

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Wayne Prince ext.14  
Lafayette Spears ext.15  
Gary Wright ext.24

### DEACONS:

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

***In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, "It is more blessed to give than receive."***

### Acts 20:35

Two brothers farmed together. They lived in separate houses on the family farm, but met each day in the fields to work together. One brother married and had a large family. The other lived alone. Still, they divided the harvest from the fields equally.

One night the single brother thought, *My brother is struggling to support a large family, but I get half the harvest.* With love in his heart, he gathered a box of things he had purchased with his earnings... items he knew would help his brother's family. He planned to slip over to his brother's shed, unload the basket there, and never say a word about it.

That same night, the married brother thought, *My brother is alone. He doesn't know the joys of a family.* Out of love, he decided to take over a basket with a quilt and homemade bread and preserves to "warm" his brother's house. He planned to leave the basket on his brother's porch and never say a word about it.

As the brothers secretly made their way to each other's home, they bumped into each other. They were forced to admit what they were doing... and there in the darkness, they embraced. Each man realized that his greatest wealth was a brother who respected and loved him.

Remember that *people* are to be loved and *things* are to be used. Also, remember that if you have a faith family that loves and respects you, you are wealthy in the truest sense.

Mike





We were happy this past Sunday evening when **Chris Breece** and **Dale Dillingham** were baptized by Rodney Rochelle. Let's all encourage them as they have started this new walk in their lives. There have been others the past few weeks who have responded asking for prayers, let's continue to remember them as well.

Gary Bailey would like to meet with all medical, fire, police and security personnel that attend here this Sunday morning between worship and bible class in the front foyer.

Relay for Life will be holding a Pretty in Pink Ladies Tea this Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm in the basement. Tickets are \$10 each and available at the door.

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. Hours are 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

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.

We are in need of van drivers!! Please see Jeff Stacks if you would be willing to drive. Men as well as women are asked to help out with this.

The October men to serve sheets are in both foyers.

### MEMORIAL

A contribution was given in memory of **Rickey Weems** by **Phillip & Diane Coates**.

**Members:** Carleigh Liddell (home after surgery), Harry Totty (St. Thomas West-fell at home), Marlin Lawson, Brenda Stoltz, June Prince, Helen Shanes, Bob James, Kenneth Chandler, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Raymond Stoltz, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Jo Ann Totty (cardiac tests soon).

**Friends & Family:** Greg Zoller (John & Brenda Fly's brother-in-law, stage 4 lung cancer), Floy Lyell, Seth Williams, Elizabeth Dunn, Mike Rhea, Mike & Nancy Bradley, Mike Harvill, 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.

**Life Care:** Hester Moss, Garland Horner

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

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



We express our sympathy to the family of **Ann Gilliam** of Lincoln Park, Michigan who passed away on Monday. She was the sister of **Gerry Hinson**.



Willie and I want to thank you for your concern, cards, phone calls but most of all your prayers received when he got sick. Fairfield is a special place and we love you all.

Love,  
**Willie & Minnie Powers**



## Center Fielders News

“Rewarding Relationships”

Relationships are undervalued these days. For many people social media has replaced companionship. People are content with shallow acquaintances they engage with online, and then when the relationship becomes difficult and trying, it is very easy to cast that relationship aside, and move on to something less demanding. What does this say about our culture? Could we say that people do not appreciate love anymore? My personal opinion is there has been an increase in love, but only for self!!

As life has gotten easier in some ways, selfishness has increased at a rapid pace. Statistics relating to marriage in our society provide evidence that our willingness to sacrifice our own comfort for another has almost vanished. In our American culture, 50 years of marriage is becoming rare. My heart is filled with joy when I hear of a couple that has reached that milestone. I know in my heart that they had undoubtedly weathered some trying times like any other marriage. It is encouraging to me to see how they have remained faithful to their vows. One can be certain that their patience and perseverance was tested to make their marriage a success.

Marriage is intended to point our hearts toward the great day when Jesus Himself shall return to claim His bride, the Church. I definitely want to be a part of that wedding and I hope you do as well. But the preparation and maintenance needed here will certainly take sacrifice and commitment the same as it does in our earthly marriage. Yes, we will have some trying times, but once the marriage takes place and we are united with the Bridegroom in Heaven, that union will never be threaten again!!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**



**Oct 31** - Halloweenie Roast, church front porch. Help needed preparing hot dogs and pass out bags.  
Hours are 4:30-6:30 pm.

**Nov 2** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH

**Nov 5-7** - Celebration at Gilbertsville, KY

**Nov 14** - Puppet Show, during evening service in Lift-Off

**Nov 16** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH

**Nov 28** - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo, during evening service at FH

## MEN TO SERVE OCTOBER 24

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Vance Willis

**Scripture Reading:** Zack Harvill

**Scripture:** Colossians 3:15-17

**Preside Lord's Supper:** Ken Copley

**Alternates:** Chris Wright, Edwin Wright

**Announcements:** Jerrie W Barber

**Closing Prayer:** Norman George

**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks

**Scripture Reading:** Robert Graf

**Scripture:** Matthew 8:23-26

**Song Leader:** Jeff Stacks

**Opening Prayer:** Adam Jude

**Lord's Supper:** Gerry Hinson, Boyce Cannon

**Closing Prayer:** Kenneth Jett

**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks

**Song Leader:** Gary Basford

**Opening Prayer:** Rodney Rochelle

**Invitation:** Mike Kelley

**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.  
Colossians 3:15-17



*The Wednesday night field training kids decorated  
And filled our bags for the Halloweenie Roast*

**God and Captain Kirk**

Last week many of us watched as William Shatner, a.k.a; “Captain Kirk of the Starship Enterprise” took a for real trip into outer space. In the few moments of zero gravity, he starred out his window at the earth sixty-six miles below and was moved by what he saw and experienced.

Emerging from the space capsule, the ninety-year-old called the trip aboard the Blue Origin rocket “the most profound experience.” Filled with emotion he said of the firmament, “What is unknown until you do it is this pillar, is this soft blue, the beauty of that color and it is so thin, and you are through with it in an instant.” Overwhelmed in the moment, He said, “I hope I never recover from this,”

I could not help thinking that William Shatner, without realizing it, was declaring the awesome glory of God’s creation. Tearfully he spoke of the contrast of the blue of the earth with the blackness of space, “that is life and that is death.” I listened to Shatner’s eloquence of what he had just experienced and thought too of King David’s feelings as he stared up into the same sky the Blue Origin sailed into; “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.” (Ps. 19:1). TV’s Captain Kirk concluded, “Everybody in the world needs to do this.” Sign me up.

*-Dennis Doughty, editor  
The Magnolia Messenger*



**NOVEMBER**

- 2 Emily Copley
- 4 Mike Kelley
- 5 Jeremy James
- 6 Brier Rye  
Sarah Jude
- 8 Marlin Lawson  
Linda Chandler  
Steve Baker
- 10 Cade Wilson
- 11 Kim Clayton  
Lori Cochran  
Shelby Bates
- 12 Al Williams
- 17 Jana Willis
- 18 John Fly
- 21 Melissa Worley  
Janet Basford
- 22 Hannah Mayberry
- 23 Lauren McCrory
- 25 Chelley Fowlkes
- 26 Thelma Stewart
- 27 James Coates
- 30 Chris Breece



**NOVEMBER**

- 9 Robert & Kay Story
- 17 Travis & Jennifer Barber
- 19 Terry & Lisa Barber
- 29 Alan & Lou Dickens

**FOR THE RECORD**

**WEEK OF October 17, 2021**

<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTION:</b>	<b>\$4326</b>
<b>2021 WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$4167</b>