

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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931-212-2560  
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931-703-5062  
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931-994-9508  
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### Benevolence

931-729-4534

### Pulpit Minister:

Mike Kelley - 931-994-1911

### Associate Minister:

Josh Copley - 931-994-3944

### Youth Minister:

Chris Wright - 931-206-6629

### 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**



## Mike's Minute

*As he (Jesus) was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," Jesus answered. "This came about so that God's works might be displayed in him."*

John 9:1-3

In John 9, Jesus and his disciples encountered a man who had been blind from birth. People, including the disciples, falsely assumed that the blindness was a punishment for sin.

Jesus sets the record straight by revealing the real reason for the man's blindness... "This came about so that God's works might be displayed in him."

Sometimes the purpose of prayer is to *get us out* of circumstances, but more often than not, the purpose of prayer is to *get us through* them.

We are often so fixated on *getting out* of a difficult, painful or challenging situation that we fail to *get anything out* of the situation! We fail to learn the lessons that God is trying to teach us or to cultivate the character God is trying to grow in us. We are so focused on God changing our circumstances that we never allow God to change us!

God doesn't want us to just *go through* pain. He wants us to *grow through* pain.

Sometimes we need to pray "get me out" prayers. But sometimes we need to pray "get me through" prayers. And we always need to be praying for the wisdom and discernment to know when to pray for what.

Can God change our circumstances? Absolutely! But when our circumstances don't change, it's often an indication that it is *us* that God is trying to change. Either way, the chief objective of prayer (and life) is to glorify God in any and every situation.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





## *Just Joshin'*

We had another fantastic night of Vacation Bible School last Sunday which, in my opinion, could have been one of the best nights of VBS we've ever had at Fairfield. The attendance was fantastic, as we had a grand total of 176 which was a considerable increase from the previous two weeks and a huge boost from last year's numbers. It was also the final week of our classes and we talked about the parable of salt and light from Matthew 5:13-16.

We've been blessed with such incredible teachers and helpers who have done a wonderful job sharing the stories of Christ to our youth. JT Booker brought an incredible passion and energy to the adult class in the auditorium that all of us in attendance will never forget! We also had Harrison Kelley lead a tremendous class for the middle and high schoolers!

The fun isn't over yet, though. We will conclude this year's VBS Sunday, August 3rd, at 5pm. We will have a recap of what we've learned from our theme this year, as well as having a night of fun, food, and fellowship for all. I encourage you to be there and invite your friends so that we can end on the highest of notes!

To God be the glory,  
**Josh**

### **AREA EVENT**

Gospel Meeting at the Upper Sinking Church of Christ  
Sunday thru Wednesday August 3 thru 6  
Speaker Houston Hamblin  
Sunday morning Bible Study 10:00am  
Worship AM 11:00am  
Meal after morning service  
Sunday PM 7:30pm Monday – Wednesday PM 7:00pm

### **FOR THE RECORD**

WEEK OF July 27, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP	199
VBS WEEK 1	165
VBS WEEK 2	167
VBS WEEK 3	176
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5,507
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,417</b>

## **MEN TO SERVE**

### **SUNDAY MORNING:**

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Steve Baker

**Scripture Reading:** Mike Breece

**Scripture:** Psalm 8:1-4

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Buddy Chandler

**Left:** Rodney Rochelle **Right:** Kenneth Jett

Gerry Hinson

Boyce Cannon

Steve Atkinson

Ronny Pitman

Erik Hassell

Lafayette Spears

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran

**Closing Prayer:** Gerry Hinson

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

### **SUNDAY EVENING:**

**Announcements:** Rick Bruno

**Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates

**Scripture:** Psalm 9:7-10

**Song Leader:** Gary Basford

**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy

**Lord's Supper:** Edwin Wright

Mathew Wright

**Closing Prayer:** Ronny Pitman

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

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT:**

**Announcements:** Gary Basford

**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright

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



We express our sympathy to the family of **Wayne "Sonny" Qualls** of Pleasantville, who was constable for many years and who passed away. He was the first cousin of **Barbara Kelley**.

### **MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There will be a Middle/High School Devo this coming Tuesday from 6:30 - 8:30 at the Field House.

The Hickman County Relay for Life will be celebrating all cancer survivors and their guest with a dinner at the fellowship hall on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you are a cancer survivor and would like to attend, please RSVP by August 15<sup>th</sup> to Sheila Brady.

For any ladies interested in helping with planning our September 6<sup>th</sup> Ladies Inspiration Day, there will be a quick meeting in the library after Sunday morning Bible class this Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is for ladies of all ages.



## HAPPY TALES BIBLE RANCH WEEK 3



“HAPPY TALES BIBLE RANCH” On Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, an end of **VBS/Back-to-School Bash** will celebrate the conclusion of the program. Starting at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall with a review session for the kids, the evening will then take everyone outdoors for bounce houses, games, and food. Regular worship service will begin at 6:00 pm with Mike Kelley speaking for those who prefer to attend and join the festivities afterward. All activities will end at 7:00 pm. Corndogs, chips, and drinks will be provided. The congregation is kindly asked to bring individually packaged cookies to share during the evening festivities.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

It is that time of year when we begin collecting for the **Magi Boxes**. Boxes are in both foyers and should be returned by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

There will be a bridal shower for **Becca Lee** and **Wyatt Barber** on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. They are registered with Amazon Bridal registry.

The August men to serve sheets are in both foyers.

**The Men's Prayer Breakfast** meets Tuesday mornings at 6:00 am in the **Fellowship Hall**.

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday at 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

The Tuesday evening **Ladies' Bible Class** led by **Jan Campbell & Joyce Bruno** will continue our summer study on **"Slowing Down and Getting to Know God Better."** This group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month in room 104 at 6:00 pm. The next class will be Tuesday, August 12th.



### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The sign-ups for pictures for the pictorial directory have begun. We will be set up in Room 104 to collect your membership form and to schedule your appointment. You can come between worship and class and we will be available after class for a few minutes. We will also be available at night before services. Pictures will be made on Friday, August 15 and Saturday, August 16 beginning at 10:00 and continuing until 7:50 each day. Please pick up a membership form from either foyer to have filled out to turn in. If you have college age members of your family, please try to sign up early to guarantee the Saturday slots are available.

Each family will receive a free portrait and a copy of the directory. Sign-ups will continue until August 10<sup>th</sup> in room 104. The company also offers the option for couples to include family members for their free portrait, but the directory photo will only include actual members.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Brady or one of the elders.

## *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**Members:** Mary Morphis, Yvonna Caillouet (heart procedure Wednesday), Violet Shelby, Whitney Carroll, Jackson Bates, Melinda Sullivan, Faye Rochelle, Woody Woodruff, Brenda Carroll, Willie Powers, Sherrie Talley, Deborah Roberts, Bobby C. McCoy, Tommy McClanahan, Billy McCoy, Ed Sullivan, Jane Washington, Rita Sullivan, Marlin Lawson, Deborah McClellan, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty

**Friends & Family:** Dottie McClellan, Drew Elliott, Lois Gilbert (hospice), Tanya Rochelle, Mark Tune, Jimmy Rivers, Sunny Anglin, Jett Owsley, Brent Burt, Janet Barber, Glenda Coates, Mildred Rochelle, Amalia Rose Shaw, Edna Copley, B.Y. Peery, Doug True, Davy Baker, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, Beverly Smith, Paul Harvill, Ronnie Carroll, Ryan Edwards, Deborah Johnston, Willie Lawler, Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, Cory Patterson, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, David Stewart & Donna Gaspard

**Life Care:** Floy Cochran, Willie B Coates, Debra Clark, Carolyn Phillips, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss, Sue Davidson, Wilma Green

**The Bridge, Columbia:** Hattie Mayberry

If you have a **prayer request**, please write it on a blue card and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.



Please accept this donation honoring **Mike Kelley** and remembering **Norman Moss, Sr. (Liz Spears)** brother.

Thank you,  
**Nance Hargrove Moss**



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