

# 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. -  
*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

I am writing this article on Veterans Day. I had the honor of serving as the speaker for the Veterans Day program at Centerville Intermediate School earlier today. I would like to share with you some of the thoughts I presented to the veterans and students in our audience.

How do you thank a veteran? There are many ways, I suppose. There is, however, one way of saying thanks that stands above and beyond all other ways. If you want to thank a veteran, *live a life worth saving*. Let's allow veterans to inspire us to do just that. Let's use the word "vet" (the abbreviated form of "veteran") to help us.

**Vision.** One important step in living a life worth saving is to develop a *vision*. Veterans enter the military with a vision. They dream of a nation that will remain free and democratic. They dream of a nation that will be healthy and prosper. May I challenge you to develop a vision for the rest of your life. Make sure the vision is positive and productive for both you and those around you. Then, plot the course and start doing the work necessary to make your vision a reality.

**Effort.** A life worth saving requires effort. Veterans give their all to our nation. I hope you will know the joy of giving your all to a cause bigger than yourself. Unfortunately, it has become fashionable in our culture to give no effort to any worthwhile task... but to sit back and criticize those who do make an effort. Don't let this be your life course. Remember, happiness is the feeling you get when you are giving a great effort in pursuit of a great goal.

**Teamwork.** Finally, a life worth saving requires teamwork. Veterans know about teamwork. They serve for their nation, to be sure. They also serve and sacrifice for the brother or sister beside them in the barracks or on the battlefield. They strive together with their military brethren for the common goal of victory. Our great nation has become too divided. Let's do our part in bringing it back together.

May God bless our veterans and their families... and may God bless America!

*In Christian Love,*

*Mike*  




Any lady interested in Secret Pals for 2020, and you aren't already participating, please see Sheila Brady by Dec. 1. There is a dinner being planned soon to exchange names.

\*Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tues. morning @ 6:00 am in the basement.

\*Depression & Bipolar Support meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. evenings @ 6:00 pm in the basement.

\*The Quilters meet every Thurs. morning @ 9:00 am in the basement.

\*Narcotics Anonymous meets every Thurs. night at 7:00p in the basement.



Clay and I want to thank you for your texts, calls, cards and visits during his sickness. We want to thank Gary & Kita for coming and sitting with us during his surgery.

We love you all,

**Clay & Linda Chandler**

I want to thank you for the wind chimes. I love wind chimes. Every time I hear them, I will think of Martha. She was such a special sister. Thank all of you for every act of kindness shown to her family. She certainly will be missed.

Love,

**Charles & Rita Sullivan**

### **You Are Not Fooling Anyone**

Little Johnny's teacher asked him to stay after class. She confronted him, "Johnny, I know that you cheated off Suzie on yesterday's test." Johnny snapped back, "What makes you think I cheated!" She remarked, "Well, one the first question who was the first president, Suzie put George Washington and so did you." Johnny replied, "Well that's an easy one, everyone knows that!" "But on the second question," she continued, "What president freed the slaves, Suzie put Abe Lincoln and so did you." "Well so what?" Johnny piped, "Lots of people called him Abel!" The teacher sighed and said, "Yes, but on the third answer "What president was also Chief Justice, Suzie wrote, "I don't know" and you put "me either."

Lots of folks are like Johnny when they are caught in error, they refuse to admit what they have done. God, like Johnny's teacher, is never fooled. Hebrews 4:13 tells us "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." No one will ever be able to "put one over" on God, and only the fool would try.

Barry Haynes  
Hope, AR



**Members:** Joyce Boyd (home), Willie Powers, Clay Chandler, Aiden Liddell, Faye Williams, Patsy Givens, Melissa Worley, June Prince, Faye Rochelle, Marlin Lawson (home), Dorothy Noonan & Noah, Naomi Bailey, Teresa Kimbro, Raymond Stoltz, Dollie Wheeler, Hester Moss, Christina George, James Hassell, Tony Halfacre, Diane Breece, Christie Hutchings, Leon Lynn, Daisy Beard, C.W. & Elizabeth Tarkington, Harold Choate, James & Glenda Coates, & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Elizabeth Dunn, Kitty Pharris, Mark Fagan (friend of Jerry Scott, Terri Barber's father, cancer & dementia), Anthony Stacks, Georgia Garner, Neil Morphis, Wayne England, Sandy Kimbro Bagwell, Jimmy Cline, Kathy Swinford Coleman, Joyce Johnson (back at nursing home), Wilburn McGahey, Russell Hargrove, Davey Baker, Ron Gossett, Doug Bates, Cooper Parker, Teresa Noonan, Grayson Gunter, Laura Plunkett, Mickie Cagle James, David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Greg McCord, Peggy Plunkett Johnson, Ray Woodruff, Linda Goad, Ronny Pitman, Adam Lawson, Mark Wright, Helen Shanes (St. Thomas Hickman), Donna Popp, Tommy Cagle, John Beard, Jimmy George, Jean Greer, Jackson Bates, Steve Scroggins, William Dale Nash, & Jimmy Mathis,.

**Life Care:** Mary Carolyn McClanahan, Anne Neeley, Ray Dudley, Mary England, & Georgia Belle Smith.

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

**Magnolia Place, Waverly:** Sarah Brown



We express our sympathy to the family of **Dorris French**, who was the father of **Renee Halbrooks**. The funeral was Saturday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of **George Bullington**, brother-in-law of **Barbara Lawson**. His funeral was Thursday in Franklin, KY.

And sympathy is extended to the family of **Mildred Sanders**, who was a long-time member here. She was the sister of **Elizabeth Tarkington**. Her funeral was earlier this week.



## Center Fielders News

“God’s Forgiveness and Ours”

When God forgives us, He reinstates us to a relationship with Him and makes us to be as we had never sinned. How wonderful is full forgiveness God extends to us! How well do we do with forgiveness? I can’t help but think of my brother in Christ, Roy McCoy, ending his prayers with please forgive us Lord and help us to forgive those who sin against us. Jesus said that God will forgive us only if we forgive one another. How ridiculous that we as humans refuse to forgive when God has forgiven us far more!! Unforgiveness causes bitterness, a poison that does its chief damage to the person who holds it, not to the offender. Becoming bitter is a natural human response we feel when we have been wronged, but we must give up all bitterness and unforgiving attitudes if we want to enter Heaven.

Forgiveness brings healing. When we forgive, it brings healing to relationships and to our own hearts as well. None of us are perfect here on this earth, and we all make mistakes. But if we can forgive and love one another, we are living the way Jesus taught us. Peter asked if it would be enough to forgive seven times, but Jesus said to forgive seventy times seven. He really meant that we should not keep track of how many times we forgive.

When we truly love and forgive someone, we will feel compassion for them and wish only the best for them. May we experience the riches of God’s forgiveness, and freely extend forgiveness to others.

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**



## YOUTH CALENDAR FOR NOV.

**November 17** – Puppet show during evening service

**November 19** – Middle/HS devo, 6:30-8:30 @ FH

**November 21** – Desserts & Devo, 6:30 – 8:00, @ FH

**November 27-29** – No school

## NOV. EVENTS

**Nov 18** – Homeless meeting at 6 pm in basement

## USE ME, LORD



Most of us will live on the earth between 70 to 90 years.

Why are we here? To fear God and keep His commandments according to Ecclesiastes 12:13.

Why should we care? Because He will bring every work into judgment along with every secret thing (Eccl. 12:14).

With this in mind, we should first desire to be in a proper relationship with God. We can only do this through obedience to the gospel of Christ (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:36-38).

Second, after we have become one of His children, our motto should be: “Use me, Lord.”

- Use my mind to learn thy will.
- Use my voice to praise your holy name.
- Use my hands to serve others.
- Use my eyes to see doors of opportunity.
- Use my feet to take the gospel to the lost.
- Use my heart to conform to the image of thy Son.
- Use every member of my body to glorify thee.

In Romans 6:13, Paul wrote: “And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.” In the last half of Romans 6:19, he writes again: “...even so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.”

Use me Lord. Use all of me. Use all of me to your glory!

*Victor Eskew  
Oceanside church of Christ  
Atlantic Beach, FL*

## MEN TO SERVE NOVEMBER 17 LORD'S TABLE

**Preside:** Ken Copley  
**Left:** Lafayette Spears   **Right:** Chris Wright  
           Bobby Orton               Edwin Wright  
           Al Williams               Mathew Wright  
           Brett Wilson               Vance Willis  
**Alternates:** Rickey Weems, Lloyd Rochelle  
**Basement:** Roy McCoy, Rusty Bates  
**Sun. P.M.:** Gerry Hinson, Randal Halbrooks

### PRAYERS & SCRIPTURE

**A.M. Scripture Reading:** Keith Harvill  
**Scripture:** Acts 2:42-47  
**A.M. Opening Prayer:** Mike Breece  
**A.M. Closing Prayer:** Wallace Smith  
**P.M. Scripture Reading:** Willie Powers  
**Scripture:** Titus 2:11-14  
**P.M. Opening Prayer:** Josh Copley  
**P.M. Closing Prayer:** Gary Wright  
**Wed. Opening Prayer:** James Swaw  
**Wed. Invitation:** (Nov 20) Mike Kelley

### SONG LEADERS

**Sunday A.M.**                   Darin Cochran  
**Sunday P.M.**                   Steve Baker  
**Wednesday P.M.** (Nov 20) Rodney Rochelle

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday A.M.**                   Chris Wright  
**Sunday P.M.**                   Chris Wright  
**Wednesday P.M.** (Nov 20) Jerrie W. Barber

### VAN DRIVERS

**Sunday A.M.** Gary Basford   931-628-0355  
**Sunday P.M.** Gary Basford   931-628-0355  
**Wed. P.M.**   Jeff Stacks       931-994-7631  
 (Nov 20)

**If you are unable to serve in anyway, please call or text Gary Basford at (931)628-0355 or Darin Cochran at (615)418-3148.**

## FOR THE RECORD

**WEEK OF November 10, 2019**  
**A.M. WORSHIP:**               218  
**CONTRIBUTION:**             \$4463  
**2019 WEEKLY BUDGET:**     \$4167

## Healing A Broken Heart



**“We spend the first half of our life making friends, we spend the second half of our life burying them.” — Unknown**

How many of us have said “goodbye” to a friend or family member at the funeral home? I find myself attempting to provide comfort to others and watch people I care about suffer due to lives ending. I, like you, want badly to help others during the most difficult time of life. What do I do? What do I say? How can I go on? How do I deal with the void of loss in my life? Where do I place my hope? These questions are something we all have asked.

As I grow older, I see the hurt others are dealing with as I attempt to deal with losses in my own life, I seek God's guidance and comfort.

Philippians 4:13 says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” During our most challenging moments, we must never forget Christ strengthens us if we desire to grow closer to Him.

First Peter 5:6-9 says, “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same suffering is experienced by your brotherhood in the world.” Humbling ourselves under the mighty hand of God shows our allegiance to God while showing where we place our hope. This verse reminds us that everyone everywhere is being pursued by the devil, even during our most difficult time.

As we continue to deal with the loss of life and seek to help others, let us have empathy and turn to Christ.

*Allen Jones  
 South Green Street church of Christ  
 Glasgow, KY*