

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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*Maintenance*  
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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

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Jeremiah 29:11

A man once took his three-year-old daughter to an amusement park. It was her first visit to such a place and she was in awe at all the sights and sounds, but mostly she was thrilled at the whirl and whiz of the rides. She insisted on one particular ride, even though it was considered the "scariest" ride for young children her age.

As she whipped around the corners in her kiddy car, she wrinkled up her face and let loose a terrified cry. Her father, riding in the car with her, got her attention. With a big smile, he shouted over the roar of the ride, "This is FUN!"

When the little girl saw that he was not terrified, she also began to laugh. The terrifying experience had suddenly become enjoyable. In fact, she insisted on riding the same attraction three more times.

What a comfort to know that our Heavenly Father will not only "ride the new ride" with us, but that the future is never scary to Him. He has good things planned for us. When we look into the future from our perspective, we may become frightened. But, when we look at the future from His perspective, we are far more likely to shout with glee, "Let's go! Isn't this going to be fun!"

As bad as things may look in this world, rest assured that there is no panic in heaven... only plans. If we "set our minds on things above," we will experience a peace and joy that the world doesn't understand.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





It was good to see **Violet Shelby** back at services on Sunday after her surgery.

It is now time to update our "Field Guide Directory." There are sheets in both foyers for you to take and update any information since our last directory 3 years ago. We will be printing new ones to hand out in the near future. Please turn your sheets in to one of the elders or drop it in the box at the office.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday is coming up August 29<sup>th</sup> and our speaker of the day will be **Woody Woodruff**. We will have a potluck after classes and a brief afternoon service at 12:30 pm. All of our contribution collected that day will go toward future projects and any immediate issues that may come up. Make plans now to come and be a part of this day.

MAGI boxes are available for pick up. Deadline to return the filled boxes along with \$7.00 cash (or check made to Fairfield Church of Christ) to cover shipping is August 29<sup>th</sup>.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Elizabeth Tarkington** who passed away Thursday morning. Mrs. Tarkington is survived by daughters Linda Maddox and her husband, Michael and Pam Allen and her husband, Frankie. She is survived by four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband **C.W.** who were both long time members here at Fairfield. Her graveside service is Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm in Lambert Cemetery. Food may be taken to Tarkington store

## AREA EVENT

You are invited to our Homecoming on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Little Lot church of Christ with speaker: Paul Vaughn and Song Leader James Tidwell. Times of service: Sunday morning worship is at 10:30 am with a meal after morning worship and Sunday evening worship at 2:00 pm.

**Members:** Faye Rochelle (home), Angie Stacks, Helen Shanes, Bob James, Kenneth Chandler, Deborah Peery, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Raymond Stoltz, Dewayne Victory, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Jane Chandler Gilbert (sister of Clay & Kenneth Chandler-diagnosed with cancer), Melvin Roberson, Willie Taylor, Ronald Loveless, Billie Church, Jackson Deas, Daniel Spears, Harley Parker, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Michael Noonan, Doris Elam, Jean Greer, David Dansby, Neil Jobe, Alice Cagle, Adam Lawson, Evan Boyd, Donna Gaspard, Roman Surra, Anthony & Rita Stacks, McKinley Moore, Jimmy Jenkins, Doug & Ruby Church, Carolyn Nash, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Grayson Gunter, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

**Life Care:** Hester Moss, Harold Choate

**St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:** Barbara Beard, Naomi Bailey

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



I want to thank everyone that sent me Birthday cards and thanks for Shirley's get-well messages.

Love you all,  
**Janey Gilbert**

Thank you for coming to our baby shower and helping celebrate the upcoming arrival of our new baby. Thank you for the wonderful gift. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. We look forward to introducing our little one soon.

Love, **Nathan, Whitney, Zane & Asher Carroll**

**"Before you criticize a man for his wrong, sit down and count ten---ten of your own."**



## Center Fielders News

“Access to the Throne”

Jesus Christ is King! By giving His life for us, He has made the ultimate sacrifice and filled our ultimate need. We as sinners need salvation. Blood is the only means of having sins forgiven, for “without the shedding of blood, there is no remission” (Hebrews 9:22). As the Son of God, Jesus offered His own blood to make the perfect sacrifice for our souls. The blood of Christ washes our sins away and by placing faith in His redeeming work, we are made pure, clean and righteous before God.

Even more wonderful (and what many don't understand or take for granted) is that it also gives us access to God the Father. This is how we have access to the throne. A throne is where a king sits. The reason for coming to this throne is to obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need. So, we can step right up before the throne, where Jesus is sitting.

But there is something even better. The Bible tells us we can come boldly before the throne! How and why can we do that? Because Jesus knows us intimately, that's how. He knows our feelings, our emotions, our weaknesses, our strengths, everything about us. He can relate to us because at one time He was man on this earth just as we are now. He understands temptation because He Himself was tempted, but unlike us, He did not sin. Some can't grasp that. How it is truly possible for us to approach that sacred throne. The blood of Jesus makes us holy, before a Holy God. Jesus represents us in the presence of the Father. The Lord will not deny access to the throne from a blood-washed soul.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**



**Aug 15** - Puppet Show, during evening service, in the Lift Off room.

**Aug 17** - Middle/HS Devo, 6:30-8:30 pm at the FH

## MEN TO SERVE AUGUST 15

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Vance Willis

**Scripture Reading:** Zack Harvill

**Scripture:** Psalm 95:6-7

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Josh Copley

**Alternates:** Chris Wright, Edwin Wright

**Announcements:** Jerrie W Barber

**Closing Prayer:** Gary Bailey

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

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright

**Scripture Reading:** Robert Graf

**Scripture:** Matthew 13:31-32

**Song Leader:** Jeff Stacks

**Opening Prayer:** Josh Copley

**Lord's Supper:** Kenneth Jett, Boyce Cannon

**Closing Prayer:** Adam Jude

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

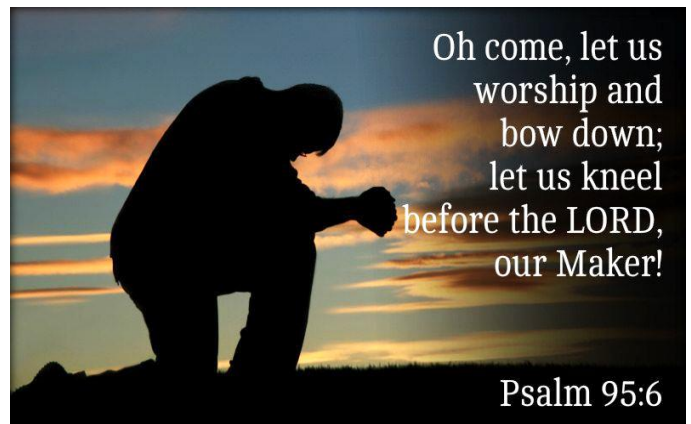
**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks

**Song Leader:** Gary Basford

**Opening Prayer:** Rodney Rochelle

**Invitation:** Mike Kelley

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



## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF August 8, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP	185
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4942
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

## The Apostle and the Olympics

Did you enjoy watching the Olympics? Those athletes were amazing! The apostle Paul traveled throughout the Greek and Roman world and there are indications that he watched some Olympic-style competitions during his travels.

To the church in the Greek city of Corinth Paul wrote, "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win." He then added, "They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore, I run in such a way as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air" (1. Co. 9:24-26). As Paul watched these athletic events, he saw a parallel with our Christian lives.

Our prize is not a temporary flower wreath, but an imperishable eternal crown. We do not run the Christian race to receive a gold medal around our necks, but to someday have the street of gold under our feet. In prayer, worship, Bible study, and in loving our neighbor, we are not "beating the air" but winning the fight. Paul "fought the good fight," he "finished the course," and received that "crown of righteousness" (2 Tm. 4:7,8). So, "let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus" (He. 12:1,2). How is your race going?

-Dennis Doughty

### Devo Sunday Night



## THE MEEK



This blessedness doesn't come from thinking something, saying something, or doing something—but from being something.

Meekness is not something we're born with but a disposition we develop. In his early manhood, Moses came upon a scene that infuriated him, and he killed a man. Yet, in his old age, "Moses was very meek above all men which were upon the face of the earth" (Nm 12:3). There was a mellowing process; he learned to control the passions that had once controlled him.

Inheriting the earth isn't territorial—it's attitudinal. It is the ability of the meek to fully enjoy the blessings they have on earth—the blessedness of gratitude and contentment. "The little that a good man owns is worth more than the wealth of all the wicked" (Ps 37:16).

*Meekness is not weakness.*

*The meek are masters of self-control.*

*Joe Barnett*

The **Hickman County Relay for Life** will be celebrating cancer survivors with a dinner on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the Fairfield Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Sheila Brady by August 22<sup>nd</sup> or call 931-628-1796 for more information.

***"We cannot do great things; only small things with great love."***

***-Mother Teresa***