

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Wayne Prince ext.14  
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*Schedule Events/FH*  
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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

**Reason To Rejoice.** We are very happy to report that Billy and Peggy McCoy were baptized into Christ at Fairfield this past Tuesday. As most of you know, they are the parents of Lori Cochran. The McCoy's are long-time and well-respected members of our community. Many of you will remember Billy from his long career as a local banker. The McCoy's have been watching our online worship services for quite some time... and they came to the conclusion that it was time for them to become baptized believers. We are thrilled at their decision and pray for many years of happy, healthy and holy service to God for this couple.

**Vacation Bible School Is Here.** VBS at Fairfield will be held the next 4 Sunday nights. A LOT of behind-the-scenes work has gone into this year's VBS. Jennifer Knight and Josh Copley have led the way... and they have been supported by quite a cast of helpers. While the main goal of VBS is providing young people in our area with an opportunity to learn about Jesus in a fun and creative way, we should also remember that it is not just for the kids. Josh has lined up an impressive list of teachers for the adult class. This Sunday, we will enjoy a blast from our past, as Taylor Bell will serve as speaker in the auditorium class. Taylor did an outstanding job as our pulpit minister for a couple of years before leaving to pursue an advanced degree in Christian counseling. He currently works as a professional counselor and preaches in Lexington, Tennessee. We are very excited to see Taylor again... and know we will be blessed by the message he brings.

**Future Preacher/Teacher Class.** Speaking of a "blast from the past," my wife, Amber, and I are making plans to bring the Future Preacher/Teacher Class back to Fairfield! This was a wonderful class in years past that did much and lasting good. The details are still being worked out but we are planning to begin the class in September. The class will be held on Sunday nights, so that parents can enjoy our Sunday evening worship as their children learn to become future leaders in the Lord's church. Again, more details will be coming soon. For now, please pray that this effort will be blessed by the Lord with great success.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





It was good to see **Butch Sullivan** back at services after his surgery.

If you would like to help with VBS, see Jennifer Knight. Our speaker on July 10<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium at 6:00 pm will be **Taylor Bell** and we will have an ice cream fellowship following classes. Please make plans to attend and bring a friend.



Thank you for all of your acts of kindness: the wind chimes, the cards, the prayers and the food!

We were humbled by your visits to the funeral home and the bounty of food and people at the meal.

We were made very proud when so many relatives expressed how wonderful our church is.

With much love,

**Laff & Liz**

I want to thank you all for the prayers for my grandson, **Adam Loveless**. He got a piece of metal in his eye last Sunday. He had major surgery on Monday to remove it. The surgery was serious when I was told but got y'all praying and ended up not as bad. This shows how prayers work. Thank you all for your prayers and continued prayers. I am so thankful and blessed for being a member here at Fairfield. Everyone is so great. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

**Gerry Smith**



**Billy & Peggy McCoy** were both baptized here at the building Tuesday by Mike Kelly. They are the parents of Lori Cochran, Mindy James & Trina Vinson.

**Asher Lane Demary** was born Tuesday weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz. The parents are **Trevor & Lauren Demary**. Grandmother is **Pam Hinson** and great grandparents are **Gerry & Sarah Hinson**.



**Members:** Jan Hopkins-Campbell (tests soon), Bob & Bobbie Graf, Steve Baker (covid), Jewell Prince, Kenneth Jett, Yvonna Caillouet, Janey Gilbert, Harry Totty, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, Dewayne Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Wilma Orton (sister-in-law of Floy Cochran-car wreck-in Vanderbilt hospital), Helen Smith (mother of Lauren Gosser-hospice in Texas), Caleb Coates (grandson of Phillip & Diane Coates), Judy Hinson (sister-in-law of Gerry & Sarah Hinson-cancer), Jerry Scott, Grayson Gunter, Mike Rhea, Jimmy Loveless, Helen Jerpe, Michael Harvill, Jay Pickard, Mary Spears, Christians, missionaries, military personal & people in the Ukraine, Everett Kelly (therapy at Dickson Horizon), J.B. Brown, Nancy Clancy, Gus Gilreath, Willie Taylor, Ray Weatherspoon, Kevin Chandler, Jo James, Lucille Morphis, Wanda Gilliam Felts, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, Doris & Marjorie Claud, Rebeca Mears, Greg Zoller, Seth Williams, Elizabeth Dunn, Kelley Wilson, Billie Church, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Elam, Neil Jobe, Donna Gaspard, Rita Stacks, Jimmy Jenkins, Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

**Life Care:** Anthony Stacks, Wilma Green, Francis Qualls, Hester Moss

**St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:** Naomi Bailey

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



**July 10** - VBS, 6:00-7:00, Ice Cream 7:00-8:00

**July 17** - VBS, 6:00-7:00

**July 19** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH

**July 22** - Middle/High School Lock-In

**July 24** - VBS, 6:00-7:00

**July 31** - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday--End of VBS Celebration, 4:00-6:00p  
Inflatables, pizza and Water Fun (wear/bring clothes to get wet in and a towel)



## Center Fielders News

“Faith”

A story was told of a tightrope walker who dared to walk across Niagara Falls on a cable. On the appointed day, large crowds gathered on both sides of the river to watch. Sure enough, at the set time the man walked across the river on the cable. After the success, he asked who all believed that he could push a person riding in a wheelbarrow across, to which there was a large roar of approval. When he asked who would volunteer to ride in the wheelbarrow, the crowd became silent. No one came forward to volunteer.

Faith does not make things easy; it makes things possible. It is easy to say we believe as long as no action is required. Jesus told Peter to come to Him on the water, and as long as Peter kept his focus on the Master, all was well. Faith does not concentrate on the impossible circumstances. Rather, faith keeps its focus on God, who makes all things possible.

Faith is not proven until it is put to a fiery test. Faith that proves strong under fire is real faith. If we sink as Peter did, our faith is only words. Like Peter, we often go in good faith, but when trouble takes us by surprise, we fall to doubt and complaining.

The test of declining health can overwhelm us if we are not committed to God and resting in Him. But Jesus can reach out and rescue us as He rescued Peter. We are promised God's presence and grace for every circumstance, yet in our humanity we fail. I am so thankful for God's patience and remembering that we are human.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## MEN TO SERVE JULY 10

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Ronny Pitman

**Scripture Reading:** Rick Bruno

**Scripture:** Psalms 95:6-7

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Lafayette Spears

**Alternates:** Norman George, Gerry Hinson

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Mike Breece

**Van Driver:** Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Basford

**Scripture Reading:** Mike Batts

**Scripture:** Matthew 7:13-14

**Song Leader:** Bobby McCoy

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey

**Lord's Supper:** Gary Wright, Edwin Wright

**Closing Prayer:** Willie Powers

**Van Driver:** Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

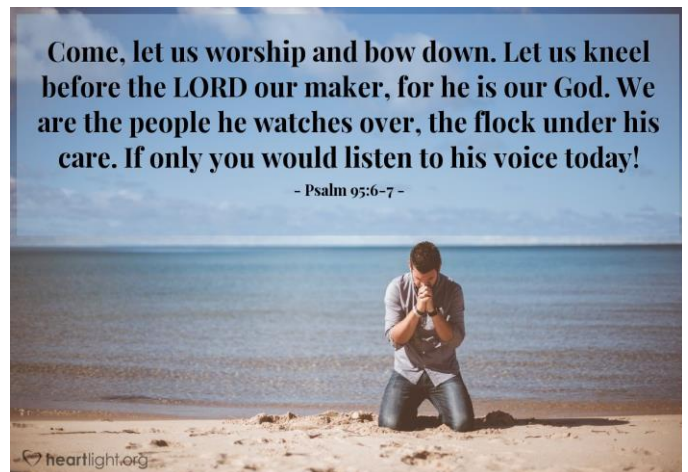
**Announcements:** Gary Basford

**Song Leader:** Jeff Rose

**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy

**Invitation:** Mike Kelley

**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855



## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF July 3, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	172
CONTRIBUTION:	\$3339
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

## AREA EVENTS

Gospel Meetings:

Little Lot church of Christ on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am with speaker, Bill McDonald. The evening service will begin at 2:00 pm.

Liberty Lincoln church of Christ in Fairview, July 17-22 with speaker Michael Crowder. Bible study at 9:00 am, Worship at 10:00 am, pot luck lunch following morning worship and Sunday thru Friday evenings at 7:30 pm.



## CELEBRATE FREEDOM

In a letter dated July 3, 1776, John Adams wrote to his wife:

*"This will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."*

The second President of the United States was right. Without question, our freedom should be celebrated! However, in order to celebrate properly, we must understand our freedom. Consider the spiritual truths as well.

**Freedom comes at a high cost.** The last line of the Declaration of Independence says: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor." Jesus Christ gave His life to secure our eternal freedom (Rom. 6:3-9; 8:1-4). You and I must choose to die to self and live for Christ in order to be truly free (Gal. 2:20).

**Freedom must be maintained.** Freedom can be lost. History has shown again and again that nations can be destroyed. Spiritual freedom can be lost as well (John 8:31-36; Heb. 3:12; Gal. 5:4).

**Freedom can be dangerous.** People with free will and free rein often make wicked choices. We all choose to serve someone or something (Rom. 6:16-18, 22).

**Freedom must be loved.** Fools take freedom for granted. The wise recognized that they've been blessed. "Live as people who are free...living as servants of God" (1 Pet. 2:16; cf. Gal. 5:1).

*Bart Warren  
South Green Street church of Christ  
Glasgow, KY*



## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a mission committee meeting next Wednesday at 6:00 pm in room 104.

**The next Ladies Class on prayer is this coming Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the basement.**



*Christmas in July Ladies Breakfast  
"Fla'mingle" and Jingle  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am  
Fairfield basement  
Bring an ornament to exchange  
Susan Spears will be our speaker*

**The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be here on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-5:30 pm at the fellowship hall. Please sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or see Margaret Martin for questions or to sign up.**

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE IN THE MONTH OF JULY! GIVE YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS TO JOYCE BOYD OR ONE OF THE ELDERS.  
MAKE YOUR CHECKS OUT TO FAIRFIELD CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

## A Christian Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Father of the united saints of the kingdom, and to the Redeemer by Whom we stand, one Body, unified in Spirit, indivisible, with liberty and charity for all.



Stay in touch with us on social media:

**Facebook:** Fairfield church of Christ-Field Family

**Instagram:** fcocfamily