

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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*Maintenance*  
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*Transportation*  
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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, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here.*

1 Corinthians 5:17

Dave Brannon wrote the following thoughts in the excellent men's devotional book, *Stand Strong*:

"The beat-up old car sits on the used car lot, dirty and forsaken. Years of abuse and hard living have taken their toll. A man walks onto the lot and is attracted to this rust bucket. He plunks down the cash and the salesperson hands over the keys, emphasizing to the buyer that he is selling the car 'as is.' The new owner just smiles. He knows his cars, and he's about to restore this castoff to its former beauty.

Across town, a troubled man sits in forlorn sadness, contemplating where he went wrong. Years of abuse and hard living have taken their toll. He's been rejected so many times that he feels of little value. After all that misery and pain, he's sure he will be left on life's junk heap forever.

Then someone tells him about Jesus. Someone mentions that Jesus specializes in castoffs and that He is waiting to transform anyone who trusts him. Someone tells him that Jesus will take him 'as is.' He believes. He trusts. He obeys. And Jesus begins to restore another lost person to the abundant life He has promised."

Will you be on the lookout for someone who feels like a "castoff?" Will you tell them about the love of Jesus? Will you tell them that Jesus has already paid the price to purchase them? Will you tell them that Jesus will take them "as is" ... but won't leave them that way? Will you tell them that Jesus specializes in restoration projects?

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





Donations are being taken thru November 20<sup>th</sup> to purchase Christmas gifts for needy children. Please give your donations to Mike Batts or one of the elders.

Any lady interested in participating in Secret Pals for 2023, please see Sheila Brady by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

The next Ladies' Bible class will be on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the basement. Jan Hopkins-Campbell will be teaching on the subject: "Using Your Talents and Gifts in God's Kingdom."

The Fairfield Quilters will be having a quilt show in the Fellowship Hall on November 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-3 pm. If you would like to quilt with them or would like to learn to quilt, please contact Ruth Ann Carathers.



Gospel Singing at the Five Points church of Christ  
Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
Refreshments will be served following the singing

### What Are You Masking?

Seems like this time of year many are focused on people's fears, scary movies, frightful decorations, and creepy whatever's displayed along our streets. What is often overlooked—or maybe be masked—is the true fears we face: a broken relationship, a bad health diagnosis, or financial uncertainty. There are many fears that face us today, but as the 46th Psalm, verse 1, reminds us, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

The Psalm continues to remind us that even if the world comes to an end, God's people need not fear. In the face of great turmoil, the psalmist reminds us of God's ability to save us. The Bible promises repeatedly that God is our refuge and strength, He is not merely a temporary shelter. He is our eternal refuge. Whatever you may be facing know this "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." You can find refuge and strength in Him.

Mark T. Tonkery  
Norval Park church of Christ  
Zanesville, OH

**Members:** Carolyn Phillips (St. Thomas Hickman), John Fly, Tina Johnson (home), Margaret Martin, Lelia Mae Poore, Tommy McClanahan, Janey Gilbert, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, Dewayne Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Charles Traughber, Roy Wayne McCoy (surgery went well on Thursday), Richard Kisiel, Mark Truett, Chloe Neely, Norman Martin (Maury Regional), James Brady, Bryan Williams, Jean Greer, Marilyn Mathis (surgery on Tuesday), James Tidwell (Centennial hospital-kidney surgery on Wednesday), Allen Aymette, Evelyn Jane Barr, 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, 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, Hattie Mayberry

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



**Nov 13** - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Devo, during evening service, FH  
**Nov 15** - Middle/HS Devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH  
**Nov 20** - Puppet Show, during evening service in LO



## Center Fielders News

“Whose Side Are You On”

Children play games in which they choose sides and each side tries to win the game. In the political world there are sides, and in the spiritual realm there are two sides as well. We can choose to be on Satan’s side or God’s side.

The Israelites had to choose as well, and it was a bad situation. Moses had been up on the mountain, communing with God, and the people had lost patience as they waited for Moses to return. They ask Aaron to make a god for them and he made a golden calf, and soon they were worshiping it. When Moses came down, he burned the calf, ground it to power, put it in water, and made the people drink it. Then Moses stood in the camp and asks this question, “Who is on the Lord’s side?”

This is a question for us all today as well. It is shocking to see how many people have turned away from God’s commandments and listened to other voices. In 1 Timothy 4:1 we read that “in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.” As sad as it is, we see so much of that today!

So, whose side are you on? Please remember that the “golden calf” of this world has absolutely nothing to offer. God has set before us life and death, and He makes a loving effort that everyone chooses life. Please choose to serve the Lord and the Lord alone. If you do that and are faithful to that commitment, you will have peace and joy in this life, and that hope of Heaven in the end!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## MEN TO SERVE NOVEMBER 13

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Scripture Reading:** Zack Harvill  
**Scripture:** John 4:21-24  
**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Adam Jude  
**Alternates:** Steve Baker, Rick Bruno  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Woody Woodruff  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Basford  
**Scripture Reading:** Robert Graf  
**Scripture:** Mark 1:12-13  
**Song Leader:** Bobby McCoy  
**Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey  
**Lord’s Supper:** Gerry Hinson, Edwin Wright  
**Closing Prayer:** Rick Bruno  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Song Leader:** Mike Kelley  
**Opening Prayer:** Gary Wright  
**Invitation:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855



## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 6, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	207
CONTRIBUTION:	\$5472
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167



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

**Instagram:** fcocfamily



### How Many Dogs Does It Take to Change A Light Bulb?

**Golden Retriever:** The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned-out bulb?

**Border Collie:** Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.

**Dachshund:** You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!

**Rottweiler:** Make me.

**Boxer:** Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.

**Lab:** Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeeeze, please, please, please!

**Old English Sheep Dog:** Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb?

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**Pointer:** I see it, there it is, there it is, right there...

**German Shepherd:** I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, check to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.

**Jack Russell Terrier:** I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.

**Greyhound:** It isn't moving. Who cares?

**Australian Shepherd:** First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle.

**Poodle:** I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.

**The Cat's Answer:** Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the real question is: How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner, and a massage?

### CELEBRATION 2022

