

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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### 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**

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[fairfieldcofc.org](http://fairfieldcofc.org)



## Mike's Minute

***Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).***

It is that time of year again. The time that parents love, children hate, and teachers... well, let's not talk about teachers. The time to which I am referring, of course, is the beginning of the school year. In just a few days, teachers in Hickman County will report for duty. A few days after that, the students will start filing into our school buildings. Another year of learning will be underway.

Learning should not end after our career in school is over. Especially not if we are Christians. Timothy had been taught the Word of God by his grandmother and mother (2 Timothy 1:5). The great Apostle Paul had been his mentor and teacher for the last 15 years, or so. Yet, as Paul writes to Timothy, he tells him that there is more hill to climb when it comes to learning God's Word. Timothy should "study" to ensure that he is "rightly dividing the word of truth."

If something can be "rightly divided" then it can be "wrongly divided." Timothy is to be God's "workman" and his tool is "the word of truth." He must know how to use the main tool involved in his work. It takes time, patience, and practice to learn to efficiently use a tool. Timothy was challenged by Paul to employ all those qualities as he continued to learn his craft.

How about us? Most of you are not beginning a new school year, but never stop studying! Read, study on your own, and listen attentively and expectantly to God's Word when it is taught publicly. There is always more to learn... and knowledge (especially Biblical knowledge) is power!

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**



**Josh Copley** will speak @ Coble at 11:00 am today.

The bus will be leaving here after morning worship if you would like to attend.



We have extended the deadline for the MAGI boxes until the end of July. We now have about 40 boxes turned in so we want to give you extra time to turn in some more boxes to help with this worthy cause. Please return with a \$7.00 check made out to the Fairfield COC or cash to cover the cost of shipping the box. Boxes and a sheet with suggestions and restrictions for packing the boxes can be found in both foyers. *(the Mission Committee)*

Fairfield Secret Pal Ladies will be hosting a Christmas in July Ladies breakfast on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the basement. This is for all ladies. Please bring a Christmas ornament to exchange & join us for a morning of fellowship. Signup sheets will be out soon.

September 28<sup>th</sup> is clean up day here at the church building starting at 9:00 am.

It's not too early to start inviting people to our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The next planning meeting is September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in room 104. Come join us.

\*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6:00 am in the basement.

\*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. evenings @ 6:00 pm in the basement.

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

\*Narcotics Anonymous meets every Thurs. night at 7:00p in the basement.

## RESPONSES

Sunday night, **Boyce Cannon** came forward for prayer because he felt distant from God & **Dollie Wheeler** came forward asking for prayer for a better spiritual life. Keep these in your prayers.

## AREA EVENT

You're invited to a Gospel Meeting on July 28 – 31 at the church of Christ at Lyles. The speaker will be Myles Williams. Times of service are: 10:00 am Bible Class; 11 am Worship; and a meal following worship. The evening service at 7:30 pm. & Monday thru Wednesday night at 7:00 pm.

**The Elders will meet with the deacons  
this Sunday at 4:30 pm in the  
fellowship hall.**

**Members:** Amber McDonald, Kathy Rose, Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, Barbara (Edgar) Beard, Dot Davidson, 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:** Joyce Bruno (MRI next Tuesday), Alan Dickens (husband of Lou, heart problems), Joan Tidwell (Centennial ICU), Tommy Yokley (hospice), Jack Wood, Doug Bates, Cooper Parker, Teresa Noonan, Larry Neumann, Dennis Bradburn, Paul Bryant, Grayson Gunter, Laura Plunkett, Annalyn Holt, Lena Harrell, Edna Copley, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Bobby Mack Dunn, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Ray Woodruff, Linda Goad, Ronny Pitman, Adam Lawson, Arica Hinson, Mark Wright, Helen Shanes, Donna Popp, Dorris French, Linda Truett, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jean Greer, Jackson Bates, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash, & Jimmy Mathis,.

**Life Care:** Mary Carolyn McClanahan, Kitty Halfacre, Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, Georgia Belle Smith, & Jim Wright.

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

**Magnolia Place, Waverly:** Sarah Brown

**NHC Dickson:** Joyce Johnson (mother of David)



## CALENDAR FOR JULY/AUGUST

**July 30** – Middle/High School Devo, 6:30 pm @ FH

**August 4** – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo during evening service

**August 5** – First Day of school.

**August 6** – Middle/High school Devo @6:30 pm @ FH

**August 18** – Puppet show during evening service

**August 20** - Middle/High school Devo @6:30 pm @ FH

**PLEASE NOTE:** There are 2 black staplers missing belonging to the Red Cross. If you find them please turn them into the office. Thanks.



## Center Fielders News

“Not Able or Not Willing”

We have a tendency to make excuses. Have you recently heard any statements like the ones below? (Maybe you have said them yourself), “I’m not able to quit smoking, overeating, gossiping, making critical remarks, drinking beer, shouting at people, complaining all the time. I’m not able to read the Bible regularly, have family devotions, or look the other way from immodesty.” Let’s stop right there. If we are not born-again followers of Jesus, we have good reason to say, “I’m not able.”

Without Jesus we certainly are not able. Willpower, good intentions, and New Year’s resolutions eventually slip through the cracks. But if we call ourselves Christians, we must not say, “I’m not able.” We must rather say, “I’m not willing.” There is no doubt bad habits can have a tremendous hold on our lives, and the longer we given in to them, the stronger we find them to be.

Romans 8:2 says “Through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.” Sometimes struggling Christians need to mature Christian friends to walk beside them and remind them that God is able to deliver them from the strongest bonds.

We need to face the facts. If we claim to be followers of Christ but we continue in a pattern of bondage to sinful desires, let’s not say, “I’m not able.” Let’s be honest and say “I’m not willing.”

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

### **ACRONYMS TO REMEMBER:**

**P**raise  
**R**epent  
**A**sk  
**Y**ield

**A**doration  
**C**onfession  
**T**hanks  
**S**upplication

**P**ray  
**U**ntil  
**S**omething  
**H**appens

## Good Spiritual Vision

“The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!” (Mt. 6:22).

In order to see clearly, one must avoid eye damage. The bad eye is the exact opposite of the clear eye. While the good eye focuses on God and His will, the bad eye focuses on human wisdom and desires. Solomon says, “Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil” (Prov. 3:7 see also 12:15; 26:12; 30:12).

The context of Matthew six reveals that the bad eye is one which focuses on earthly rather than heavenly treasure. Again, Solomon speaks on the matter, saying, “When you set your eyes on it [riches], it is gone. For wealth certainly makes itself wings like an eagle that flies toward the heavens” (Prov. 23:5). Paul told Timothy to warn the rich “not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy” (1 Tim. 6:17).

The bad eye focuses on the sensual rather than the spiritual. Many lack the single-mindedness Jesus speaks about because they are preoccupied with gratifying the needs of the body. John spoke of the “lust of the flesh” as being “of the world” and, when practiced, evidence of failed love toward the Father (1 Jn. 2:15-17). “Lust of the flesh” includes any physical desire that pulls our focus away from God.

The person with a bad eye is the one whose affections have been misplaced. This is spiritual blindness. If asked, the person would argue against it. However, such a one is blind nevertheless. Scripture mentions those who have eyes but cannot see (Mt. 13:13). John argues that such a person “does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes” (1 Jn. 2:11).

Do you have good spiritual vision? Such vision begins with affections properly placed on God and His righteousness (Mt. 6:33). Without clear spiritual vision we will not enjoy the promise of everlasting life.

*Glen Elliott*



**August 1st**

**MEN TO SERVE JULY 28****LORD'S TABLE****Preside:** Marvin Truett

**Left:** Keith Harvill  
Justin Beard  
Kim Clayton  
Phillip Coates

**Right:** Jerrie W. Barber  
Dalton Barber  
Wyatt H. Barber  
Rusty Bates

**Alternates:** Adam Jude, Brett Wilson**Basement:** Lafayette Spears, Jeff Stacks**Sun P.M.:** Wayne Prince, Gary Wright**PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE****A.M. Scripture Reading:** Harry Totty**Scripture:** Psalms 85:1-7**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Derek Hutchings**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Mike Batts**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Darin Cochran**Scripture:** Mark 8:34-38**P.M. Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Chris Wright**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Josh Copley**Wed. Invitation:** (July 31) Mike Kelley**SONG LEADERS****Sunday A.M.** Darin Cochran**Sunday P.M.** Justin Beard**Wednesday P.M.** (July 31) Mike Kelley**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Sunday A.M.** Jerrie Wayne Barber**Sunday P.M.** Gary Wright**Wednesday P.M.** (July 31) Mike Batts**VAN DRIVERS****Sunday A.M.** Gary Basford 931-628-0355**Sunday P.M.** Gary Basford 931-628-0355**Wed. P.M.** Gary Basford 931-628-0355  
(July 31)

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 July 21, 2019****A.M. WORSHIP:** 205**CONTRIBUTION:** \$4339**2019 WEEKLY BUDGET:** \$4167**Who Is the Greatest?****Luke 22:19-24**

<sup>19</sup>And Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup>In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." <sup>21</sup>But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. <sup>22</sup>The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!" <sup>23</sup>They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this. <sup>24</sup>A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.

This was obviously a moment of great solemnity, and deep emotion, for Jesus. He wasn't instituting some impersonal ecclesiastical ceremony – he was coming face to face with his own imminent death – a brutal, humiliating, agonizing death. And not only that – as Jesus looked around the table in the flickering candlelight at the faces of his closest friends on earth, he saw the face of Judas, who was about to betray him – the face of Simon Peter, who would soon deny him, not once but three times – and the faces of the rest of the Twelve, who in just a few hours would abandon him, dashing off in the darkness like a bunch of frightened rabbits. In his hour of greatest suffering, when Jesus could have used their support, they all let him down, and that had to hurt.

And when Jesus solemnly handed them the bread, and the wine, and spoke of his coming death, what was the response of the Twelve? They got into an argument about which of them was the greatest, which was the intellectual equivalent of a schoolyard scuffle. Their reaction would be comical, if it weren't so tragic.

Before we judge the Twelve too harshly, how many times have WE used this period of meditation to focus on ourselves – allowing our minds to wander to our lunch menu, or what others may be thinking of our new outfit, or mentally making our next shopping list?

And Jesus is still sitting with us, looking around the table at OUR faces as we receive the bread and the cup, and saying: "This is my body – this is my blood – this is my death – this is my love – this is for you. Remember, remember."

**Dan Williams**