

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Wayne Prince ext.14  
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Gary Bailey ext.18  
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Mike Breece ext.19  
*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*  
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 10:15 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

## Mom's the Word

Mother's Day is the third most-celebrated holiday in the world. Only Christmas and Easter are more popular. This big day started in the heart of Anna M. Jarvis. Anna was one of twelve siblings and one of only four who lived to adulthood. After her mother's death in 1905, Miss Jarvis dedicated the rest of her life to carrying out her mother's wishes for a special day to honor mothers. Anna Jarvis made speeches, wrote thousands of letters, traveled countless miles, and spent a fortune of her own money on the Mother's Day idea.

On May 10, 1908, she organized the first Mother's Day celebration at the Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. The service ran from 8:00 A.M. until noon and included the fourfold purpose of Mother's Day:

1. To honor mothers
2. To bring families together
3. To make us better children
4. To brighten the lives of good mothers

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed that the second Sunday in May (the Sunday closest to Miss Jarvis' mother's death) should be celebrated as Mother's Day. Carnations were also included in the festive day. Miss Jarvis donated white carnations and asked people to wear a red carnation if their mother was living and a white carnation if she was dead.

We invite you to come to our morning worship service at the Fairfield church this Sunday for a special message honoring mothers.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**



We will have a breakfast honoring our mothers on Mother's Day, this Sunday in the fellowship hall at 7:30 am. All mothers and their families are invited.

Ladies craft night will be this Monday, at 6 pm in the basement. We will be painting flower pots and planting mosquito repellent plants.

\*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6a in the basement.

\*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. evenings @ 6p in the basement.

\*The Quilters meet every Thurs. morning @ 9:00a in the basement.

\*Narcotics Anonymous meets every Thurs. night at 7p in the basement.



Thank you all for your food, flowers, cards, calls, visits, prayers and love during my loss of Lee Ann and my illness.

Love,  
**Janice M. King**

We want to thank our Fairfield family for the calls, cards and the beautiful wind chimes. The kind words and support mean so much. Thank you all.

In Christian Love,  
**Kenneth & Barbara  
Clay & Linda  
Chandler**



We extend our sympathy to the family of **Debbie Lancaster** who passed away after a long battle with cancer. Debbie was the daughter of **Edd Lancaster**, former minister here at Fairfield and was the daughter of **Betty Lancaster** and sister of **Steve Lancaster**.

We also extend our sympathy to family of **Jimmy Bass** who passed away. He was the uncle of **Keith Howell** and father of **Brandon Bass**, former youth minister here at Fairfield.



**Members:** Barbara (Edgar) Beard, Dot Davidson, Mike Breece, Hester Moss, Christina George, James Hassell, Martha Harvill, Tony Halfacre, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Leon Lynn, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Bobby Mack Dunn (home), Larry Petty (Dickson, G. Basford's friend on hospice), Greg McCord, Faye McClellan, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Ray Woodruff, Alyssa Aydelott (surgery went well Tuesday, may have gone home Thursday), Linda Goad, Ronnie Pittman, Angie Davis, Adam Lawson, Arica Hinson, Mark Wright, Helen Shanes, Bracey Campbell (hospice), Donna Popp, Dorris French, Linda Truett, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jean Greer, Clare Loughrey, Jackson Bates, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash & Jimmy Mathis.

**Life Care:** David Talley, Donald Dorton, Mary Carolyn McClanahan, Kitty Halfacre, Anne Neely, Ray Dudley, Mary England, Georgia Belle Smith, and Jim & Jean Wright.

**St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:** Jo Hudgins, Bill Shanes, Sybil Jenkins, & Gladys Primm.

**NHC Dickson:** Dollie Wheeler, Percy Lancaster

**Magnolia Place, Waverly:** Sarah Brown

**NHC Transitions, Columbia:** Willie B. Coates

## YOUTH CALENDAR FOR MAY

**May 18** - Hickman & East Hickman High School Graduations

**May 19** - 3rd-5th Grade Devo, during evening service @ FH

**May 21** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 @ Field House

**May 26** - Puppet Show, during evening service

## Here's A Funny

A blond dude entered the emergency room with his two ears burned. "What happened?" asked the doctor. "Well", the man explained, "my wife was ironing clothing, behind my chair while I was watching TV. She put down the iron next to the phone and when the phone rang I answered the iron." "Wow that is terrible" responded the doctor, and what happened to your other ear?" "Well" the blond guy responded "Right afterwards, the phone rang again!"



## Center Fielders News

"In the Beginning God"

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). Some people refuse to believe this, but say that the universe started with a big bang and that living things developed by evolution over millions of years. We see order and design in God's creation. We wouldn't see that in evolution by random changes. Sometimes we buy a new piece of equipment with many detailed parts working together. Which is easier to believe, that somebody with wisdom figured out how to make this device, or that there was an explosion in a shop and out came this complex piece of machinery?

It is much easier to believe the Bible than to believe the fanciful theories of men. After God created everything the Bible says, He called it good. We see God's handiwork all around us, which speaks of His power and His wisdom. People try to eliminate God by believing in evolution, but just believing something doesn't make it true. The time will come when those people stand before the God they refused to recognize, and they will answer to Him whether they want to or not!

Jesus, the Son of God, was also the Creator because He and the Father are one. God has declared that every knee will bow to Him, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Please yield to Him and let Him be the Lord of your life if you have never done that. We have no guarantee of tomorrow.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

### Rodney



***Everyone is invited to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Gerry & Sarah Hinson Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. No gifts please. Your presence is all the gift we need.***

## So, God Made a Mama

And on the 8th Day God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a Homemaker." So, God made a Mama.

God said, "I need somebody to get up early, layout clothes, bake biscuits, fry bacon and eggs, set the table and wake and feed 4 kids then get them on the bus on time." So, God made a Mama.

"I need somebody with strong arms...strong enough to tote a sick 4-year-old while mopping the floor, yet gentle enough to sooth the worst boo boo with a simple kiss. Somebody to make the beds, would sweep the floors, wash tons of clothes, make lunch for her working husband, shop for groceries, pay the bills, and still have time to make supper. "So, God made a Mama.

God said, "I need somebody to gather eggs, pick tomatoes, mend broken dolls and can make clothes and bake cakes from scratch. Someone who can give 4 baths, can help with homework, brush 4 heads of hair, and love 4 different children equally."

God had to have someone to give up her piece of pie, wipe tears from eyes, give comfort for every bad dream and take care of every lost stray the kids could bring home. So, God made a Mama.

God said, "I must have someone who never thinks of themselves, only takes what's left and somebody to work from before daylight to dark then on through the night while never once stopping to rest, someone who could make gourmet meals from leftovers, who would pull up covers, and would gently kiss each cheek goodnight."

It had to be someone who would check on their neighbor, rock sick kids forever and still never complain one hit.

She had to be someone who would read from her Bible, knew Church was a stable, and God and family was first on her list. So, God made a Mama.

Woody Woodruff  
2/28/13

## Quotes

The average American is busy buying things he does not want with money he does not have in an effort to impress people he does not even know or like.

The difference in the rich and the poor is that the rich invest their money and spend what is left, while the poor spend their money and invest what is left.

Money is like manure. If you let it pile up, it just smells. But if you spread it around, you can encourage things to grow.

**MEN TO SERVE MAY 12****LORD'S TABLE****Preside:** Gerry Hinson

<b>Left:</b> Kenneth Jett	<b>Right:</b> Willie Powers
Dwight England	Raymond Stoltz
Derek Hutchings	Kim Clayton
Mike Knight	Phillip Coates

**Alternates:** Mike Worley, Mike Batts**Basement:** Ken Copley, Josh Copley**Sun. P.M.:** Wayne Prince, Jeff Stacks**PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE****A.M. Scripture Reading:** Randal Halbrooks**Scripture:** Proverbs 23:22-25**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Kenneth Jett**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Jeff Stacks**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Gary Bailey**Scripture:****P.M. Opening Prayer:** Boyce Cannon**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Willie Powers**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Darin Cochran**Wed. Invitation:** (May 15) Mike Kelley**SONG LEADERS****Sunday A.M.** Darin Cochran**Sunday P.M.** Jeff Rose**Wednesday P.M.** (May 15) Justin Beard**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Sunday A.M.** Marvin Truett**Sunday P.M.** Marvin Truett**Wednesday P.M.** (May 15) Jerrie W. Barber**VAN DRIVERS****Sunday A.M.** Gerry Hinson 931-729-3208

931-623-2043

**Sunday P.M.** Gerry Hinson 931-729-3208

931-623-2043

**Wed. P.M.** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

(May 15)

If you are unable to serve in anyway, please  
call or text Gary Basford at (931)628-0355  
or Darin Cochran at (615)418-3148.

**FOR THE RECORD****WEEK OF** May 5, 2019**A.M. WORSHIP:** 231**CONTRIBUTION:** \$4235**2019 WEEKLY BUDGET:** \$4167**LESSONS FROM A WATERMELON**

William Jennings Bryan wrote of a visit he made to a restaurant in which he ordered a slice of watermelon.

He writes, "I was so pleased with the taste of the melon that I took the seeds home with me to plant in my garden. That night a thought came to my mind. How many watermelon seeds would it take to make a pound? The next day I weighed them and found that it would take about 5,000 dried seeds to weigh one pound. A few weeks later I planted just one of the seeds. Under the influence of sunshine and shower, the little seed had taken off its coat and gone to work. It had gathered from somewhere two hundred thousand times its own weight, and forced the enormous weight through a tiny stem and built a watermelon. On the outside it had a covering of green and within a rind of white, and within that a core of red; and then it had scattered through the red many little black seeds each one capable of doing the same thing over again."

He continues, "What architect drew the plan? Where did that little seed get its tremendous strength? Where did it find its flavoring, extract, and coloring matter? How did it build a watermelon? Until you can explain a watermelon, do not be too sure that you can set limits to the power of the Almighty. The most learned men in the world cannot explain a watermelon, but the most ignorant man can eat one and enjoy it. God has given us the knowledge necessary to use those things, and the truth He has revealed to us is infinitely more important for our welfare than it would be to understand the mysteries that He has seen fit to conceal from our faltering view."

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