

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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### Worship & Bible Study:

#### SUNDAY

Worship 9:00 AM  
Bible Study 10:15 AM  
Worship 6:00 PM

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 PM

### Family Line:

**931-729-9846**



## Mike's Minute

*(Judah said,) "There is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall."*

Nehemiah 4:10

Nehemiah is known as the great builder and rebuilder. Under his leadership, the people of Israel cleared the rubble and constructed the broken walls of Jerusalem.

Nehemiah not only fortified walls. He also fortified spirits. That's what good leaders do.

About a month into their strenuous work, Judah told Nehemiah, "The strength of the laborers is failing, and there is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall" (Nehemiah 4:10). Nehemiah was dealing with a group of tired and discouraged builders. Needing to see progress, they saw instead nothing but junk piling up.

Nehemiah's remedy was to organize and encourage. He first reminded the workers that God was with them. Then he assigned them shifts so they could rest regularly.

Next, each family was given their own section of the wall to complete. They didn't have to focus on the whole wall. Just their little section. Working on behalf of their families and immediate neighbors.

With these changes came a renewed sense of community and focus.

It's easy to become discouraged when you are overwhelmed and tired. There is a lot of "rubbish" in our country and world. No doubt about that. Let's follow Nehemiah's lead by focusing on the area RIGHT AROUND US. Let's focus on building that. Let's work with family, neighbors and our local congregation to make things better HERE.

Focusing on building the things right around you... this is the best way to change the world.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





## *Just Joshin'*

Our little dog Molly had quite the scare last week. She was running around in the living room, and when she hopped up on the couch, she let out a terrible cry. Her back right leg appeared to be giving her trouble and she could barely walk on it. The injury was brought on by her overwhelming excitement and playfulness. She got way too ahead of herself. Now, while she is simply a dog, I believe that we can find a lesson in this. Don't we all tend to get ahead of ourselves sometimes? We have this constant desire to "go-go-go" and we never take time to reflect or to think or to "smell the roses." Perhaps this is caused by some form of anxiety. Maybe we feel that, if we slow down, we run the risk of being left behind. However, the Bible emphasizes the importance of reeling things in and being patient. It is important to differentiate between being patient and being lazy. When we go about life, we ought to trust in God's timing and not our own. Patience is having that trust, while laziness is our attempting to avoid the effort altogether and distracting ourselves with other, less important, things. Hebrews 6:12 says it best, "We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what was promised." Let's live a life where we endure obstacles and take it a day at a time. God will provide!

To God be the Glory,  
**Josh**

### **More Announcements**

We regret to announce that **Jeff Stacks**, deacon over transportation, has resigned due to the health of family. Let him know that we appreciate his service to the church.

**The Red Cross has cancelled the Blood drive scheduled for this coming Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be rescheduled at a later date.**

*"If you are only born once, you will die twice. If you are born twice, you will only die once."*

### **THANKFUL FOR WHAT WE DON'T HAVE**

*"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits;"* (Psalms 103:2).

This time of year, we think about 'counting our many blessings.' It's easy to look at all of our stuff, all our friends and family, our homes, our jobs and understand the need to be grateful.

Yet do we realize that our greatest blessing might just be what we don't have?

If we are free from disease. If we are not at war. When we don't suffer physical persecution for our faith. When we don't have fear of our government. When we don't have toxins in our water or poisons in our food. When we don't have crimes overrunning our streets. When we don't have want for food or supplies.

We have it so good because we don't have so much that others do. And for that we should be thankful.

Thankful and generous. One can't truly be grateful for what he has, if he is not willing to share that with those that do not.

If we count what we have and all the things we are not burdened with, it would be asinine not to realize that we are a blessed people. These blessings have come from our God on high. In Him, we should give thanks!

*Barry Haynes  
Hope church of Christ  
Hope, AR*

### **WHAT SHOULD WE REALLY BE THANKFUL FOR?**

The Apostle Paul encourages us with these words: "Everything you do or say, then, should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, as you give thanks to Him through God the Father" (Colossians 3:17).

As we examine this text, we see that prayer is a constant event in the life of a Christian. And one of the main parts of that prayer is giving thanks to God.

This month our nation recognizes a day set aside to give thanks. The original presidential proclamations of this holiday all point out that the subject of our thanks should be our Creator – the Lord God of the Bible. In Abraham Lincoln's proclamation, he wrote that we give thanks for the "gracious gifts of the Most High God." And he described Thanksgiving as "a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father."

Give thanks to God for all our gifts. That is exactly what we all should do this Thanksgiving and every day after that (just as Colossians 3:17 commands).

*Larry Fitzgerald  
Woodlawn church of Christ  
Abilene, TX*



**FAIRFIELD CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**DECEMBER 1, 2024**

We will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Fairfield on December 1, 2024. Please invite friends, family, neighbors and anyone who has attended church here in the past. Postcards will be available soon to mail out. Postage for postcards is 56 cents. There will be a presentation during Bible Study to review and remember the history of Fairfield. We would like everyone to stay for that presentation if possible. We would like to recognize any current members who were here for the first Sunday 75 years ago. We will have a meal for all following Bible classes, where we will remember years gone by and visit with one another. The meal will be catered but, to add the final touches to the menu, members are asked to bring the dishes designated on the sign-up sheets in the front foyer. There will be NO evening service that day. Mark your calendars.

There will be clean-up day to get ready for the Anniversary Celebration on November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 - 12. Please come out and help if you can.

### Ways to Ensure Your Chances for a Long Life

1. Do not ride in an automobile or get in the way of one: they cause 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay at home: 17% of all accidents happen in the home.
3. Do not walk around the street: 14% of all accidents happen to pedestrians.
4. Do not travel by air, rail, or water: 6% of all accidents are a result of these types of travel.
5. Only .0001% of all deaths occur in church buildings. So, obviously, the safest place to be is here. Time spent here is the safest for body and soul!

*Gary Culbreath*

## MEN TO SERVE

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Josh Copley  
**Scripture Reading:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Scripture:** Psalm 103:20-22  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Ken Copley  
**Left:** Rusty Bates     **Right:** Jerrie W Barber  
          Tony McCoy             Dalton Barber  
          Jeffrey Peebles         Wyatt H Barber  
          Tom Gosser                 Nathan Carroll

**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Buddy Chandler  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Scripture Reading:** Robert Graf  
**Scripture:** John 16:22-23  
**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman  
**Opening Prayer:** Lafayette Spears  
**Lord's Supper:** Gary Wright, Edwin Wright  
**Closing Prayer:** Ken Copley  
**Van Driver:** Gary Basford 931-628-0355

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Basford  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Rose  
**Opening Prayer:** Rodney Rochelle  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855



**Steve & Terri Atkinson** placed membership with us at the Field this past Sunday morning. Welcome to Fairfield.



Thanksinging  
 Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am  
 Centerville church of Christ

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 10, 2024

<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<b>214</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTION:</b>	<b>\$5886</b>
<b>2024 WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5417</b>





We are happy to announce that the jail ministry team had a baptism last Saturday. **Chris Morgan** was baptized.

**Ladies Craft night** is Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in room 104.

Let's shower **Morgan & Anna Patton** and baby girl with love and support at their "Money Tree" baby shower, happening now thru November 24<sup>th</sup>. Interested in donating? **Amber Kelley & Teresa Craft** have all the details.

**Golden Agers** final get together of the year is Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a holiday meal and will be catered. Signup sheets are in both foyers.

We are in need of a Van Driver for Sunday AM and PM. Contact Gary Basford if you are interested. This can be a man or a woman.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** is every Tuesday morning at 6:00 am in the basement.

If you enjoy **quilting**, several ladies meet each Thursday @ 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

The **Ladies' Bible Class** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in **room 104**.

If you have a **prayer request**, please use a blue card, and drop it in the wooden box in either foyer.



Sympathy to the family of **Larry Rosson**, grandfather of **Austin Crockett**. There will be a Celebration of Life on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sympathy to the family of **Helen Shanes**. She passed away October 29<sup>th</sup> and her service was held October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Martin Hatton**, foster father of **Jack Green**. His funeral service was Thursday.

And sympathy to the family of **Marjorie Claud**. Her funeral was Tuesday.

**Members:** Angie Stacks, Keith Harvill, Willie Powers, Rita Sullivan, Donna Pitman (home), Marlin Lawson, Randy Prince, Deborah McClellan, Joyce Boyd, Carolyn Phillips, Kenneth Chandler (call first to visit), Shanon Irwin, Terry Duncan, Dorothy Noonan, Dana McCaleb, Janey Gilbert, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Amalia Rose Shaw (great-great niece of Sarah Hinson & Brenda Fly-Vanderbilt NICU), Johnny Qualls (brother of Wayne Qualls), Betty Baird, Edna Copley, B.Y. Peery, Doug True, Nancy Coursey, Jason Harness, Eugene Harness, Marilyn Mathis, Pam Hinson, Davy Baker (Centennial hospital-waiting on stem cell transplant), Lottie (Terrell) Williams, Mattie Boehms, Ruby Church, Mary Sue Sands, Ronald Cochran, Jeff Clark, Terry Barrenger, Edgar Clyde Beard, Linda Canady, Carmela Brown, James Tidwell, Beverly Smith, Paul Harvill, Lorrie Davis O'Guin, Ronnie Carroll, Judy Baggett, Jimmie Jenkins, Ryan Edwards, Brian Powers, Deborah Johnston, James Buffington, Chris Chilton, David Stewart & newborn granddaughter, Truu, Willie Lawler, James Coates (address on the bulletin board), Mike Avery, Pat Garrett, David Talley, Cory Patterson, James Stoltz, Carolyn Nash, Laura DeLong, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kathryn Purcell, Becky Carroll, Bryan Williams, Mary Spears, Kevin Chandler, & Donna Gaspard.

**Life Care:** Ralph Gossett, Anthony Stacks, Cynthia Butler, Hester Moss. Sue Davidson, Gary Yates, Wilma Green.

**The Bridge at Columbia:** Hattie Mayberry, Daisy Beard.



**Nov 17** - Puppet Show, during evening service in LO  
**Nov 19** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH