

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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Ken Copley ext.17  
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*Seniors*  
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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

**Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.**

Matthew 7:24

Sometimes the hardest thing to do with Scripture is to apply it to your own life. For many of us, it's easier to make the application for other people.

One preacher became acutely aware of this when a church member consistently met him after the service and said, "You sure preached to them today." The preacher dreamed of someday hearing this woman take the message and apply it personally.

One Sunday, he thought he finally had his chance. A severe snowstorm prevented everyone except the preacher and this woman from showing up for morning worship. After the message, he knew she wouldn't be able to make her usual comment. There was no "them" in attendance that day.

She didn't make her standard comment. Instead, she said, "Too bad they weren't all here, because... you sure preached to them today."

Good Bible study involves three questions. The questions must be asked in the proper order for the study to be effective. First, the Bible student must ask, "What does this passage mean?" Second, the student should ask, "What does this passage mean *to me*?" Only then should the student ask the third question, "What does this passage mean to others?"

Let's all determine to take this "me first" principle of Bible study to heart.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





It was good to see **David & Tina Johnson, Hezekiah & Reda Springer** and **Yvonna Caillouet** back at church on Sunday after being out due to sickness. Also, **Randy Prince** was back after having surgery on Thursday of last week.

The next Ladies Craft night will be October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in room 104. They will be making fall gifts.

The next Ladies class on prayer will be on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the basement.

The annual fall hayride at the Mayberry farm will be October 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 5:00 pm. Boys bring drinks (cans or bottled water) and girls bring chips. Hot dogs will be provided.

Our next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday will be on October 30<sup>th</sup> with our guest speaker of the day, **Bill McDonald**. He will speak at our 9:00 am service and at 12:30 pm. All of our contribution collected that day will go toward maintenance needs of the church. We will have a potluck following Bible classes. Come and join us for the day.

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5 pm - 7 pm will be our annual Halloweenie Roast. Hot dogs and candy will be given out. We need individually wrapped candy and volunteers to help hand out bags.



The Fairfield Relay for Life Team and Fairfield Youth Group would like to thank all those who helped with making and serving banana pudding for the National Banana Pudding Festival.

Thank you so very much for the nice plate of goodies you gave me when I was baptized.

Love,  
**Eli Powers**

I want to thank you for all the prayers for my grandson, Adam Loveless. He has decided not to have the eye surgery as there could be complications with more surgeries. He will be blind in that eye. Thank you again. Love you all.

**Gerry Smith**

I would like to thank the church and those who gave cards, gifts, and prayers for me in the loss of my mom in Texas.

**Lauren Gosser**



**Members:** Yvonna Caillouet, Dave Davidson, Patsy Givens, Ralph Givens, Tommy McClanahan, Janey Gilbert, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, Dewayne Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Jean Greer (mother of Carla Woodruff), Marilyn Mathis (sister of Rita Beard-shoulder surgery Oct. 18), James Tidwell (father of Bridgett), Allen Aymette, (brother-in-law of John & Brenda Fly), Billy Hinson, Evelyn Jane Barr (daughter of Corbin & Lauren Gatewood Barr & grandparents, Gary & Becky Gatewood - born 15 weeks prematurely is in ICU in SC), Linda Smith, Wilma Orton, Caleb Coates, Judy Hinson, Mike Rhea, Helen Jerpe, Michael Harvill, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, Jo James, Cody Crawford, Linda Goad, 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



**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

“Individual Accountability”

The Bible teaches us that each person is accountable to God for his or her actions. God does not punish us for someone else’s sins, and we can’t use their mistakes as an excuse for our own sins. On the other hand, causing an innocent child to sin is a serious offense before God. It is also wrong for someone to tell another that they are not responsible for their sins.

Family traditions were very important to the Jews, but God made it clear that we must not keep a wrong tradition. We can choose not to follow a pattern or a practice of sin. It is far better to follow the Bible than to follow a family practice of unbelief and disobedience. God is a God of love, but He is also a God of perfect justice. He cannot accept those who willfully live in sin.

A typical response from a person being punished is to say, “That isn’t fair!” The truth is that God is fair, but we have broken the rules. The solution to inherited guilt is for each person to experience a changed life. One has a choice to reverse their course of sin and rebellion and turn to God. One needs to pray “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10).

God wants us to be close to Him and experience His full and complete life. But unconfessed sin makes that impossible. In the end, God will judge each person individually for their sinfulness or righteousness.

God invites everyone to serve Him but never forces anyone!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF October 2, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	207
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5583
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

## MEN TO SERVE OCTOBER 9

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Vance Willis  
**Scripture Reading:** Keith Harvill  
**Scripture:** John 9:24-25  
**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Norman George  
**Alternates:** Phillip Coates, Gary Bailey  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Van Driver:** Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates  
**Scripture:** Mark 4:1-9  
**Song Leader:** Bobby McCoy  
**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy  
**Lord’s Supper:** Dale Dillingham, Boyce Cannon  
**Closing Prayer:** Edwin Wright  
**Van Driver:** Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

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



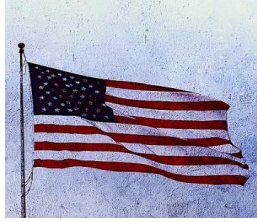
Our sympathy to the family of **Jerry C. Bates**, brother of **Joyce Fielder**. Funeral was on Thursday at McDonald Funeral Home.

Also, our sympathy to the family of **Horace Copley, Jr. (Sonny)**, who was the brother of **Charlene Breece**. His funeral was on Monday at McDonald Funeral Home.

*A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.” He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”*

**John 9:24-25 (NIV)**

## THE LAST BEST HOPE OF EARTH



One month before signing the Emancipation Proclamation, Abraham Lincoln wrote a letter to Congress in which he addressed freeing the country's slaves. In it, Lincoln stressed the importance of doing the right thing to "save our country," which he described as "the last best hope of earth."

I want to borrow and amend Lincoln's words. The family unit in American culture is under attack from many sides: radical feminism, which denies the value of husbands and fathers; gay rights advocates who push for the endorsement of same-sex marriages; divorce and remarriage for any reason; people living together outside the bond of marriage – just to name a few.

Yet, God says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it" (Psa. 127:1). When it comes to modeling for our world what the home should look like, the church of Jesus Christ is "the last best hope of earth."

When we admit that God both knows and wants what is best for us (Psa. 147:5; 1 Pet. 5:7), it should be easier to trust and obey him in everything (Prov. 3:5-8). God wants your family to succeed. He wants your home to be happy and stable. He wants your marriage to be a small taste of heaven on earth. He wants your relationship with your spouse and kids to be healthy and happy. But the key to experiencing all of those things is to build our homes according to his design.

In matters pertaining to the home, God has spoken regarding:

- marriage being between man and woman (Gen. 2:18-24).
- the roles of husband and wife (Eph. 5:22-33).
- the responsibilities of parents to children (Eph. 6:4; Deut. 6:4-9).
- the role of children to parents (Eph. 6:2).
- the importance of intimacy (1 Cor. 7:1-5).

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- the eternal consequences of adultery (Heb. 13:4).
- the permanence of marriage (Matt. 19:6).
- acceptable and unacceptable divorce (Matt. 19:3-12).
- the proper conduct of spouses to each other: love (1 Cor. 13), understanding and honor (1 Pet. 3:1-7), calm tempers (Prov. 15:1), and the golden rule (Matt. 7:12).

God has said much regarding human conduct, marital relationships, and family dynamics. We are unwise if we refuse to hear and heed his words.

*Eddie Parrish  
Brown Trail church of Christ  
Bedford, TX*

The Hickman County Relay for Life will be having a "Pretty in Pink Tea Party" on Sunday afternoon, October 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Fairfield basement. Tickets are \$10. We are celebrating breast cancer awareness month.



*Stay in touch with us on social media:*

**Facebook:** *Fairfield church of Christ-Field Family*

**Instagram:** *fcocfamily*