

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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*Transportation*  
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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 10:20 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

*But the fruit of the Spirit is...kindness*

Galatians 5:22

After a few years of marriage, Joe no longer saw his wife as interesting, fun, or attractive. He became more and more bothered by her sloppy housekeeping and her fault-finding personality.

He contacted a divorce attorney. The attorney advised him thusly, "Joe, if you really want to stick it to your wife, start treating her like a queen! Do everything in your power to serve her, please her, and make her feel special. Then, after a couple of months of this royal treatment, pack your bags and leave. That way, you will disappoint her as much as she has disappointed you."

Joe could hardly wait to enact the plan! He picked up a dozen roses on the way home, helped his wife with dinner and the dishes, and brought her breakfast in bed. He began complimenting her on her clothes, cooking, and housekeeping. He even treated her to an out-of-town trip.

After three months, the attorney called and said, "Well, I have the divorce papers ready for you to sign. Come to my office and in just a few minutes you will be on your way to being a happy bachelor."

"Are you crazy?" Joe said. "My wife has made so many changes that I wouldn't think of divorcing her now!"

Kindness extended to another person may or may not change the other person, but it does change the person showing the kindness. It makes them even kinder.

Is your religion kind? If not, it's not the Christian kind.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





There are sheets in both foyers for you to take and update your information for our new directory. Please turn your sheets in to one of the elders or drop it in the box at the office. **The elders have asked that each family fill out a sheet please.**

The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Centerville church of Christ is this coming Sunday (19<sup>th</sup>) at 9:00 am. The speaker for worship is **Jim Brown** and the speaker for the 10:15 am adult class is **Bryan McAlister**. Lunch will be served at 11:00 am under the tent in the parking lot. There will be singing at 1:15 pm - 1:45 pm. The afternoon service will begin at 1:45 pm and the speakers are **Todd Parsley** and **Matthew Dotson**.

The Banana Pudding Festival will be October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. We will need help making pudding on Friday night the 1<sup>st</sup> and people to work on Saturday and Sunday. See Teresa Craft or Cindy Bailey to sign up to help.



We express our deepest sympathy to the following who passed away recently: **Loretta Burke** (sister of **Norman Martin** and sister-in-law of **Margaret**), **Wilma Cash**, **Donald Canady** (brother-in-law of Floy Cochran), **Bill Powell** and **Kevin Copley**.



We remarked recently that we have very few biological family members left, but we both feel so blessed to be a part of this church family. We have been overwhelmed by your love, concern, prayers, texts, phone calls, private messages and gifts to us following Rick's accident and during his recovery. Although our words seem inadequate, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

*In Him,*  
**Rick & Joyce Bruno**



**Members:** Connor Peebles (Vanderbilt Children's hospital-RSV & pneumonia), Rick Bruno (St. Thomas Hickman Co hospital-therapy), Rickey Weems (hospital), June Prince, Alice Lynn (recovering at home), Dewayne Victory, Faye Rochelle, Helen Shanes, Bob James, Kenneth Chandler, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins (hospital), Lou Dickens, Raymond Stoltz, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Harry & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Jeremy Primm, Bobby McCoy, Jane Gilbert, Melvin Roberson, Willie Taylor, Ronald Loveless, Billie Church, Daniel Spears, Harley Parker, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Michael Noonan, Doris Elam, Jean Greer, Neil Jobe, 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

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

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



**Sept 19** - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo, during evening service @ FH  
**Sept 21** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ the FH

**ATTENTION YOUTH:** Celebration is November 5 - 7 this year. This youth rally is in Gilbertsville, KY and is for the middle school and high school youth. The cost is \$70 each. There is a sign-up sheet in the Field House or see Teresa Craft. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.



## Center Fielders News

“Jesus Died For You”

No matter who you are or what you have done, God loves you so much that He was willing to send His Son to die a cruel death for you. He is offering you a life of salvation. Won't you accept it? (John 3:16)

Are you tired of living a defeated life of sin? Do you want to spend eternity in Heaven with the Lord? Do you feel lost? Maybe you live a decent life, avoiding terrible sins, but have never accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior. You need to be born again. Follow the steps below. (John 3:3)

### 1) Believe (John 11:25-26, 40)

Believe that God is and that He loves you. Believe that Christ died for your sins. Believe that He rose from the dead.

### 2) Recognize you're a sinner (Romans 3:23, Isaiah 53:6)

No one is free from sin. We are born with a sinful nature. Unless you believe you're a sinner, you cannot be born again.

### 3) Repent (Matthew 4:17)

You must be truly sorry for your sins and have a sincere desire to be free from them.

### 4) Be baptized (Acts 2:38)

Baptism washes away all your previous sins by reenacting Jesus' death, burial, and His resurrection.

After you have been born again, there are also steps one should follow.

### 1) Forsake sin (Romans 6:1-2)

### 2) Live a changed life (2 Corinthians 5:17)

### 3) Read the Bible daily and pray (Matthew 7:7-8, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

### 4) Live a faithful life until God calls you home. (Hebrews 10:25)

The Christian is a battlefield not a bed of roses. To be born again is only the beginning. Don't be discouraged when things don't go your way, because the Lord has promised that we can have victory because of the shed blood of Jesus. The Christian is worth the difficulties!!!!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## MEN TO SERVE SEPTEMBER 19

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Kenneth Jett  
**Scripture Reading:** Andrew Fisher  
**Scripture:** Psalm 118:1-4  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Adam Jude  
**Alternates:** Phillip Coates, Zack Harvill  
**Announcements:** Mike Batts  
**Closing Prayer:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Mike Batts  
**Scripture Reading:** Roy McCoy  
**Scripture:** John 3:16  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Rose  
**Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey  
**Lord's Supper:** Adam Jude, Boyce Cannon  
**Closing Prayer:** Gerry Hinson  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Basford  
**Song Leader:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Opening Prayer:** Lafayette Spears  
**Invitation:** Mike Kelley  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355



## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF September 12, 2021	
MORNING WORSHIP	149
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4856
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167



## UNEMPLOYED CHRISTIANS?



We continue to see unprecedented job opportunities in our nation and locally. It almost seems employers are literally begging people to work. We can find work if we are seeking. This is especially true in the work of the church.

Someone once told me, "there should never be any unemployed Christians." Much work is to be done in bringing others to Christ. We know secular work sustains our family and allows the work of the church to grow. However, we are still expected to work for the Lord by sowing and reaping. The only way to have a harvest is to plant the seed. Telling others about Jesus is the only way seeds can be planted. The world needs to hear the Gospel, so the harvest can take place. The challenge in the church is lacking those who will work. What Jesus says in Matthew 10:37 still rings true today, "Then He said to His disciples, The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Jesus is saying, HELP WANTED.

I grew up with many good athletes. One of the traits that allowed my peers to stand out athletically was their ability to be multi-dimensional. Good basketball players do more than shoot, good football players do more than run, and good golfers can play different courses! We, as Christians may say, "I can only lead singing so that's my job in the kingdom." Others may say, "I'm a good cook, so I will focus on preparing meals for others." While these and other skills contribute to sowing and reaping, choosing to remain one-dimensional limits our effectiveness for the Lord.

We all have been given so many talents. Matthew 25:14-30 explains we must use our talents and multiply our abilities. Christians have been equipped by our Creator. We sometimes say 20 percent of the people do 80 percent of the work. In actuality, if 20 percent of the people are working, only 20 percent of the work is being done. We have settled for far less than what could be done in the name of Jesus. Will you respond to the plea for HELP WANTED?

*Allen Jones  
South Green Street church of Christ  
Glasgow, KY*

## What's Your Answer?

I was on a flight the other day when the stewardess came up to me and said, "Excuse me sir, would you like to have dinner?"

I said, "What are the options?"

She said, "Yes and No."



## THE LONG WIT OF THE LAW

*These are actual comments made by 13 police officers. The comments were taken off actual police car-videos around the country:*

1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."
3. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
4. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"
5. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"
6. "Warning? You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."
7. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
8. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."
9. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."
10. "In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC" (National Crime Information Center).
11. "Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"
12. "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."
13. "I'm glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So, you know someone who can post your bail."