

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Wayne Prince ext.14  
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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

**Remembering Those Who Have Sacrificed.** I am writing these words on Memorial Day. As I write, I feel profoundly thankful for the men and women who have made sacrifices for our nation, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice of laying down their lives in military service. As I have said before, the best way to thank a Veteran is to live a life worthy of saving. Let's all dedicate ourselves to being positive and productive citizens of this great nation. I'm also thinking today of all Americans who have sacrificed so much during the Covid-19 pandemic. Millions of Americans have sacrificed (closing their businesses, losing their jobs, sacrificing some of their freedoms, serving as front line medical workers) in hopes of protecting the most vulnerable of our population. As a nation, have we dealt with this pandemic in the best possible way? I have no idea, and I don't think anyone else does, either. But, I do know that tens of millions of Americans have denied themselves and done what they have been asked to do to save lives of people they don't even know. Of course, you don't hear this reported in the media, because only *bad* news is deemed worthy of reporting. However, in my humble but accurate opinion, Americans should be praised for their sacrifices during this uncertain and unprecedented time.

**There's A Great Day Coming.** On June 7th, the Fairfield church will be open for business... the Father's business, that is. After weeks of worshipping remotely, we are so excited that this day is finally near. As the elders have been emphasizing, we will do our best to practice social distancing at first. We will meet for worship on Sunday mornings only, with no Bible classes for a while. Rodney's Wednesday night Bible class will continue to be streamed from our library so you can participate from home. I want to stress that if you are among the most vulnerable population (over 60 years old or with pre-existing health conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, heart problems, a compromised immune system, etc.), you will not be judged or criticized for waiting a while before returning to corporate worship. We plan to continue to stream our services so that you can worship from your home if you are more comfortable doing it this way for a few more weeks. Things will get back to normal! We are so excited that a step in the right direction is coming June 7.

**Yippee For Our Youth.** Young folks from the Fairfield family have been racking up awards at the end of this school year. Congratulations to Hannah Irwin and Tyler Stacks (Wittiest), Daveigh Cochran (Best Personality), Kole Hellman (Best All Around), Meredith Kelley (Top 10), Ethan Willis (Top 10) and Carlin Cochran (Top 10). Well done!

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**



## The Ocean Waves of Life!



Have you ever stood in the ocean when the waves are rolling in? If you are not prepared and standing with your feet firmly set, the waves can easily knock you down. The Bible uses this idea of “standing firm” and “holding fast” when describing how we need to be living our lives. The term “hold fast” is defined as “to continue to believe in or adhere to an idea or principle.” The closely related word “steadfast” is defined as “resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering.”

**We are to hold fast to God and be obedient to Him.** “It is the Lord your God you must follow, and Him you must revere. Keep His commands and obey Him; serve Him and hold fast to Him” (Deuteronomy 13:4).

**We are to hold fast to our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Savior.** “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession” (Hebrews 4:14).

**We are to hold fast to the teachings that we have received through the Bible.** “So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter” (2 Thess. 2:15).

**We are to continue steadfast in the work of the Lord.** “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58).

Are we standing firm or letting life’s worries wash us away like ocean waves?

*Brad Tolbert  
Monticello church of Christ  
Monticello, AR*



### JUNE

- 1 Kita Wright  
Sherry Breece  
Charles Sullivan  
Cameron Creech
- 2 Myra Orton  
Garland Horner  
Hannah Irwin  
Wilma Dean Green
- 3 Blake Graham
- 4 Denise McCoy
- 7 Sara Beth McClanahan
- 10 Darin Cochran
- 11 Jett Jacobs
- 12 Glenda Jacobs  
Sandra Harrington  
Katie Newland  
Caleb Copley
- 16 June Prince  
Carleigh Liddell
- 17 Harrison Kelley
- 18 Nathan Bates
- 19 Patrick Brady
- 20 Chris Kimbro  
Aiden Liddell
- 22 Brenda Fly
- 24 Chris England
- 25 Bobbie Graf  
Kristie Jett



- 2 Wallace & Sue Smith  
Harry & Joyce Fielder  
Mac & Sherry Breece
- 4 Dustin & Diana Bailey
- 6 Woody & Carla Woodruff
- 8 Nathan & Whitney Carroll
- 11 Rick & Joyce Bruno
- 13 Mike & Amber Kelley
- 14 Kenneth & Barbara Chandler
- 16 Stephen & Deana Graham
- 19 Bobby & Rosa Waynick  
Steve & Teresa Craft
- 20 Robert & Crystal Wilson
- 27 Curtis & Barbara Edwards
- 29 Kenneth & Kristy Jett
- 30 Roy & Sharon McCoy

### BAPTIZED

**Courtney Cannon** was baptized Tuesday afternoon by Chris Wright. Congratulations!



## Center Fielders News

“The All-Sufficiency of God”



When God created the world, He didn't run into any snag that made Him pause and say, “How are we going to make this work?” Creation did not add anything to God's knowledge through the discovery of some new thing. Also, God's reason for resting on the seventh day was not because He was tired, or did not know what else to create, but because He had finished all that He had planned to do.

The basic reason for Christ's crucifixion was not because the Jews hated Jesus and rejected God's plan to set up an earthly kingdom under Him. Jesus words “My kingdom is not of this world” are still as true today as when He spoke them to Pilate.

God's real plan was that Christ would die as the ultimate sacrifice for sin. His precious blood would provide cleansing from sin. The church of Christ would be made up of born-again believers out of every nation. This would be the kingdom of God on earth, with Christ reigning over them and His subjects reigning over sin

All of this was planned beforehand. Jesus cried out on the cross, “It is finished,” and this announced that the entire plan had been brought to completion by the all-sufficiency of God! Through this wonderful plan of redemption, Christ restored to every soul the potential of living with God forever in His kingdom. An opportunity that Satan had stolen away ages before. Take advantage of this graced gift from God by confessing your faith in His Son, Jesus, repent, and be baptized and live with Him forever and ever!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

### Happy Anniversary

May 28 – Blake & Katie Graham

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Speaker:

Rodney Rochelle at 9:00 am

All of our contribution will go towards future works and unexpected maintenance of the church.

### FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF May 24, 2020

CONTRIBUTION:	\$3110
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

**Members:** Hezekiah Springer, Paul & Noble Victory, Rickey Weems, Angie Stacks (surgery went well to remove the kidney stones), Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Naomi Bailey, Raymond Stoltz, Hester Moss, James Hassell, Diane Breece, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Jimmy Jenkins, Alan Dickens (home), Trace Warren, Amanda Myles & Holly Dickens, Charlie Shelton, Harley Parker, B.J. Springer, Ruby Church, Wayne Winters, Carolyn Nash, Sandy McFarlin, Linda Jones, Nancy Coursey, Rachael Bellis, Len Womack, Jerry Milam, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fagan, Jimmy Cline, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Ron Gossett, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, Adam Lawson, Mark Wright, Donna Popp, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jackson Bates, & William Dale Nash.

**Life Care:** Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

**St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:** Naomi Bailey, Helen Shanes, Jo Hudgins (hospice), & Sybil Jenkins.

**Magnolia Place, Waverly:** Sarah Brown

**NHC Dickson:** Dollie Wheeler

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



We express our sympathy to the family of **Roy Shannon** who was a long time elder at the Brushy church, passed away Wednesday morning. To his wife **Clara**, son **David** and daughter **Rebecca** we offer our love and prayers. A private service will be held on Thursday and a celebration of life at a later date.

We also express sympathy to the family of **Seth Armstrong**, who was the grandfather of **Katie Graham** and **Nathaniel Armstrong**, passed away on Wednesday.

## **FROM THE ELDERS**

We are so thankful and happy that everyone has survived the Corona virus to this point in time. We are blessed that everyone who has had surgery or any illness has come through and is improving. We are thankful for the ones that have been baptized during this period of time. We are thankful for the ones that have done the live stream and the ones that have participated in the services. We are saddened for the ones in our congregation that have lost loved ones and we pray for comfort for them. We are looking forward to June 7th when the doors will be opened for worship service for all that will be able to be there. The Lord Supper packets will still be handed out on Fridays to the ones that choose to wait a little while to come back and attend.

Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Matthew 6:25

*In Christian love,  
Gary, Lafayette, & Wayne*

### **On June 7<sup>th</sup>, the church building doors will reopen!! Here are the guidelines:**

- This will be for the worship service only for now for this month.
- No Sunday school classes and no Sunday night or Wednesday night service.
- We will continue to live stream the Sunday morning service and we will continue to have our Wednesday night Bible Study in the Library streaming on Facebook.
- Masks are optional – that is if you feel more comfortable wearing one, then bring one with you. We have a few masks that are available but it would help if you bring your own.
- There will be hand sanitizer in both foyers when you come in and also you will be given the Lord's supper (same as what has been passed out on Fridays) and a box to drop in your contribution.
- Families may sit together, then they need to be at least 6 feet apart from the next person. There will be an open pew in front of you. Every other pew will be taped off.
- Depending on the number that attends, we will have the basement set-up for any overflow from the auditorium. There will be a live feed on the TV downstairs.
- There will be no bus or van transportation for now.
- If you feel uncomfortable coming, please stay at home and watch the live feed.
- The elders will continue to pass out the Lord Supper, the bulletins and collect contributions on Friday till further notice from 12-2:30 and 4-5:30 for the ones who will not be attending at this time.

If there are any questions please ask one of the elders.

**Mike Kelley will be speaking at 9:00 am on Sunday morning via live streaming on Facebook.  
Rodney Rochelle will conduct a Bible class on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm on Facebook.**

**COMMUNION PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 – 2:30 PM AND 4 – 5:30 PM AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL & CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AS WELL AS THE PAPER COPY OF THE BULLETIN.**