

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Wayne Prince ext.14  
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Gary Wright ext.24

### DEACONS:

Gary Bailey ext.18  
*Schedule Events/FH*  
Mike Breece ext.19  
*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. -  
*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 10:15 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

### There's A Great Day Coming

There's a great day coming for those of us who love the Fairfield congregation. The day is our 70th Anniversary Celebration, which will take place Sunday, October 20. In last Sunday morning's sermon, we looked at the Day of Pentecost, recorded in Acts 2, and noticed what the believers did to make sure that this was a great day for the church in Jerusalem. We listed some of the things we can be doing in preparation for our big day.

**First**, we can *pray*. Before Acts 2 (of course) is Acts 1. What were the believers up to as they waited for Pentecost? They were praying. "*They all joined together constantly in prayer...*" (Acts 1:14). Let's talk about October 20th. Let's announce it. Let's plan it. And, let's *pray* about it. Please be praying that this will be a day that produces much and lasting good.

**Second**, we can *publicize*. On the Day of Pentecost, God did the publicizing. He got the attention of Jerusalem by sending miraculous sounds (like a rushing wind) and sights (tongues of fire). He wanted the people to know that something big was happening. Would you help us publicize our 70th Anniversary Celebration? Will you help us let this community know that something great is happening? Put the word out anyway you can.

**Third**, we can *preach*. I know, that is my job. However, I will do my job much better if you will be praying that God will use me as His mouthpiece on that day. Please be praying that I will have the courage, conviction, and clarity to present a message on that day that is Scriptural and strong. Also be praying that the message will be heard and heeded by those in attendance.

October 20<sup>th</sup> will be here before you know it. Let's not just *wait* for it. Let's *work* for it!

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





The Hickman County Relay for Life is hosting a dinner for all cancer survivors on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm at Fairfield church of Christ fellowship hall.

If you would like to teach or be a field guide for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (Sept – Dec) please see Ken.

The next planning meeting to our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in room 104. Come join us.

If you would like to purchase a luminaria bag or torch in remembrance of or in honor of a loved one, please see Cindy, Sheila, Joyce or Diana. The bags are \$5 each and torches are \$50. These will be displayed during the Luminaria ceremony on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

There are postcards now available in both foyers for you to take to start inviting others to join us on October 20<sup>th</sup> at our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. If you haven't handed in your form, please do so and give to Jewell Prince with the size T-shirt you would like.

\*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.

## RESPONSE

**Glenda Newsom** has placed membership here at Fairfield. Please welcome her here.

MAYOR MARK BENTLEY WANTS EVERYONE WHO HAS VERIZON SERVICE AND IS HAVING MAJOR PROBLEMS TO SEND HIM AN EMAIL WITH YOUR NAME, THE PHONE NUMBERS INVOLVED, AND YOUR ADDRESS.  
EMAIL: [MAYOR@HICKMANCO.COM](mailto:MAYOR@HICKMANCO.COM)

## IT PAYS TO LAUGH

The boss joined a group of workers at the coffee pot and told a series of jokes he'd heard recently.

Everybody laughed loudly. Everybody, that is, except Mike.

"What's the matter, Mike?" asked the boss. "No sense of humor?"

"My sense of humor is fine," he said. "But I don't have to laugh. I'm quitting tomorrow."

**Members:** Naomi Bailey (home, more therapy), Dave Davidson, Diana Bailey, Teresa Kimbro, Gary Bailey, Kathy Rose, Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, Dot Davidson, Hester Moss, Christina George, James Hassell, Tony Halfacre, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Leon Lynn, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Marvin Kelley (Mike's uncle, cancer surgery), Wilburn McGahey, Cecil Varden, Bryan Owens, Chuck Dauphin, Russell Hargrove, Davey Baker, Ron Gossett, Alan Dickens, Jack Wood, Doug Bates, Cooper Parker, Teresa Noonan, Dennis Bradburn, Grayson Gunter, Laura Plunkett, Lena Harrell, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, 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:** Martha Harvill, Mary Carolyn McClanahan, Kitty Halfacre, Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

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

**Magnolia Place, Waverly:** Sarah Brown

**Meadows at Bellevue:** Joyce Johnson



## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

**September 3** – Middle/HS Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH

**September 14** – Middle/HS Devo, 5:30 at Ken & Mary Copley's house. We will be meeting at church @ 5:00 and taking the van, if you would like to ride. Girls bring chips & boys bring drinks.

**September 15** – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Devo during evening service @ FH

**September 17** – Middle/HS Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH

**September 21** – Relay for Life

**September 22** – Puppet show during evening service

**September 26** – Desserts & Devo, 6:30- 8:30 @ FH

**September 28** – Cleaning day at Fairfield...cleaning at the church building & the 3<sup>rd</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade will be cleaning the Field House at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided, for everyone that is cleaning by the youth group.

**September 29** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday with Carter Hoover.



## Center Fielders News

“Be Ready”

In Luke 12:40, Jesus says, “You also must be ready; because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him.” The word “ready” means to be prepared mentally or physically for some action or experience. We use this word almost every day in our vocabulary. When we plan to go on a trip, we say, “Are you all ready?” Or at supper time you might hear these words, “Dinner is ready.” New Testament verses with this word include Luke 22:23, where Peter declared that he was ready to go to prison and even die for Christ. In Roman 1:15 Paul wrote that he was ready to preach the Gospel, and in Acts 21:13 Paul said that he was ready not only to be bound but also to die for the Lord.

In the title above, “ready” refers to being prepared for the one-time experience of meeting the Lord. As we view the signs of the times, I think we all feel very confident that the Lord’s return could be very soon, but only the Father knows exactly when that will be.

Have you ever wondered why Jesus said “Be Ready” instead of “Get Ready”? Because my dear friend, we will not be able to get ready at the time Jesus comes. His coming will be as sudden as a flash of lighting (Matthew 24:27), so there will be no time to make preparation.

What can one do to be ready? Confess your faith in Jesus, repent of your sins, and be cleansed from all unrighteousness by being baptized. Then follow up with an endeavor to live a holy life and to follow all of the teachings of Jesus the Christ. Then you will be ready and be able to say “Come Lord Jesus” (Revelation 22:20) without any fear of being ready. Are you ready?

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**September 9** – Ladies Craft night 6:00p, room 104 We will be making fall decorations. Cost \$1.00.

**September 11** – Mission Meeting 6:00p, room 104

**September 14** – Widows breakfast 9:00a Home-  
stead Restaurant

**September 22** – Elders meet w/ women 4:30p, FH

**September 23** – Homeless meeting in basement.

**September 26** – Golden Agers - Junk Yard Dog

**September 27-28** – 2-day yard sale

**September 29** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday w/ Carter Hoover

### PUPPET SHOW FROM 2 WEEKS AGO



### NEVER ENOUGH

Someone asked John D. Rockefeller, the richest man of his time, how much money is enough? He replied, “Just a little bit more.”

Lots of people have that problem. We think if could just make a little more, we would be set. But when we get that little more, it isn’t too long till we are saying the same thing just with an increased amount.

The Preacher tells us this truth in Ecclesiastes 5:10-11: “He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance with its income. This too is vanity. When good things increase, those who consume them increase. So what is the advantage to their owners except to look on?”

Satisfaction doesn’t come in getting what you want; it comes in wanting what you already have.

Barry Haynes  
Hope church of Christ  
Hope, AR

**MEN TO SERVE SEPTEMBER 1**  
**LORD'S TABLE**

**Quotes**

**Preside:** Willie Powers  
**Left:** Norman George  
Derek Hutchings  
Nic Hutchings  
Gerry Hinson  
**Right:** Jeff Stacks  
Boyce Cannon  
Rodney Rochelle  
Mike Knight  
**Alternates:** Lee DeWire, Wallace Smith  
**Basement:** Josh Copley, Ken Copley  
**Sun P.M.:** Gary Basford, Steve Craft

**PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE**

**A.M. Scripture Reading:** Adam Jude  
**Scripture:** Psalms 95:6-7  
**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Buddy Chandler  
**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Marvin Truett  
**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Mathew Wright  
**Scripture:** Matthew 7:21-23  
**P.M. Opening Prayer:** Willie Powers  
**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Dustin Bailey  
**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Wed. Invitation:** (Sept 4) Mike Kelley

**SONG LEADERS**

**Sunday A.M** Darin Cochran  
**Sunday P.M.** Steve Baker  
**Wednesday P.M.** (Sept 4) Jeff Rose

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday A.M.** Rodney Rochelle  
**Sunday P.M.** Gary Wright  
**Wednesday P.M.** (Sept 4) Darin Cochran

**VAN DRIVERS**

**Sunday A.M.** Gerry Hinson 931-623-2043  
931-729-3208  
**Sunday P.M.** Gerry Hinson 931-623-2043  
931-729-3208  
**Wed. P.M.** Gary Basford 931-628-0355  
(Sept 4)

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 August 25, 2019**  
**A.M. WORSHIP:** 215  
**CONTRIBUTION:** \$3945  
**2019 WEEKLY BUDGET:** \$4167

“My school days were the happiest days of my life; which should give you some indication of the misery I’ve endured over the past twenty-five years.”  
— Paul Merton

“My school was so tough the school newspaper had an obituary section.” — Norm Crosby

“A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you.” — Elbert Hubbard

“When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive – to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love.” — Marcus Aurelius

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.” — Audrey Hepburn

“Coming to the Bible through commentaries is much like looking at a landscape through garret windows, over which generations of unmolested spiders have spun their webs.” — Henry Ward Beecher

“America believes in education: the average professor earns more money in a year than a professional athlete earns in a whole week.” — Evan Esar

“Considering that the blessed life we so long for consists in an intimate and true love of God Our Creator and Lord, which binds and obliges us all to a sincere love.” — Ignatius

“In youth we learn; in age we understand.” — Marie Von Ebner-Eschenbach

“A sum can be put right: but only by going back till you find the error and working it afresh from that point, never by simply going on.” — C.S. Lewis

