

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield Church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Wayne Prince ext.14  
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*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

*Each of you should use whatever spiritual gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

1 Peter 4:10

Sparky didn't have much going for him. He failed every subject in the eighth grade, and in high school, he flunked Latin, algebra, English, and physics. He made the golf team, but lost the only important match of the season, and then lost the consolation match. He was awkward socially... more shy than disliked. He never once asked a girl to go out on a date in high school.

One thing, however, was very important to Sparky... drawing. He was proud of his artwork even though no one else seemed to appreciate it. He submitted cartoons to the editors of the high school yearbook, but they were rejected. Even so, Sparky aspired to be an artist. After high school, he sent samples of his artwork to the Walt Disney Studios. Once again, he was turned down.

Sparky didn't give up on his passion. He decided to write his own autobiography in cartoons. The character he created became famous around the world. The character was not only the subject of cartoon strips but also countless books, television shows, and products.

Sparky's real name was Charles Shultz. The comic strip he created was "Peanuts". Like his main character, Charlie Brown, Shultz may not have been able to do many things... but he made the most of what he *could* do!

Like Charles Shultz, don't let the fact that you can't do *everything* stop you from doing *anything!* Every Christian has a gift that they can use to serve God and build up the church. Your spiritual gift should be discovered, developed, and deployed. Congratulations, Christian, you are a gifted child!





**O.D. Pratt** has been back at church after getting a pacemaker last week. Glad to see him back.

The elders will meet with the men of the congregation this Sunday at 5 pm in the fellowship hall.

There will be a baby shower for **Alexia Dotson Graham** this Sunday from 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall. It's a boy and are registered at Walmart and Amazon.

The **Golden Agers** will be having their holiday meal November 18<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. The meal will be catered. Sign up sheets are in both foyers. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

Ladies' Craft Night will be Monday, November 8th at 6:00 in room 104.

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.

Room 103 in the educational wing is now open for use as a nursery for anyone who wishes to take their child there. The service is now being live-streamed to that room for your convenience.

Margaret Martin would like to thank everyone who participated in the Blood Mobile last Monday. Thirty-one pints of blood were donated!



Thank you all for giving birthday cards to my sister. She really enjoyed the cards and wants to thank everyone for her special day on October 24<sup>th</sup>. She was very surprised to get the cards.

Thank you,  
The **Beard Family**

Thank you all for the calls, messages of condolences and wind chimes on the death of Ann Gilliam, my sister.

**Gerry Hinson**



**Members:** Diane Coates, O.D. Pratt, Dewayne Victory (Veteran's hospital), Carleigh Liddell, Marlin Lawson, June Prince, Helen Shanes, Bob James, Kenneth Chandler, Carol Warren, Thomas Haskins, Lou Dickens, Raymond Stoltz, Paul & Noble Victory, James Coates & Harry & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Greg Zoller, 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, 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

The 2021 Relay for Life will be held Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall from 3:00-7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to remember those taken by cancer. Celebrate with the survivors and fight back with those dealing with cancer now.



## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF October 31, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP	183
CONTRIBUTION:	\$6036
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167



## Center Fielders News

“Spiritual Radiology”

As I get older, I sometimes look back at my life and realize that my life has been divided into various chapters. Life first begins at conception and continues through babyhood. We then transition into the chapters of childhood, teenagers, and on into young adulthood. Many are called into the chapters of marriage and then parenthood. Others serve the Lord while remaining single. Whatever the path we choose, God is faithful in blessings of peace and joy, if we surrender to His will with contentment and faithfulness.

A very important decision in everyone’s life comes when we come to that crossroad of decision which determines one’s eternal destiny. We must choose surrender or rebellion. We must answer whether to follow self or follow the One who has control of eternity and walk the narrow way.

The chapters of our life include times of happiness and fond memories, but along with those pleasant experiences come heartache, pain, and disappointments. But even in those difficult times, we can still experience His sufficient grace and His guiding hand is with us all the way.

For those of us in our senior years, we face a reality that we may be close to life’s final chapter. We do not know the moment when that last page of that last chapter will be turned. We should live every day in preparation to meet our Savior, not in dissension and bitterness. Let go of the things you can’t control and don’t focus so much on these temporary things on earth, but rather focus on heavenly, eternal things that are above. Peace and joy are the dividends of this type of focus!!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**



**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 NOVEMBER 7

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran

**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Prince

**Scripture Reading:** Robert Graf

**Scripture:** Romans 2:1-2

**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Buddy Chandler

**Alternates:** Jeff Stacks, Mike Batts

**Announcements:** Gary Basford

**Closing Prayer:** Darin Cochran

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

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Basford

**Scripture Reading:** Edwin Wright

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:12

**Song Leader:** Jeff Stacks

**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy

**Lord’s Supper:** Edwin Wright, Gary Wright

**Closing Prayer:** Lafayette Spears

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Basford

**Song Leader:** Mike Kelley

**Opening Prayer:** Randal Halbrooks

**Invitation:** Rodney Rochelle

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

### SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

I (**Tom Gosser**) ask for prayers that follow-up workers in different countries will follow-up on my students that I have been studying with. The following are my students who need followed up on:

\***Gwendoline Beukes** in Otjiwarongo, Otjozondjupa, Namibia who wants to get baptized.

\***Rebecca Thompson** in Ontario, Canada who wants to get baptized.

\***Serena McArthur Germiston** in Gauteng, South Africa who wants to get baptized.

\***Wandile Ndzimandze** in Manzini, Manzini, Eswatin who wants to get baptized.

\***Tapiwa Zowa** in Harare, Harare Province, Zimbabwe who wants to get baptized.

\***Claire Kauffman** in Brewerton, New York who needs a personal Bible study.

\***Keabetswe Mazinyane** in Gaborone, Botswana who needs a personal Bible study.

\***Chala Kitila** in Nekemte, Ethiopia who needs a personal Bible study.

\***Hancox Wafula** in Kitale, Kenya who wants to get baptized and a personal Bible study, but keeps letting things get in the way of getting with a follow-up worker.

## **Five Reasons Why Churches Do Not Use Musical Instruments for Worship**

1. The New Testament commands singing to make music for worship and edification. The early church sang and never used musical instruments when they worshiped in song. The Christian Scriptures specify singing and do not mention the playing of instruments for praise, worship, and thanksgiving to God (Eph 5:19; Col 3:16). The instrument cannot speak, teach, or thank God with meaningful words. Christ, His apostles, and His prophets commanded singing for worship in the New Testament.

2. No believer should change the worship that Jesus instituted. The Bible forbids anyone adding or annulling God's commands (Gal 3:15; Rev 22:18–19). The apostle Paul commanded, "Maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you" (1 Cor 11:2b). Christians can no more change the fruit of the grapevine in the Lord's Supper than change the fruit of the lips in praise to God (Matt 26:27–29; Heb 13:15). Furthermore, Jesus is sinless and His words are without error, so no one should change His commands or the words of the Holy Spirit in Scripture (John 6:63; Heb 4:15; 1 Pet 2:22; cf. John 16:12–13; 1 Cor 2:13).

3. Jesus changed worship from the instrumental worship in Jerusalem to true worship (John 4:21–24). Old Testament worship was a physical worship including Levitical priests, a physical temple, various sacrifices, and musical instruments. New Testament worship is spiritual with Christians as priests offering spiritual sacrifices in God's temple — the church — including sacrifices of praise singing with meaningful words (John 4:21–24; Heb 13:15–16; 1 Pet 2:9). According to Jesus, David's instrumental worship in Jerusalem as described in the Old Testament is not a model for worship in spirit and truth.

4. Worship is not for show. Worship to God is for worshipers to focus on God and Christ (Heb 12:28). Singing loses its purpose when people turn spiritual songs from worship and teaching into a show, amusement and, or entertainment. Christ preached against worshiping for show as some practiced righteousness to be seen by others (Matt 6:1–7, 16–18).

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5. Words must be understandable to worship and build up others in assembly. Christians are not to speak in unknown languages within the congregation. The Scriptures exclude speaking in unknown languages without interpretation in the assembly (1 Cor 14:7–19). Furthermore, Paul also described musical instruments as "lifeless" (soulless) and compared the instrument to those using unknown languages in assembly (1 Cor 14:7). Paul expressed, "In church, I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue" (1 Cor 14:19). The principle stands that nonverbal sounds do not fit the character of Christians singing, praying, and teaching.

Scott J Shifferd



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**Don't forget our Facebook page: [Fairfield church of Christ – Field Family](#)**

