

# 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 10:20 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

**Here We Grow.** We are excited beyond words to report that Eli Powers was baptized into Christ this past Sunday morning at Fairfield. Eli is the son of Gary Cunningham and Rhonda Powers... and the grandson of Willie and Minnie Powers. I served as Eli's school counselor for 2 years and can tell you that he is a polite, well-behaved, intelligent young man. He had thought carefully and studied diligently about his decision to follow Christ. How special it was to see Eli coming down the aisle during the invitation song, hear him make the good confession, and watch as he was immersed in water for the forgiveness of his sins! Please congratulate and encourage Eli when you see him... and pray that he will have a healthy, happy, and holy life of service to God and God's people.

**Back To The Future.** The Future Leaders Class met for the 3rd time last Sunday night. 11 boys and girls have attended for the last 2 meetings. So far, we have learned that leaders are helpers, good listeners, and humble. We have played follow the leader, the telephone game, and used a slingshot (like David). In the last session, we split into boys and girls classes. The girls learned about the opportunities for service that women have in the church. Spoiler alert: there are a lot! The boys' lesson was on leading a public prayer. We learned how to prepare our minds; how to begin a public prayer; an outline of things to include in the prayer; and that we should talk loudly, slowly, and clearly so that we can be heard and understood by those in the audience. Thanks so much to all parents and grandparents who are making the effort to get children to this class! This Sunday night (September 25), there will be a puppet show for all children during evening worship. The following Sunday night, Future Leaders will resume. It will run until the end of October, with a graduation ceremony being held on October 30.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





We will need help on September 30<sup>th</sup> making puddings. We will begin around 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will need help on October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> serving on the pudding path. Please see Cindy Bailey or Teresa Craft if you can help.

The next Ladies class on prayer will be this Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the basement.

### RESPONSES:

**Eli Powers** was baptized last Sunday morning. Congratulations.

**Braxton Kirk** came forward for prayers also on Sunday morning. Let's encourage both of them in the days ahead.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Gloria Armstrong** of Phoenix City, AL who passed away on Tuesday. She was the daughter of the late **Oscar & Ruth Armstrong** and grew up in this congregation. A celebration of life will be held later.

Also, sympathy to the family of **A. D. Cunningham** of Coble. His funeral was on Tuesday. He was well known for his work on the rescue squad in the county.

### Bible Quiz: Revelation 12:1-6

1. "Now a great \_\_\_ appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve \_\_\_."
2. "Then being with \_\_\_, she cried out in \_\_\_ and in pain to give \_\_\_."
3. The dragon was fiery \_\_\_ and had seven \_\_\_.
4. "His \_\_\_ drew a third of the \_\_\_ of heaven and threw them to the \_\_\_."
5. "Then the woman fled into the \_\_\_, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty \_\_\_."

(answers next week)



**Members:** Neveah Wright (wisdom teeth pulled yesterday), Dave Davidson, Patsy Givens, Ralph Givens, Tommy McClanahan (no visitors), Janey Gilbert, Dorothy Weatherspoon (more tests coming), Helen Shanes, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, Dewayne Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** John Plemmons, Jr (heart procedure on Friday), Billy Hinson, Baby Evelyn (daughter of Lauren Gatewood Barr & Corbin Barr & grandparents Gary & Becky Gatewood-born 15 weeks prematurely), Linda Smith, Wilma Orton, Adam Loveless, Caleb Coates, Judy Hinson, Mike Rhea, Helen Jerpe, Michael Harvill, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, Jo James, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, Doris & Marjorie Claud, Rebeca Mears, Greg Zoller, Elizabeth Dunn, Kelley Wilson, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Doris Elam, Donna Gaspard, Rita Stacks, Jimmy Jenkins, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Jimmy George & William Dale Nash.

**Life Care:** Anthony Stacks, Wilma Green, Francis Qualls, Hester Moss

**St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:** Naomi Bailey

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



**Sept 25** - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off  
**Sept 30** - Make banana pudding for BP Festival  
**Oct 1&2** - Banana Pudding Festival, need help serving  
**Oct 4** - Middle/HS Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ Field House  
**Oct 9** - Future Leaders Class, during evening service-LO  
**Oct 10-14** - Hickman County Fall Break  
**Oct 16** - Future Leaders Class, during evening service-LO  
**Oct 18** - Middle/HS Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ Field House  
**Oct 23** - Future Leaders Class, during evening service-LO  
**Oct 30** - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday- Future Leaders Graduation  
**Oct 31** - Halloweenie Roast 5:00-7:00, need volunteers  
**Nov 4-6** - Celebration-cost is \$70. Sign-up sheets in the Field House. This is for Middle/High School



## Center Fielders News

“Obedience to Government Authority”

Because of circumstances during the Covid pandemic, many people decided that the civil government was not worthy of obedience. However, the Scripture says that civil government is actually part of God’s plan for human society. Everyone is called to obey government rulers to the fullest extent possible without violating the commands of God.

The Bible teaches us that when we obey government authorities, we are doing “for the Lord’s sake. “We obey them out of obedience to God, not necessarily because we agree with their decisions. Whatever our opinion is, we are called to submit to earthly rulers as long as it does not violate Biblical principles.

I understand that at the present time things are pretty bad but one must compare our present time with the time that Paul wrote Romans 13. Paul and his audience were subjects of the Roman Empire, which was ruled by emperors who had almost unlimited power. The emperor that was ruling when Paul wrote Romans 13, was a man named Nero, who became known for his incredible cruelty to Christians. Paul and many of the disciples suffered martyrdom while Nero was emperor.

The Roman government sponsored many violent spectator sports in the Colosseum at Rome. Many Christians were thrown to lions or torn apart by wild dogs to entertain the people. Now fast forward to today. Many Christians in free countries are a blessed people today. We should be willing to submit to civil authorities, we should pray for them daily, and when we do this, we are being faithful witnesses for Christ.

“Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do this will bring judgment on themselves” (Romans 13 :2).

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF September 18, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	184
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4892
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Vance Willis  
**Scripture Reading:** Keith Harvill  
**Scripture:** Philippians 3:12-14  
**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Norman George  
**Alternates:** Rick Bruno, Gary Bailey  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates  
**Scripture:** Matthew 19:13-15  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Stacks  
**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy  
**Lord’s Supper:** Dale Dillingham, Boyce Cannon  
**Closing Prayer:** Rick Bruno  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright  
**Song Leader:** Gary Basford  
**Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey  
**Invitation:** Mike Kelley  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855

## YOUR BIBLE

A young child watched her mother reading from the Bible for a few minutes each morning. Finally, one day she asked, “Aren’t you ever going to get finished reading that book?” The mother replied, “No honey, we never get finished with this Book. It always has something that helps encourage, challenge, and make me into being a better person.”

What a wonderful blessing to be able to read the parable of the good Samaritan, the sermon on the mount, the resurrection story, the faithfulness of the men and women of old and many others.

Dear friend, the Bible holds great treasures. Search it, study it, cherish it and spend time with it each day. It’s God’s way of telling us how to get to heaven. If we don’t know the way, or if we refuse to follow its directions, we simply won’t get there. Make time to read your Bible. Throughout eternity you will be glad you did.

Where is your Bible? Is it on top of the TV Guide or under it?

*John K. Wills  
 Owingsville church of Christ  
 Owingsville, KY*



"An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man." —  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

"No thoroughly occupied man was ever yet very  
miserable." — Letitia Landon

"Sometimes one pays most for the things one gets for  
nothing." — Albert Einstein

"A weak mind is like a microscope, which magnifies trifling  
things but cannot receive great ones." — Lord  
Chesterfield

"A man will fight harder for his interests than for his  
rights." — Napoleon Bonaparte

"A team that has character doesn't need stimulation." —  
Tom Landry

"You look at a guy who's being brave. He's afraid, or he  
wouldn't be brave. If he isn't afraid, he's stupid." — Eddie  
Rickenbacker

"Do not wait for ideal circumstances, nor for the best  
opportunities; they will never come." — Janet Erskine  
Stuart

"Opportunities multiply as they are seized; they die when  
neglected. Life is a long line of opportunities." — John  
Wicker

"It is better to weep with wise men than to laugh with  
fools." — Spanish proverb

"A wise man may look ridiculous in the company of fools."  
— Thomas Fuller

"I have friends in overalls whose friendship I would not  
swap for the favor of the kings of the world." — Thomas  
A. Edison

"God gives every bird its food, but He does not throw it  
into the nest." — Josiah Holland

"Most of the fear that spoils our life comes from attacking  
difficulties before we get to them." — Dr. Frank Crane

"All who would win joy, must share it; happiness was born  
a twin." — Lord Byron

"Happiness does not depend on outward things, but on  
the way we see them." — Leo Tolstoy

"He that would be superior to external influences must  
first become superior to his own passions." — Samuel  
Johnson



### OCTOBER

- 1 Amber McDonald
- 2 Anthony Canady
- 3 Donna Pitman
- 4 Faye Rochelle  
Cole Irwin
- 5 Tina Johnson  
Wyatt Houston Barber
- 8 Steve Craft  
Robert Wilson
- 10 Patsy Givens
- 11 Cindy Bailey
- 13 Jill Ward
- 16 Dianne Breece
- 17 Annalyn Holt  
Courtney James  
Emily Anderson
- 19 Reba England
- 20 O.D. Pratt  
Arielle Wright  
Kenneth Jett
- 24 Diane Coates
- 25 Glenda Coates
- 26 Chris Love
- 27 Gary Basford
- 29 Mike Knight
- 30 Sheila Brady
- 31 Edward Sullivan



### OCTOBER

- 1 Ronny & Donna Pitman
- 12 Tommy & Alison Stanley
- 13 Mike & Jill Ward
- 18 Jack & Angie Green  
Caleb & Paige Truett  
Shanon & Sydney Irwin  
Hezekiah & Reda Springer
- 21 Ralph & Patsy Givens  
Dave & Dot Davidson
- 26 Charles & Rita Sullivan



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