

# 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  
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*Activities*  
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

*Jesus instructed his followers to go teach, baptize, and make disciples. The church that baptizes without also making disciples is destined for trouble. Immature Christians act in spiritually childish ways that harm the church. James urges Christians to grow in their faith and become mature, responsible Christians. It is only as the church moves its members toward maturity that it can truly be effective in reaching the world.*

The words quoted above serve as the introduction to a new study we are beginning in the Wednesday night auditorium class. It is a study in the Book of James. The author of the study is Lamar Bowman. Lamar has taught and written curriculum for the Brentwood Hills Church of Christ for 20 years.

The study is designed to be very practical. Providing insight into issues that Christians face on a daily basis. Some of the topics addressed are: Christian Joy; Temptations and Trials; Practicing What We Preach; Pride and Prejudice in the Church; The Power of the Spoken Word; When Christians Fight; and Speak Your Mind.

The class will be co-taught by Rodney and me. It will consist of both lecture and discussion. Workbooks have been purchased and distributed to some of our members already, but more books are available if you would like to join the study.

Don't just *go* through your week... *grow* through your week by joining us for this life-changing study of God's Word! Let's make Wednesday nights *wonderful* again!

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





It was good to have the following back at services recently: **Chis Breece, Faye Rochelle, Willie Powers and Rick Bruno.**

The Golden Agers will be going to the Beacon Light Tea Room on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> for breakfast. The bus will be leaving the church at 8:00 am. Sign up sheets are in both foyers.

Our annual hayride will be Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Ron & Dawn Mayberry's farm at 1391 Maddox Road in the Grays Bend community starting at 5:00 pm. We will roast hot dogs on an open fire. Boys are asked to bring canned drinks or bottled water; girls are to bring chips and/or desserts. Please bring your own chairs to sit in. Sign up sheets are in both foyers. Please sign up by October 20<sup>th</sup> so we can know how much food we will need.

**Barbara Beard** will celebrate her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 24<sup>th</sup>. There is a box in each foyer for cards to be sent to Barbara-just drop them in the box and they will be taken to her at Hickman County nursing home.

We are collecting money for needy children for Christmas this year. We will take donations thru October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please give your money to Mike Batts or one of the elders.

Our annual community outreach, the **Halloweenie Roast**, will be on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> this year. We will give out hot dogs, chips and candy. We will be needing candy and volunteers to help with the giveaway.

October 31<sup>st</sup> will be fifth Sunday. Our speaker for the day will be **Josh Copley**; there will be a potluck meal following Sunday school. Evening service will be at 12:30 pm. Plan now to attend; please remember that the fifth Sunday contribution is set aside for building maintenance. There will be no 6:00 pm service.

There will be a baby shower for **Alexia Dotson Graham** on November 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall. It's a boy and are registered at Walmart and Amazon.

## MEMORIAL

A special contribution has been given by **Lorraine Bates** to the memory of **Rickey Weems**.

**Members:** Garland Horner (Dickson Horizon), Marlin Lawson (fell at home), Brenda Stoltz, Rick Bruno, June Prince, Helen Shanes, Bob James, Kenneth Chandler, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Raymond Stoltz, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Floy Lyell (mother of Debbie Breece-hospital), Seth Williams (grandson of Mike & Melissa Worley & great grandson of Charles & Rita Sullivan), Elizabeth Dunn (home), Mike Rhea (broken leg), Mike (St. Thomas Hickman) & Nancy Bradley, Mike Harvill (at his daughters home), Kelley Wilson, Glen England, Isaiah Locke (& family), Jeremy Primm, Bobby McCoy, Melvin Roberson, Willie Taylor, Ronald Loveless, Billie Church, Daniel Spears, Harley Parker, Ann Spencer, Thomas Brady, Donald Brady, Rachael Bellis, April Benson (breast cancer), Michael Noonan, Doris Elam, 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.

\*\*\*The family of **Seth Williams** requests prayers for him over the next few weeks as he leaves October 18<sup>th</sup> for training to join the Rangers in the armed service. He is the grandson of Mike & Melissa Worley; the great grandson of Charles & Rita Sullivan.

**Life Care:** Hester Moss

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

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



We express our sympathy to the family of **Tonetta England**, mother of **Chris** who passed away.

We also express sympathy to the family of **Helen Rochelle Lively** of Indiana who passed away. She was the sister of **Lloyd Rochelle** and the aunt of **Rodney**.



## Center Fielders News

“God is Omnipotent”

To be omnipotent is to have unlimited power. This rightly describes our God. There is none equal or even nearly equal to Him. The president is the highest authority in our nation, but when he travels to other countries, he meets other leaders who are equal in rank. God will never meet His equal, because He has no equals. When Satan wanted to exalt himself and be equal with God, he was cast out of heaven and the angels that followed his lead. Hell was prepared for the devil, the angels that followed him, and for anyone else that follows and serves Satan.

Though God is all-powerful, He is also a God of love. Because of His great love for us, we need not be afraid that God will use His power unjustly. When we stumble or fall, He will not keep knocking us down further but will rather seek to lift us up. We read many times in Scripture that God’s people Israel fell into sin, but He was always ready to forgive when they repented and looked to Him again. Many Israelites lost their lives because they perished in sin, but those who repented were forgiven.

God’s great power was evident in His dealings with men such as Pharaoh until he let the Israelites go. His great power is also evident in how He can make a new person out of someone who has rebelled against Him and followed Satan and the world’s ways, by yielding their lives to His Son, Jesus. Because of God’s great love and omnipotence, we can be assured that He can and will care for us no matter how hard the things we face in life. Is there anything too hard for God to do? No!!

Obey God and watch Him work,

**Rodney**



- Oct 17** - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo, during evening service @ FH
- Oct 19** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ the FH
- Oct 23** - Hayride at the Mayberry’s. Boys bring canned drinks or bottled water, Girls bring chips or desserts. Sign-up sheets in both foyers.
- Oct 31** - Halloweenie Roast, church front porch. Help needed preparing hot dogs and pass out bags.

## MEN TO SERVE OCTOBER 17

### SUNDAY MORNING:

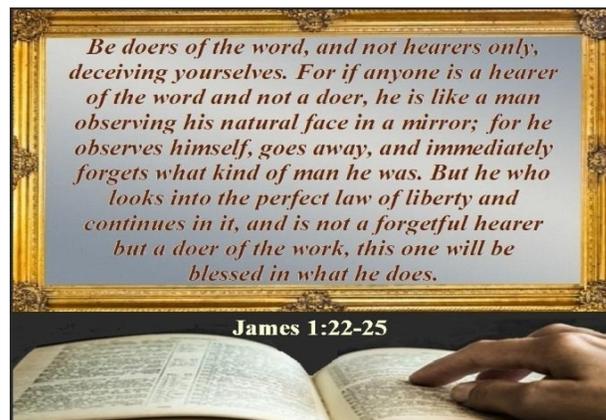
**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Mike Breece  
**Scripture Reading:** Keith Harvill  
**Scripture:** James 1:22-25  
**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Roy McCoy  
**Alternates:** Adam Jude, Kenneth Jett  
**Announcements:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Closing Prayer:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Scripture Reading:** Jeff Stacks  
**Scripture:** John 14:1-6  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Rose  
**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince  
**Lord’s Supper:** Chris Wright, Boyce Cannon  
**Closing Prayer:** James Swaw  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

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



thank you

Thank you to Fairfield church of Christ for the prayers, kind words, and eulogy for our brother, Rickey. Appreciate the food prepared for our family after the memorial service. God bless the members of the Fairfield church of Christ!

The **Weems** Family

## Is It Worth Your Life?

Sometimes our priorities get all mixed up. Sometimes we major in minors. Sometimes we give things of little importance our utmost attention. For example, if our house was on fire, what inside the house would be worth risking our life to save? Our furniture? Our electronics? Our guns? Our photos? Our cars? As valuable as these things may be to us, are they worth risking our lives to save them?

Jesus made this point when he was warning about the coming destruction of Jerusalem. He said, *“When you see the abomination of desolation ... standing in the holy place ... then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak”* (**Matthew 24.15-18**).

If our physical lives are more valuable than anything we possess, how much more valuable are our souls than anything we possess? Jesus answers that question for us by saying, *“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”* (**Matthew 16.26**).

Then why are we so often willing to rush into a burning house to save trinkets, or why are we so often willing to neglect our souls for fun at the beach or for a bigger house or for a promotion at work or for ... whatever? Could it be that our priorities are money, fame, accomplishment, power or things? Are these things worth risking our lives to collect and protect? Perhaps we have not learned that *“godliness with contentment is great gain, for we have brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction”* (**1 Timothy 6.6-9**). Are things worth risking our life to get!

Perhaps we have failed to find our contentment in God. King David wrote, *“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore”* (**Psalms 16.11**). He also said, *“Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you desires of your heart”* (**Psalms 37.4**).

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It's easy to find contentment in God when God is our delight. Finding contentment in God is a learned process. As Paul wrote, *“I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content ... I can do all things through him who strengthens me”* (**Phil. 4.11, 13**).

Jesus wants us to learn to turn things that are upside down right side up. We do this when we make God our priority, when we seek Him and His kingdom above everything else (**Matt. 6.33**). That's the only thing worth giving up our life to attain.

Joe Chesser  
Fruitland Church of Christ  
Jackson, MO



“Do not waste time bothering whether you “love” your neighbor; act as if you did.” — C.S. Lewis

“To love someone means to see him as God intended him.” — Fyodor Dostoevsky

“I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion.” — Henry David Thoreau

“God bestows His blessings without discrimination. The followers of Jesus are children of God, and they should manifest the family likeness by doing good to all, even to those who deserve the opposite.” — F.F. Bruce

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF October 10, 2021	
MORNING WORSHIP	163
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4294
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167