

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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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.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

**2020 Strikes Again.** We have been reminded once again that everything this side of heaven is subject to change. The elders had made the decision to begin having Bible classes again. The classes were to begin last Sunday, October 4. Then, 2020 struck again! Several members of the Fairfield family became sick. Fortunately, all our sick folks seem to be progressing toward recovery. However, wanting to show that "abundance of caution" that we've talked about before, the elders have decided to postpone our Bible classes for a while longer. We will maintain the same worship and streaming schedule we have been on the last few months. So... stay positive, stay healthy, and stay tuned!

**Humbly Grateful Or Grumbly Hateful?** A man sat down to have dinner with his family. Before they began to eat, the family members joined hands around the table and the man said a prayer... thanking God for the food, the hands that had prepared it, and the source of all life. During the meal, however, he complained at length about the staleness of the bread, the bitterness of the coffee, and a bit of mold he found on one edge of a block of cheese. His young daughter asked him, "Daddy, do you think God heard you say grace before the meal?" "Of course, honey," he answered confidently. Then she asked, "Do you think God heard everything that was said during dinner?" The man answered, "Why, yes, I believe so. God hears everything." She thought for a moment and then asked, "Daddy, which do you think God believed?"

*In Christian Love,*

*Mike*





Please return your MAGI boxes to Randal Halbrooks by this Sunday with \$7.00 cash or check made out to the Fairfield CoC to cover the shipping of the box.

\*\*\*We will continue to have van service for Sunday morning worship at 9:00 am & no classes. Sunday evening, at 6:00 pm, there will be van service. Rodney & Mike will continue to teach Wednesday nights on Facebook at 7:00 pm.\*\*\*

COMMUNION PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00-4:00 PM AT THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR THOSE WHO WON'T BE ATTENDING ON SUNDAY MORNING.



**Oct 11** – 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo, during evening service @ FH

**Oct 18** – Puppet Show, during evening service

**Oct 20** – Middle-High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH

**Oct 24** – We will be having our annual Hayride at Ron & Dawn Mayberry's farm on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Boys bring drinks (cans) and or bottled water. Girls bring chips and any desserts that they want to bring. This will all start at 5 pm. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

**Oct 31** – Front porch of the church building from 4:30 – 6:30 pm will be our annual “*Halloweenie*” community outreach. We will give out hot dogs, chips & candy. We will be needing candy and volunteers to help with the giveaway.



We express our sympathy to several who have passed away this week. To the family of **Paul Dunn**, uncle to **Bobby Dunn & Deneen Clayton**, and brother-in-law to **Thelma Stewart** who passed away on Sunday; to the family of **Bill Cude**, who passed away, who grew up here at Fairfield and was an employee of the school system; and to the family of **Dwight James**, father of **Jeremy James**. Prayers for all of these.



**Several of our members here are sick at home.**

**Members:** Gene & Ruth Ann Carathers, Tommy McClanahan (St. Thomas West-heart surgery on Friday morning), Thomas Haskins, Wallace Smith, Raymond Stoltz, Clay & Linda Chandler, Terry James, John Fly, Dewayne Victory (VA Hospital), Mac Breece, Carolyn Phillips, Terry Duncan, Kenneth Chandler, Paul & Noble Victory, Rickey Weems, Angie Stacks, Wilma Green, Bobbie Graf, Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson, Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Hester Moss, James Hassell, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** McKinley Moore, Marie Gillette (St. Thomas West-sister-in-law of Dorothy Noonan), Bob McClellan (Horizon ICU Dickson), John & Brenda Hinson, Grace Haskins (wife of Thomas - Lewis Co. Nursing & Rehab Center-Hohenwald), Dot Dickens, Roger Stone, Mabry Truett, Maxine Christian, Wendall Tidwell, Junior Haskins, Christopher Jackson & family, John Plemmons, Jr., Norman Martin, Randy Hall, Chuck Sherrell, Cornelia Chandler, Garry Greer, Rick Lee, Helen Shanes, Jimmy Jenkins, Trace Warren, Charlie Shelton, Harley Parker, B.J. Springer, Ruby Church, Wayne Winters, Carolyn Nash, Sandy McFarlin, Rachael Bellis, Jerry Milam, Elizabeth Dunn, Mark Fagan, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Linda Goad, Mark Wright, Donna Popp, Tommy Cagle, Jimmy George, Jackson Bates & William Dale Nash.

**Life Care:** Mary England.

**St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:** Naomi Bailey, Jo Hudgins (hospice) & Sybil Jenkins.

**Magnolia Place, Waverly:** Sarah Brown

**NHC Dickson:** Dollie Wheeler

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





## Center Fielders News

“Reborn”

What does it mean to be reborn? What did Jesus mean when He told Nicodemus that no one can enter the kingdom of Heaven unless they are born again in John 3:3-5?

Let’s consider the answer in this way. Have you ever traveled to a foreign country? Or have you ever imagined what it would be like? How strange it would be to leave what was familiar and comfortable and step into a place where you know where nothing is, you know nothing of the culture, and you cannot ask because you do not speak the language. It’s like you stepped into a new world. And yet, when one becomes a Christian that is what they experience. They leave what was familiar and comfortable and enter a place that seems so strange.

The apostle Peter wrote his first letter to a people driven from their homeland because of their faith. Peter also reminded them that in spite of the ways things looked, they were not outcasts; they had in fact been reborn, children of God. Peter also told them that since they had been reborn, they were to leave behind all that was familiar. He described it as “the passions of your former ignorance.” And the new place in which they find themselves is called “holiness.” God said “Be holy, for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:15-16).

What does Peter mean when he says “be holy?” Is he suggesting we should become some super religious person looking down our nose at everyone else? The answer is NO! To be holy is simply to be something other than what is common. We are reborn by an uncommon seed and uncommon blood. The result is an uncommon person, a person who lives, not to put others down, but to show others the way.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**



## MEN TO SERVE OCTOBER 11

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Mathew Wright  
**Scripture Reading:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 1:3-6  
**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Mike Breece  
**Alternates:** Marvin Truett, Gary Basford  
**Basement:** Wayne Prince, Gary Wright  
**Announcements:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Closing Prayer:** Woody Woodruff  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Scripture Reading:** Edwin Wright  
**Scripture:** Hebrews 10:23-24  
**Song Leader:** Gary Basford  
**Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright  
**Lord’s Supper:** Mathew Wright, Edwin Wright  
**Closing Prayer:** Mike Batts  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

**Life Line Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Fairfield church of Christ. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup - a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women.

For more information call 1-800-229-0469 to receive your discount and preferred appointment time or register online at:

[www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)

Signup sheets are in both foyers.

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF October 4, 2020	
MORNING WORSHIP	84
CONTRIBUTION:	\$2070
2020 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

## Is This Why America is in Trouble?



Why did God overthrow governments in the Old Testament? Was it because of idolatry? Bloodshed? Oppression of the poor? Sexual sins and perversion? These sins stand out as reasons for the downfall of nations. But one evil was beneath these sins, and it often goes unnoticed as the cause of the demise of civilizations.

As the prophets of God warned of the doom of empires, they cited this sin as a reason for the outpouring of God's wrath:

**Babylon:** "I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease" (Isa. 13:11).

**Moab:** "We have heard of the pride of Moab; he is very proud" (Isa. 16:6).

**Tyre:** "Thine heart was lifted up...I will cast thee to the ground" (Ezek. 28:17).

**Judah:** "I will mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem" (Jer. 13:9).

**Israel:** "And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity" (Hos. 5:5).

Ponder these verses in light of our national situation. We have seen the worst blow to our economy since the Great Depression. We have watched as unemployment soared and savings accounts dwindled. We have for the first time in many years seen empty shelves in grocery stores. But where is humility before God? Where is repentance and confession of sin? We are dangerously close to the spiritual condition of Israel after God had depleted their natural resources numerous times: "I have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord" (Amos 4:6). Maybe we need to have our teeth cleaned by God. Would that bring our attitude down?

Our politicians are full of pride because few things will inflate a person's ego like power. They boast of things they have done and things they will never actually do. Nikita Khrushchev said politicians are the same everywhere—they promise to build bridges where there is no water. But even when politicians are successful, we must not give them too much credit and they shouldn't brag like they did it by themselves. Their lives and ours are in the hand of God (Ecc. 9:1; Acts 17:25). Only by His gracious will

do we even breathe; much less accomplish things we are eager to do? (James 4:13-17) Nebuchadnezzar, a ruler who boasted that he had built the most wealthy and powerful nation on earth, learned the hard way that God is able to bring down arrogant looks in a moment (Dan. 4:37). What will it take for our public officials to realize this?

No man can truly succeed who is not humble. He may get his way. He may get attention. He may appear to have everything under his control. But eventually the house he built will come crashing down. The same is true with a country. We can have a strong military, a robust economy, and efficient education, but if we fail to acknowledge God we will fall. We can keep saying, "We'll get through this," "We're in this together," "Let's put America back on the map again" and other hackneyed expressions, but unless we stop being so independent and start admitting our utter dependence on God, we will continue to feel the heavy hand of God upon our country.

Kerry Duke  
West End church of Christ  
Livingston, TN

### 1 Timothy 1:3-6

*As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion,*