

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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### 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

**Getting The Gang Back Together.** These last three weeks of corporate worship have sure felt special. This past Sunday, 148 of us gathered to praise God and encourage one another. Some wore masks and some didn't. Everyone did a good job of social distancing. With all the unrest in our world, how great it is to come together in unity, agreement and fellowship. If you are looking for a break from all the bad news in our nation and world... if you are looking for a friendly, pleasant, positive place to be... come try Fairfield!

**The Eyes Of Faith.** Raymond McHenry, in his book *Stories For The Soul*, wrote about the old television show whose main character was Archie Bunker. Archie once engaged in a debate with a neighbor about the color of Jesus' skin. Bunker's neighbor was none other than the equally opinionated but racially different George Jefferson. As they debated the issue of Jesus' color, Bunker referred to Warner Sallman's picture of Christ. He told Jefferson, "Jesus is white." Jefferson countered, "How do you know?" Bunker declared, "I saw the picture." Jefferson then diffused Archie's logic with a little twisted rationale of his own. He told his neighbor, "Maybe you saw the negative." Whenever we look with eyes of prejudice, we would do well to remember this televised debate and recognize that we don't always see as clearly as we sometimes think we do. Instead of looking through eyes of prejudice, let's look at the world through the eyes of faith. Faith sees every person, of every color, as a precious creation of God. Faith sees every person as having a soul that will live forever in either heaven or hell. Faith sees every person as worth loving, listening to, and trying to understand. If we live by faith and love the person in front of us, we are doing our part to heal this fractured world.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be here on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-5:30 pm. Signup online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or see Margaret Martin.

Senior Day will be on July 12<sup>th</sup>, following the morning service. We will have our slide show presentation after worship. Following that we will move to the Fellowship Hall for a finger food meal. If you feel comfortable, please join us. Please make plans to come and help celebrate our great seniors from Fairfield.

VBS is being postponed for next month

The Christmas in July ladies' breakfast will be held, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. All ladies are invited – bring an ornament to exchange and enjoy a morning of fun and fellowship.

We will have van service this Sunday for the morning worship only at 9 am & no classes. Sunday evening, at 6:00 pm but with NO van service. Live streaming the Sunday evening worship. Rodney Rochelle will continue to be streaming live on Facebook Wednesday evenings teaching a Bible class at 7:00 pm.

**COMMUNION PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00-5:00 PM AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL & CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AS WELL AS A COPY OF THE BULLETIN FOR THOSE WHO WON'T BE ATTENDING ON SUNDAY MORNING.**



There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love, support and prayers everyone at Fairfield church of Christ have extended to our family during our loss.

**The Family of Jessie Booker  
Tanya Rochelle  
Kaitlyn Harris**



**Members:** Terry Duncan (knee replacement surgery went well Thursday), Tina Johnson (surgery Friday), Kenneth Chandler (surgery July 7), Gerry Hinson, Paul & Noble Victory, Rickey Weems, Angie Stacks, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Raymond Stoltz, Hester Moss, James Hassell, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Chuck Sherrell, Cornelia Chandler (James Hassell's sister- Maury Regional), Garry Greer, Rick Lee, Helen Shanes, Jimmy Jenkins, Alan Dickens, 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, 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, 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, Jo Hudgins (hospice), & Sybil Jenkins.

**Magnolia Place, Waverly:** Sarah Brown

**NHC Dickson:** Dollie Wheeler

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

## **FOR THE RECORD**

WEEK OF June 21, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP	148
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3544
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167





## Center Fielders News

"The Wonderful Word Of God-  
The Bible"

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.*

2 Timothy 3:16

Have you ever noticed the metaphors that are used to describe the Bible? It is our spiritual food and drink (Duet. 8:3). It is both milk and meat (Hebrews 5:12-14). It is a mirror (James 1:23-24). It shows us how God sees us, revealing who we really are. The Bible is "a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path" (Psalm 119:105). It lights up our way in a dark and sinful world. The Bible is like a seed: "The seed is the word of God" (Luke 8:11). When planted in the good soil of a receptive heart, it bears much fruit.

The Word is like a sword that divides between soul and spirit, joints and marrow. "It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). The Bible is without error. It can stand alone, with no need for supportive evidence. The Bible is sufficient for all ages and times, and it provides everything needed for salvation and godliness. "So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:17).

For generations the accuracy of the Bible has been under attack. Many doubt its ability to answer the deepest questions and meet the needs of humanity. However, the Bible is fully adequate and does not depend on any other source of knowledge. This wonderful Book is the Holy Spirit's primary tool for changing lives. But we must read it and surrender to it, to benefit from it. If you fail to read the Bible regularly, it's because something less important has become too important to us. No one can expect to have a close walk with God, if he or she neglects to spend time daily with God in His Word.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## Acts 2 Backwards

Acts chapter two records the beginning of the church around 33AD, in Jerusalem, at 9:00 on a Sunday morning. Let's look at the chapter backwards, The last verse says; "The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved (Vs. 47). Who was being saved? "All those who believed were together" (Vs. 44). The believers were the ones being saved.

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What did they believe and in what way were they together? "And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching, and to fellowship and to the breaking of bread and prayers" (vs 42). They believed and were together in doctrine and worship and fellowship.

In what way did they receive the apostles teaching? "So those who received his word were baptized and that day there were added about 3,000 souls" (vs. 41). Received whose word? "Peter said to them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (vs. 38).

What sins was Peter speaking of? "This Jesus, whom you have crucified" (Vs. 36). They had rejected God's son and had him executed. Why baptized in his name then if he is dead? "This Jesus God raised and of that we are all witnesses" (Vs. 32.). Who is this Jesus? "A man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders" (vs. 22). When did the events of Acts 2 take place? "Now when the day of Pentecost arrived" (Vs. 1).

*Dennis Doughty  
Tunica Mississippi*

## MEN TO SERVE JUNE 28

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Scripture Reading:** Chris Wright

**Scripture:** Psalms 5:7-8

**Opening Prayer:** Rodney Rochelle

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Jerrie W. Barber

**Alternates:** Keith Harvill, Zack Harvill

**Basement:** Vance Willis, Mathew Wright

**Announcements:** Marvin Truett

**Closing Prayer:** Darin Cochran

**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Marvin Truett

**Scripture Reading:** Mike Batts

**Scripture:** John 17:20-22

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince

**Lord's Supper:** Gary Basford, Lafayette Spears

**Closing Prayer:** Chris Wright

**NO VAN SERVICE**

## **NOT-IN-MY-BUCKET LIST**

I can't remember when I first heard the phrase "Bucket List" but it was popularized in a 2007 movie by the same name starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman. The concept itself is simple enough: people make a list of things they want to see and do during their lifetime (i.e., before they "kick the bucket").

I've never actually gotten around to making my own wish list, but as I look back over my life, I can honestly say I've done most of the things I would have wished for, such as convince a wonderful woman to marry me; raise two great kids; pay off a mortgage; hold my newborn grandchildren; manage to stay out of prison; and make some good friends along the way.

Do those items sound unimaginative? Lest you imagine I've led a totally dull life, perhaps I should add that, if I had the time, I could expand my list to include dozens of more exotic experiences. For example:

Flying in a hot air balloon over Disney World? Check. (It's eerily silent, & surprisingly hot.)

Climbing all the way up to the second platform of the Eiffel Tower (all 669 steps!) in Paris? Double check.

Going whale watching in the Pacific? Touring the Holy Land? Riding a zip line over a mountain gorge in British Columbia? Been there, done that, bought the t-shirt.

While I understand the concept of a "Bucket List," it seems to me that the opposite approach would be even more useful. That is, if we want to plan for a life well-lived, we should also draw up a list of things we absolutely do NOT want to do. Here, in no particular order, are some of the items on my "Not-In-My-Bucket List."

**1. Be President of the United States.** When Boris Johnson, the new Prime Minister of England, met with the Queen on the day after his election, she is reported to have said to him, "I don't know why anyone would want the job." That expresses my sentiments exactly about the American Presidency – I don't understand why so many people are willing to sacrifice so much to win such a miserable assignment.

After all, if you are President, half the country automatically hates you – wiseacre comedians ridicule you nightly – and every crackpot lunatic with a gun wants to shoot you. You have virtually no privacy: the Secret Service keeps such a tight rein on your movements, you might as well be a prisoner. You don't dare scratch, no matter how bad it itches, because the news cameras are constantly trained on you. And nearly everyone with whom you interact has some ulterior motive. Have you noticed how much older presidents look when they leave the White House than when they went in? Nope – not for me.

**2. Go Parachuting.** If I'm a passenger on an airplane that is on fire and headed for an imminent crash, sure, strap on my parachute and then get out of my way – I'll be the first one out the door. But voluntarily vacating a perfectly functioning plane to step off into nothingness? I don't get it.

**3. Get drunk, high, or stoned.** I realize this seems odd in today's culture, where "partying" appears to be the national pastime, but I have never been intoxicated, and never had the desire to be. In fact, I have never so much as tasted a beer. While on an Air France overseas flight I was served some wine with my meal. One sour sip was enough for me.

I volunteered in a local Recovery Center for years and learned first-hand that the Bible is filled with warnings against drunkenness (see Proverbs 20:1, 22:29-35; Luke 21:34; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:18) for good reason. It was particularly heartbreaking to see so many young people painfully struggling with addictions and wasting away their youth. With the increasingly casual acceptance of recreational drugs I worry about the world my three little granddaughters will be growing up in, and when they get older I plan to give them this advice about any sort of potentially addictive substance: "Don't start and you'll never have to worry about quitting."

**4. Attend a rock concert.** Too loud, too rowdy, and from what I gather on television, not much fun unless you're drunk, high, or stoned, which I've already ruled out (see #3 above). Give me some bluegrass or country at the Ryman Auditorium any day.

**5. Become Famous.** Back in 1968, pop artist Andy Warhol, who was himself a master at self-promotion, predicted "In the future, everyone will be world-famous for 15 minutes." In the years since Warhol made that statement the proliferation of television channels, the popularity of reality shows, the invention of the internet, with its social media programs such as Instagram, Twitter, and above all, YouTube, have only inflamed the fame fever. Multitudes are swarming around the spotlight like flies around a carcass, hoping to become a "celebrity."

I am not ashamed to admit that I have existed on this earth for 65 years without ever once appearing on "So You Think You Can Dance," going viral on YouTube, or being the subject of an expose on "60 Minutes." Instead, I would rather follow Paul's advice: "Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody" (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12). The craving for fame makes individuals dependent on the acknowledgement, approval, and even acclaim of strangers, which often leads to spiritually destructive behaviors. Far better to live a quiet but stable life that merits the "respect" of outsiders. So long as I am being true to my Lord, good to my family, and a friend to my friends, that should be all that matters.

In conclusion, there is nothing wrong with making a "Bucket List," or even a "Not-In-My-Bucket List," but in the end there is only one list that truly counts – the list kept by the Lord! The Scriptures speak of heaven as being reserved for "those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:7; see also Luke 10:20, Philippians 4:3, Hebrews 12:23, and Revelation 3:5, 13:8, 20:12). After all, someday we will all "kick the bucket," and when we do the only thing that will matter is where we stand with Jesus!