

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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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

*To win the contest you must deny yourselves many things that would keep you from doing your best (1 Corinthians 9:25, TLB)*

A husband and wife rose early one Sunday morning. They had breakfast, and then the wife headed to the bedroom to dress for church.

As the time approached for them to leave for morning worship, she noticed that her husband hadn't made any move toward getting dressed.

She asked, "Why aren't you getting dressed for church?"

He said, "Because I don't want to go."

She asked, "Do you have any good reasons?"

He said, "Yes, I have three good reasons. First, the congregation is unfriendly. Second, no one in the congregation likes me. Third, I'm just not in the mood to go to church today."

"Well," said the wife, "I have three good reasons for you to go. First, some in the congregation *are* friendly. Second, there are at least a few people who like you. Third, *you are the preacher*. So, get dressed!"

Nobody likes doing what is right and good all the time. We all have moments when we would rather give a halfhearted effort or yield to temptation. A successful person, however, faces down what they don't want to do *by doing it anyway*.

As the old preacher said, "When you don't want to do what is right, take your *wanter* by your *willer* and do the good you know you ought to do. An old-fashioned idea for sure, but one worth adopting!"

Many times, when you just begin to do the good thing you don't want to do, your feelings will catch up later. When it comes to the good we ought to do, the Nike slogan hits the mark... "Just do it."

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





It was good to see **Sherry Breece** back at services after an extended illness. Also, welcome back **Gary Bailey** after having surgery on his knees.

Don't forget to come 'n' go 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party for **Gerry Smith** on Saturday at 1 pm at Homestead restaurant.

Rodney Rochelle's Sunday morning bible class will start meeting in the fellowship hall this Sunday morning.

The Golden Agers will be going to the Log Cabin restaurant on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> with the bus leaving the building at 5:30pm. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

Next Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, will be our fifth Sunday with a pot luck meal in the fellowship hall following Bible Classes. Our contribution will be going to our building maintenance and our speaker for the day will be our own Rodney Rochelle.



We express our sympathy to the family and friends of **Kari Pitts** who passed away on Wednesday.

We express sympathy to the family of **James Chandler**, who passed away Wednesday and was the brother-in-law of **Martha Butler & Sharon McCoy**.

We also extend sympathy to the family of **Bernice Staggs** who passed away and was the grandmother of **Katie Graham**. Her funeral was Monday.

### RESPONDING TO THE LORD'S INVITATION

**Jan Campbell** came forward Wednesday night asking for prayers.

**Congratulations to all of our  
area college graduates.**

**Master's Degree  
Jana Willis**

(If we missed anyone else, please let us know).



**Members:** Brenda Stoltz, Janey Gilbert, Ralph Givens, Patsy Givens, Butch Sullivan, Deborah Peery, Lelia Mae Poore, Harry Totty, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes, Lou Dickens (surgery went well and going to rehab the end of the week), Paul Victory, Noble Victory (St. Thomas West and will be going to Life Care for rehab), Dewayne Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Helen Jerpe (grandmother of Dale Dillingham-breast cancer), Michael Harvill (brother of Keith-treatments for leg tumors), Jay Pickard, Anthony Stacks, Mary Spears, James Stoltz (home), Christians, missionaries, military personal & people in the Ukraine, Connie Johnston, Mark Walton, J.B. Brown, Nancy Clancy, Cruze Wright, Gus Gilreath, Willie Taylor (cancer has returned), Everett Kelly (NHC Dickson-rehab), Ray Weatherspoon (Trustpoint Rehab in Murfreesboro), Kevin Chandler, Jo James, Lucille Morphis, Wanda Gilliam Felts, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, Doris & Marjorie Claud, Rebeca Mears, David Dansby (Maury Regional), James Coates, Greg Zoller, Seth Williams, Elizabeth Dunn, Kelley Wilson, 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, Hester Moss

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

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



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



## Center Fielders News

“Jesus Christ, Head or Figurehead?”

Have you ever seen a picture of a Viking ship with a figure high up on the bow? It was perhaps the likeness of a dragon or a god. The figurehead represented the Vikings' claim to strength as they undertook sailing or warfare. In the early Christian church, figureheads appeared as people strayed from Biblical worship and discipleship. They supposed that icons of Jesus and His crucifixion would aid them in worship. But these “worship aids” did nothing toward having the presence of Jesus among them, as either Lord or Savior. The figureheads actually distracted them from true worship, and this became sin because it was a form of idolatry.

Perhaps we consider ourselves Christians. Is Christ our Lord and Savior, and not Lord or Savior? Is He our head from whom we take our spiritual direction? Or is He just a figurehead that we adopt because it seems like the right thing to do? The world has many people who are “normal” Christians, meaning Christians in name only. Some may even declare that they are Christians but they are not doing what Jesus taught. A painting of Jesus may adorn the wall of a house, but really Jesus is only a figurehead to them.

Genuine disciples of Christ do not need a figurehead to represent their religion. Jesus is first in their life, He is Lord of their life, and He is their Savior who redeemed them from their sins. He dwells in their heart by faith, and He is their daily companion. They have no need of something to represent Christ to them. They have Him as Lord to give them direction in daily living. So here is the question: is Christ your Head in this way, or is He only a figurehead? Sadly, only you can answer that.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 15, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	199
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4736
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

## MEN TO SERVE MAY 22

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates  
**Scripture:** John 16:33  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Willie Powers  
**Alternates:** Kenneth Jett, Bobby McCoy  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Zack Harvill  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

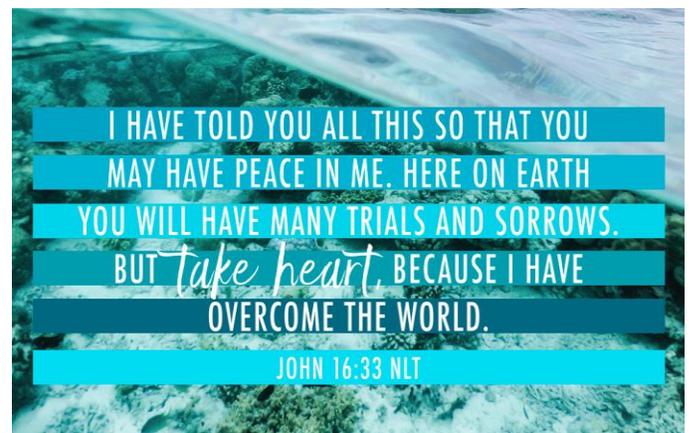
**Announcements:** Mike Batts  
**Scripture Reading:** Skyler Irvin  
**Scripture:** Matthew 15:29-31  
**Song Leader:** Steve Baker  
**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince  
**Lord's Supper:** Gary Basford, Adam Jude  
**Closing Prayer:** Bobby McCoy  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Mike Batts  
**Song Leader:** Bobby McCoy  
**Opening Prayer:** Lafayette Spears  
**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 or drop in the box on the office door.



## Time For Time

It is the thing that the rich and famous value the most. Successful people treat it as a gift to be respected. It is more valuable than gold or jewels. What is this precious commodity? It is Time! Every day millions of people spend billions of dollars on fitness equipment, fitness club memberships, health club memberships, health foods, plastic surgery and all sorts of other things to try to either cover up the passage of time or extend their time here on earth. Time is one's most precious possession, so people must use it wisely.

Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have. You will treasure it even more when you can share it with someone special. You'll always yearn for the good times. You'll want and long to have that time back. That time is today. Make the most of your time today.

Anon

## FATAL FORGIVENESS:

**A woman was sitting by the bedside of her dying husband: it was obvious that the end was near. Suddenly the man took the hand of his wife, looked her in the eyes earnestly, and said, "Martha, we've been married for fifty-five years: do you love me?" The woman's eyes filled with tears as she said, "Oh Ralph, you know I love you."**

**The man gripped his wife's hand more tightly: "Then Martha, before I go, there's something I have to get off my conscience." "Oh, of course, dear, what is it?" The man hesitated: "Before I tell you, you must promise me that you will forgive me."**

**"Why yes, Ralph, what is it?" "Say it, Martha," said the man, "Say, 'I promise.'" "Certainly dear," replied the woman, "I promise I'll forgive you." "Ok, do you remember back in 1959, when I was robbed on the street corner of that \$300 we were going to use for our vacation?" "Oh, yes," shuddered the wife, "that was just awful. I remember it well, because we all had to stay home that year." "Well, Martha, before I die, I want you to know the truth. I wasn't really robbed – I lost that money in a poker game."**

**The wife's eyes widened in shock. "Ralph, how could you?" The husband quickly interrupted: "This is my last chance, Martha I want to get this off my conscience before I die! Do you forgive me?" The woman thought it over for a moment, then, pointing a finger at Ralph, she answered very deliberately, "Well.....ok, but if I do, YOU'D BETTER DIE"!**

## This Warrior Has Gone Home

You look around, you see the throngs,  
As they go hurrying by,  
Many of them just seem the same,  
Fit in a certain "mold," or "die."

But some will always stand out front,  
With a different armor on,  
Ready to stand for what is right,  
'till the battle is won and gone.

This warrior fought his battle well,  
His armor you could almost see,  
The good in his life he left behind,  
Will be honored in eternity.

He walked by a stiffer set of rules,  
He was tuned to a different pace,  
He gave the best that was in himself,  
As he was compelled to run this race.

Now this warrior's fight is done,  
This earth he has ceased to roam,  
This warrior laid his armor down,  
This warrior has gone home.

by Lois O. Dulaney

## 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*



We Enter To Worship

We Leave To Serve