

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Wayne Prince ext.14  
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Clay Chandler ext. 6  
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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

### How To Pray With Power

*And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.*

-Acts 4:31

The early believers prayed with power. Their prayer recorded in Acts 4 was so powerful that God said "Amen" with an earthquake! How can we add power to our prayers? By praying like them.

Notice the circumstances of their prayer. Peter and John had healed a paralyzed man and gave the credit to Jesus. The Jewish authorities didn't like this and ordered Peter and John to no longer speak in the name of Jesus. Peter and John went to their fellow believers and together they prayed this powerful prayer. Persecution and pain in the life of the believer are often the circumstances that create powerful prayer.

Notice the confidence of their prayer. Their prayer affirmed that God had created "the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them" (Acts 4:24). God was the *Creator*... their enemies were the *created*. If the Creator was for them, why should they be intimidated by the created?

Finally, notice the commitment of their prayer. They asked God to "grant to your *servants* to continue to speak the word with all boldness" (Acts 4:29). The word "servants" is a Greek word which literally means "slaves." They said, in effect, "Lord, we are your slaves. We desire to have the boldness to do your will. Now, please answer our prayer." Answered prayer is not for rebels! Do we have that level of commitment to God?

Will you join me in a renewed effort to pray with power?

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





It was good to see **Leon Lynn** back at services Sunday.

There is still time to pick up some postcards that are available for you to take and to invite others to join us on October 20<sup>th</sup> for our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

The basement will be closed Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> to strip and wax the floors. No one will be allowed in during this time.

There will be a Hayride for everyone at Ron & Dawn Mayberry's Farm off Maddox Rd. on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. The boys are to bring drinks (cans) and bottled water. The girls are to bring chips and or desserts. Please bring camping chairs. Signup sheets are in both foyers to give us an idea on how many hotdogs to get. If anyone wants to bring drinks or chips early, they can leave in the education office or give to Ken.

The October men to serve and van driver lists are in both foyers.

\*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.



## YOUTH CALENDAR FOR SEPT & OCT

**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.

**October 1** – Middle/HS devo, 6:30-8:30pm @ Field House

**October 4** – Make banana puddings-help will be needed anytime starting @ 4:30pm.

**October 5 & 6** – Banana Pudding Festival. Need youth help serving on the Puddin' Path.

**October 14 - 18** – Fall Break

**October 19** – Hayride & cookout @ the Mayberry's

**October 20** – Fairfield 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary / Puppet show

**October 22** – Middle/HS devo, 6:30-8:30pm @ Field House

**October 27** – Elders meet with the youth during SS.  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade devo during evening service  
Mercy Me event for high school

**October 31** – Trunk or Treat

**Members:** June Prince (eye surgery Friday), Faye Rochelle (eye surgery was Wednesday), Minnie Powers, Marlin Lawson (St. Thomas West), Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Eli Powers, Naomi Bailey, Dave Davidson, Diana Bailey, Teresa Kimbro, Kathy Rose (home), 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:** Wayne England, Sandy Kimbro Bagwell, Jimmy Cline, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Joyce Johnson, Marvin Kelley, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Davey Baker, Ron Gossett, Alan Dickens, Jack Wood, Doug Bates, Cooper Parker, Teresa Noonan, 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, 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:** Jessie Lee Harris, Martha Harvill, Mary Carolyn McClanahan, 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

**Fifth Sunday is Sunday here at Fairfield. Carter Hoover from the Centerville church will be our special guest speaker. We will have a potluck after classes and an afternoon service at 12:30 pm. There will be no evening service. Come join us for an uplifting day. Also, all of our contribution will be going to retire our debt.**

## AREA EVENT

Berea's Homecoming at the Berea church of Christ  
Service is at 10:30 am  
Speaker, Jim Dillingham  
Lunch after the morning service  
Afternoon devotional following lunch.





## Center Fielders News

“The Leaven of Sin”

The evening before the Israelites were delivered from Egypt, they sacrificed a lamb and ate it with unleavened bread. In their hasty departure they had no time to let their bread rise, but they ate unleavened cakes as they journeyed. Each year, in preparation for the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Jews threw out their old bread and sourdough. Eventually they became so careful about this that they searched their houses and swept out every crumb.

The New Testament portrays leaven as a type of sin. Why? Leaven or yeast puffs up. Bread taste good this way. But the pockets produced by yeast are empty and hold no nutritional value. Likewise, the puffed-up life of sin is a fake. It looks fulfilling, but it is full of emptiness.

Yeast is pervasive. One little pinch causes the whole loaf to rise. One little sin will permeate every area of our life and will also influence those around us.

Yeast is everywhere. A bowl of flour and water set outdoors will soon collect yeast from the air. It is the same with sin. We don't have to look for it to find it. Between Satan and our sinful nature, we sometimes absorb his influence.

Jesus sacrificed His sinless body to redeem us from the bondage of Satan. When we partake of the Lords Supper, we are commanded to remember this. This is a special time for Christians to focus on just what Jesus did for us. Yet every day, we should commune with Christ and His body, the church. Each day we should search our own lives and purge out the leaven in ourselves.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## SCENES FROM THE PUPPET SHOW



## SEPT & OCT EVENTS

**September 28** – Clean-up day at the church 9 am.

**September 27-28** – 2-day yard sale & cleanup

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

**October 9** – Mission meeting

**October 12** – Widows breakfast @ Homestead 9am

**October 14** – Ladies Craft night

**OCTOBER 20 - FAIRFIELD 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**October 21** – Homeless meeting & 6 pm

**October 24** – Golden Agers Homestead restaurant

**October 31** – Trunk or Treat

## MEN TO SERVE SEPTEMBER 29 LORD'S TABLE

**Preside:** Buddy Chandler  
**Left:** Willie Powers      **Right:** Wayne Prince  
           Kenneth Jett           Lloyd Rochelle  
           Chris Kimbro           Marvin Truett  
           Mike Knight            Harry Totty  
**Alternates:** Nathan Carroll, Kim Clayton  
**Basement:** Edwin Wright, Mathew Wright

### PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

**A.M. Scripture Reading:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Scripture:**  
**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy  
**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Mike Breece  
**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Edwin Wright  
**Scripture:**  
**P.M. Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince  
**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Wallace Smith  
**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy  
**Wed. Invitation:** (Oct 2) Mike Kelley

### SONG LEADERS

**Sunday A.M.**                   Darin Cochran  
**Sunday P.M.**                   Gary Basford  
**Wednesday P.M.** (Oct 2) Gary Basford

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday A.M.**                   Mike Batts  
**Wednesday P.M.** (Oct 2) Marvin Truett

### VAN DRIVERS

**Sunday A.M.** Gary Basford   931-628-0355  
**Wed. P.M.** Gary Basford   931-628-0355  
 (Oct 2)

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 September 22, 2019  
**A.M. WORSHIP:**           224  
**CONTRIBUTION:**         \$4050  
**2019 WEEKLY BUDGET:**   \$4167

## CONTENTMENT

In Budapest, a man goes to the rabbi and complains, "Life is unbearable. There are nine of us living in one room. What can I do?" The rabbi answers, "Take your goat into the room with you." The man is incredulous, but the rabbi insists. "Do as I say and come back in a week." A week later the man comes back looking more distraught than before. "We cannot stand it," he tells the rabbi. "The goat is filthy." The rabbi then tells him, "Go home and let the goat out. And come back in a week."

A radiant man returns to the rabbi a week later, exclaiming, "Life is beautiful. We enjoy every minute of it now that there's no goat—only the nine of us."

## CHANGE OF HEART

Jimmy Moore was a dying man. There just wasn't any future for him. Then he got his chance at life again in the form of a heart transplant at Vanderbilt Hospital. Two years later, he completed the grueling Music City triathlon which consists of a kilometer-long swim, 40-kilometer bike ride, and a 10-kilometer run.

Jay Groves, coordinator of Vanderbilt's cardiac rehab program, ran and bicycled with Jimmy. Frieda Fowinkle came in from Atlanta to be with him during the swimming portion of the event. The man who had a heart transplant 18 months earlier crossed the finish line with tears in his eyes and these words across the front of his T-shirt: "I've had a change of heart."

## CONVICTION

People will not always believe what you believe. But if you believe what you believe, people will believe you believe what you believe. And if they believe that you believe what you believe, then they will believe that what you believe is worth their consideration.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The shortest letter to the editor written to England's newspaper the Daily Mail was when the editor invited readers to send in their answers to the question, "What's wrong with the world?" writer G.K. Chesterton is reputed to have sent the following:

Dear Sir,  
 I am.  
 Yours sincerely,  
 G.K. Chesterton