENNESSEE**

By Janice Mayberry King

*Whenever I have a problem  
Weighing heavy on my heart  
I turn my thoughts to Heaven  
To get off to a better start*

*We should put our Faith  
In the Lord Above  
For He has told us  
Our greatest strength is LOVE*

*Whatever life may give you  
Each and every day  
Lift your heart unto GOD  
So, He will light the way*

*As unimportant as I may be  
God's eye is on the sparrow  
And he will always continue  
Watching over me*

*Always try to be the  
Best that you can  
For others and yourself  
Although we're mere mortal Man*

*By pleasing others and  
Helping them too  
We can please ourselves  
This seems to be true*

*What we want  
May not be what we need  
But rest assure  
God knows what's best indeed*

*Sometimes insignificant as  
We can be  
We often ask  
What's in it for me*

*Be thoughtful, respectful  
Caring and forgiving  
As each day passes  
While we try to make a living*

*Just like history repeating itself  
So do we  
Keep making the same mistakes  
Over again don't you see*

*Give thanks and trust in the Lord  
Put all our faith in him you see  
Life hopefully to be continued  
Here in beautiful TENNESSEE*

## **Quotes and Sayings**

"The essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere fleabites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind." — C.S. Lewis

"I'm not afraid of the devil. The devil can handle me – he's got judo I never heard of. But he can't handle the One to whom I'm joined; he can't handle the One to whom I'm united; he can't handle the One whose nature dwells in my nature." — A.W. Tozer

"Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee." — Augustine of Hippo

"Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession.... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer