

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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*Activities*  
Clay Chandler ext. 6  
*Benevolence*  
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  
*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

***Behold, I stand at the door and knock:  
If any man hear my voice, and open the door,  
I will come in to him, and will eat with him, and he with me.***

Revelation 3:20

There was once a saintly man who lived on the edge of poverty... by his own choice. The money he earned he distributed equally between himself and the poor.

The man's adult son was among those who found it extremely difficult to make ends meet, so the man gave him just enough to keep body and soul together, even as he continued to help others who found themselves in dire need.

One day the father was asked why he paid so little attention to his son's personal needs while the bulk of his attention went to others. "You could help your son much more," his critic said, "if you would help strangers less."

"Ah," the man replied wisely, "but if I were to meet all my son's requirements, would he perhaps forget the necessity of relying on the Lord? Would he begin to see me as the source of all his supply, rather than his Heavenly Father? If that became the case, I would not be helping my son at all."

God forbid that we find ourselves feeling totally self-sufficient, without need. It is in that dark corner that pride lurks. Once pride takes over, we see little reason to invite God to do His work in our lives.

God intervenes in the affairs of men by invitation only. Jesus knocks on the door of your heart, but there is no knob on the outside of the door! Take inventory. Have you invited God into the affairs of your life lately?

*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 this Mother's Day.

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.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Betty Craft** who passed away as a result of an auto accident. She was the mother of **Steve & Jason Craft**. Visitation with the family will be this Saturday, from 10 till 2 with funeral at 2:00 pm at McDonald Funeral Home. There will be a meal at the fellowship hall after the burial.

We also express sympathy to the family of **Bruce Coates**, who passed away and was buried this week. He was the cousin of **James & Phil Coates** and friend of **Brenda Stoltz**.

## RESPONSE

**Tina Johnson** came forward Sunday morning requesting prayers. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.



**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



**Members:** Isabella Liddell (Vanderbilt Children's Hospital), Joyce Boyd, Deborah Perry, Violet Shelby, Brenda Scott, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Hester Moss, 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, 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 (Children's Hospital Cincinnati, OH), 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

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

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

## I Miss You Mom

I thought of you with love today,  
but that is nothing new.  
I thought about you yesterday,  
and days before that too.  
I think of you in silence,  
I often speak your name.  
All I have are memories,  
and your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is my keepsake,  
with which I'll never part.  
God has you in his keeping,  
I have you in my heart.

*Author Unknown*



## Center Fielders News

“Evidence for God”

There have always been agnostics and atheists who question or deny the existence of God. An atheist rejects God’s existence absolutely, while an agnostic says we cannot be positively sure that God exists. Theories of evolution have been accepted because people do not want to be accountable to a Supreme Being.

Just the mind-boggling wonders of the world are enough evidence of an all wise, infinite God. Think about the universe, thousands of galaxies out in space each containing countless numbers of stars. In our galaxy alone, the Milky Way, there are hundreds of billions of stars.

The sun, moon, and stars all function in a precise order. The sun is ninety-three million miles away. If the sun was closer everything would burn up. If sun was father away, everything would freeze. But it is at the perfect distance and yet it stays there, year after year.

When you think about the complexity of the human brain, that alone should be enough evidence for anyone to realize there is an all-wise Creator. The brain has been described as the most powerful and wonderful machine ever built. Folks, we are “fearfully and wonderfully made.”

Think about the beauty of a flower, a snowcapped peak, the splendor of a evening sunset, or the painting of a sunrise in the morning. All of these and more are examples of God’s handiwork. These marvels demonstrate the creativity and the power of our Almighty God!!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 2, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP	172
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5326
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167



## MEN TO SERVE MAY 9

### SUNDAY MORNING:

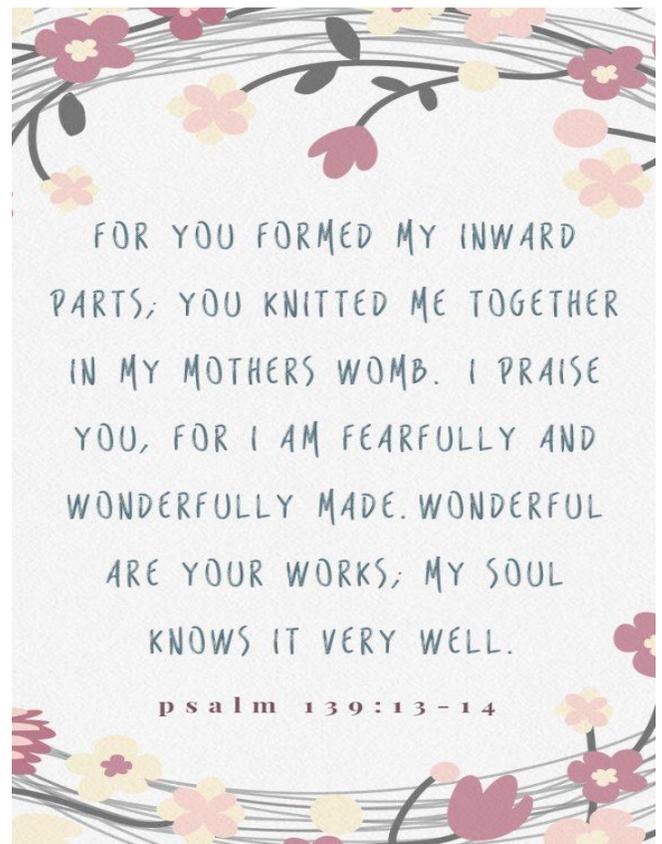
**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy  
**Scripture Reading:** Andrew Fisher  
**Scripture:** Psalm 139:13-14  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Alternates:** Gary Basford, Rodney Rochelle  
**Basement:** Mike Batts, Phillip Coates  
**Announcements:** Rick Bruno  
**Closing Prayer:** Darin Cochran  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Rick Bruno  
**Scripture Reading:** Edwin Wright  
**Scripture:** Matthew 11:1-6  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Stacks  
**Opening Prayer:** Boyce Cannon  
**Lord's Supper:** Phillip Coates, Roy McCoy  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright  
**Song Leader:** Mike Kelley  
**Opening Prayer:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Invitation:** Rodney Rochelle



## *Congratulations to our 2021 Seniors*



**Maggie Conley & Carlin Cochran  
with Floy Cochran**



### **If Not for Godly Mothers**

There are a lot of things in life that we might be able to do without, but the benefit of godly mothers is not one of them! Can anyone imagine what this world would be like if it were not for mothers? We would miss:

**The Teaching of Eunice.** Timothy's mother, along with his grandmother Lois, were said by the apostle Paul to have a sincere faith living in them, which they handed down to the young evangelist (2 Timothy 1:5), evidently teaching him the scriptures at an early age (2 Tim. 3:15).

**The Reliability of Hannah.** This godly woman desired a son, and promised that if God would grant her request, she would dedicate him to the Lord's service (1 Sam. 1:11). Being a promise-keeping woman, Hannah did exactly as she said she would (1 Sam. 27-28).

**The Morality of King Lemuel's Mother.** This royal's mother encouraged him toward right living in the areas of intoxicating drink, sexual immorality, and protecting the poor (Proverbs 31:1-10).

**The Industriousness of the Proverbs 31 Woman.** Because of her willingness to work and her ingenuity and business acumen, this woman's children would "rise up and call her blessed" (Prov. 31:28).

**The Humility of Mary.** When Mary was told by the angel Gabriel that she would give birth to the Messiah, her response was, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38a). This indicated her submission to God and her willingness to humbly work in the role God planned for her.

How we need godly mothers in our world today! Children need teachers of good things, reliability, morality, industriousness, and humility, and righteous mothers can be great examples of these things. Thank your godly mother today!

