

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Wayne Prince ext.14  
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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.22  
*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 10:20 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

*Let no unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs.*

Ephesians 4:29

While doing research for a doctoral thesis, a young man spent a year with a group of Navajo Indians on a reservation in the Southwest. He lived with one family, sleeping in their hut, eating their food, working with them, and generally living their life.

The grandmother of the family spoke no English, yet a very close friendship formed between the grandmother and the doctoral student. They seemed to share the common language of love and they intuitively understood one another. Over the months, he learned a few phrases in Navajo, and she picked up words and phrases in English.

When it was time for the young man to return to the university and write his thesis, the tribe held a going-away celebration for him. It was filled with sadness since he had developed such a close relationship with all those in the village.

As he prepared to get into his pickup truck and drive away, the old grandmother came to tell him goodbye. With tears streaming from her eyes, she placed her hands on either side of his face, looking directly in his eyes, and said, "I like me best when I'm with you."

People may not remember exactly what you said. They might remember exactly what you did. They will absolutely remember how being with you made them feel. Act and speak in such a way that they feel their best when they're with you!

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





Anyone wanting to help those affected by the flood, can do so by joining the Church of Christ Disaster Relief Organization. Contact Angela Green at 931-219-7979 for more information.

Please remember to fill out an update sheet for the church yellow pages. The elders have asked that each family fill out a sheet whether or not there have been changes.

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 sympathy to the family of **Freddie Breece** who passed away on Tuesday of last week. He was the brother of **Chris Breece**. Please remember Chris and the rest of this family in your prayers.

We also express sympathy to the family of **Rickey Weems**. He passed away Wednesday after an extended battle with Covid. He was a regular here at church and will miss him. There are no arrangements at this time.



A preacher trained his horse to go when he said, "Praise the Lord," and to stop when he said, "Amen." The preacher mounted the horse, said, "Praise the Lord" and went for a ride. When he wanted to stop for lunch, he said, "Amen." He took off again, saying, "Praise the Lord." The horse started going toward the edge of a cliff. The preacher got excited and said, "Whoa!" Then he remembered and said, "Amen," and the horse stopped at the edge of the cliff. The preacher was so relieved and grateful that he looked up to heaven and said, "Praise the Lord!"



**Members:** Chris Breece (Rolling Hills hospital), Brenda Stoltz, Chris England, Connor Peebles (home), Rick Bruno (St. Thomas Hickman hospital-therapy), June Prince, Alice Lynn, Dewayne Victory (home), 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.

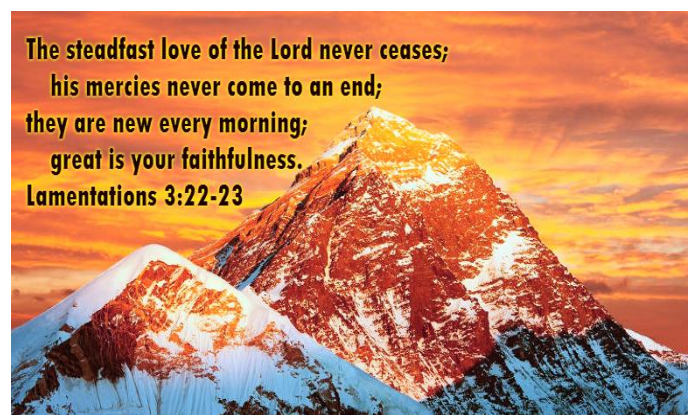
**Friends & Family:** Randal Totty, Jeremy Primm (home), Bobby McCoy, Jane Gilbert, Melvin Roberson, Willie Taylor, Ronald Loveless, Billie Church, Daniel Spears, Harley Parker, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Rachael Bellis, Michael Noonan, Doris Elam, Jean Greer, Neil Jobe, Adam Lawson, Evan 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.

Please keep Isaiah, Shelby and Kay Lynn Locke in your prayers. They are all very sick. Isaiah is the grandson of Dorothy Noonan and he is stationed at Fort Sill, OK.

**Life Care:** Hester Moss

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

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





## Center Fielders News

“A Proper View of Our Past”

The Bible talks about things we should forget and also about things we should remember as we relate to our past. Paul gives his testimony on this matter in Philippians 3:13-14. We need to have the same desire and testimony if we hope to live victorious Christian lives.

We cannot erase from our memory the things of our past, but repent of those past sins and not dwell on them anymore. No matter how dark our past may look, we receive forgiveness from the cleansing blood of Jesus, and move on from there. Yes, we should be ashamed of our sinful past and should not make a long story of it, but we also need to be thankful of where that sinful life led us to, and that was to Jesus. It is so much more important to give a testimony of deliverance than that bondage of sin that at one time we were deceived and thought we enjoyed!

If we look back at our mistakes and failures, we can profit and gain knowledge by letting these things serve as lessons for us. We can also gain knowledge from the failures of others, but also by watching the good examples of others as well. We can focus on the righteous lives of the godly people in our families, and also in the Book of Hebrews, chapter 11.

Our memory is a marvelous gift from God. Let us use it in a positive way to remember the good things we have been taught and to memorize Scriptures!!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**



## MEN TO SERVE SEPTEMBER 26

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Vance Willis  
**Scripture Reading:** Zack Harvill  
**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 12:13-14  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Gary Basford  
**Alternates:** Chris Wright, Edwin Wright  
**Announcements:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Closing Prayer:** Kenneth Jett  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright  
**Scripture Reading:** Robert Graf  
**Scripture:** Lamentations 3:22-23  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Stacks  
**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude  
**Lord's Supper:** Gerry Hinson, Boyce Cannon  
**Closing Prayer:** Gary Basford  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Rose  
**Opening Prayer:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Invitation:** Mike Kelley  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355



## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF September 19, 2021  
 MORNING WORSHIP 147  
 CONTRIBUTION: \$3603  
 2021 WEEKLY BUDGET \$4167



## TRUE STORY

Consider the saga of 83-year-old Walter Duddes' recent encounter with Cupid. After he buried his childhood bride, Walter soon realized that the big house they had shared so many years was no place for a lonely old man. So, he parceled out the family heirlooms to his kids, put up a **FOR SALE** sign in front of the house, and moved into the fancy retirement center across town.

Somehow – Walter was never quite sure how – he found himself spending quite a bit of his time with Alice, a widow whose room was several doors down the hall from his. They shared breakfast, read the same newspaper, dawdled over coffee most mornings instead of going back to their far-too-quiet rooms alone.

One evening after supper Walter mustered all his courage and popped the question. "Alice," he stammered, "I wonder if you would consider marrying me?" Just getting those words out of his mouth left him breathless and a bit light-headed. Like so many other activities in life, proposing is a task for young men.

When he awoke the next morning, Walter was still somewhat flustered by the experience of the evening just past. But his biggest concern was not that he had proposed. What flummoxed him was that he couldn't remember whether Alice had said "Yes" or "No"!

"Now what do I do?" he browbeat himself. All morning long he sweated over this new mess.

Finally, he shuffled down the hall and rang Alice's doorbell. When she answered the door, without a hit of finesse he blurted out his problem. "I can't remember if you told me Yes or No," he confessed. He had never been more embarrassed.

"Oh Walter," Alice gushed as she clasped his hand. "I'm so glad you have come to talk with me about this. When I got up this morning, I knew I had told someone last night I would marry him. But for the life of me I couldn't remember who."

[Source: Gene Shelburne, "Gray Love," *Christian Appeal*, Vol. 51 No. 11, May 2003, p. 15]



### OCTOBER

- 1 Amber McDonald
- 2 Anthony Canady  
Greg Mobley
- 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  
Emily Anderson
- 19 Reba England
- 20 O.D. Pratt  
Arielle Wright  
Kenneth Jett
- 24 Diane Coates  
Barbara Beard
- 25 Glenda Coates
- 26 Chris Love
- 27 Gary Basford
- 29 Mike Knight
- 30 Sheila Brady
- 31 Edward Sullivan



### OCTOBER

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

