

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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Clay Chandler ext. 6  
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*Education*  
Steve Craft ext.20  
*Youth*  
Randal Halbrooks ext.13  
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Shanon Irwin ext.29  
*Security*  
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*Seniors*  
Lloyd Rochelle ext.21  
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Jeff Stacks ext.22  
*Transportation*  
Vance Willis ext.26  
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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

***Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.***

### Psalm 110:10

Joe Stowell served as president of Moody Bible Institute and Cornerstone University. A former college athlete and lifetime basketball fan, Stowell writes about meeting basketball great, Shaquille O'Neal. Stowell turns the unforgettable meeting into a spiritual lesson. Here is what he says...

"I'll never forget the time I had my picture taken with Shaquille O'Neal, one of the giants of professional basketball. I never thought of myself as short until I stood beside his 7'1" frame. With my head tucked under his arm, I suddenly realized I wasn't as tall as I thought I was.

The Psalmist wrote, 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom' (111:10). Fearing God requires that we get things in the proper proportion, like the fact that He is so much greater in every way than we are. 'The works of the Lord' (111:2) are the outworking of His love, strength, wisdom, foresight, will, and faithfulness. Fearing God means coming to grips with this truth.

It's easy to miss the point when we don't stay close to God. The closer we get to Him, the more we realize how much we are lacking and how desperately we need His far greater wisdom to direct our lives.

Wise people realize how little they know and how much they need the great wisdom of God."

— Joe Stowell, *Our Daily Bread*

If you, like me, sometimes get to feeling a little "big for your britches," stand beside God for a moment. Don't compare yourself with other people. Compare yourself to Him. Stand beside God through Bible study, meditation, or prayer... or by spending time in nature. Be reminded of how great He is and how small you are. Be humbled. Be struck by how much you need Him in your life. Then, invite Him in.

*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 28<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 show is cancelled.

The youth will deliver your Field Family's Christmas mail this year. Just drop your cards in the white crate in the front foyer and it will be delivered weekly.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is every Tuesday morning at 6:00 am.

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



We express our sympathy to the family of **Linda Smith**, wife of Judge Sam Smith, who passed away last week. The funeral was Monday.



To **Jon & Patty (Jordan) Mayberry** who were married here at the fellowship hall last Friday by Fred Mayberry. Jon is the son of Fred Mayberry and Deborah Moss Peery and the grandson of Hester Moss. A very special addition to the day was that Patty was baptized by Fred immediately after the wedding ceremony. Congratulations are extended to Patty for this decision.

Happy belated birthday to **Erik Hassell** who celebrated last Sunday.

**Members:** Willie Powers, Marlin Lawson (triple bypass Thursday-St. Thomas West), Floy Cochran, Carolyn Phillips (St. Thomas Hickman), John Fly, Tina Johnson, 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:** Karen Deas, David Stewart, Glen England (Dickson Horizon hospital), William McClearn, Sloan Cochran, Tina Bates, Charles Traugher, Roy Wayne McCoy (home), Richard Kiesel, Chloe Neely, Norman Martin (Maury Regional), James Brady, Bryan Williams, Marilyn Mathis, James Tidwell (Centennial hospital-kidney surgery on Wednesday), Allen Aymette, Evelyn Jane Barr, 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

**Marlin Lawson** will be in the hospital up to 6 days. He is asking for volunteers from church to sit with him. He would like to have folks around the clock if possible. To volunteer, please call his home number at 931-729-5757.



**Nov 20** - Puppet Show, during evening service in LO



## Center Fielders News

“The Amazing Water Cycle”

**All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, they return again.** (Ecclesiastes 1:7).

The verse above is one of the many marvels of creation. All the rivers and streams pour their water into the oceans, yet the oceans never overflow. Rain falls on the land, the runoff and the water from springs flow into the rivers, the rivers flow into the oceans, from there the water evaporates, and the cycle continues. It seems impossible that seawater could evaporate as fast as large rivers flow into the ocean, but the expanse of water is much larger than the land.

Ever since the great Flood in the time of Noah, God has sent rain to water the earth. After the water from the Flood dried up and a rainbow appeared in the sky, God told Noah, “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease” (Genesis 8:22). I believe God has control of the “climate change” ha-ha.

In Genesis 9:11, God made a covenant with Noah that He will never destroy the earth with floodwaters. So, with that being said, we need not fear that the water in the ocean will ever rise so high that it overflows all the land. In Isaiah 40:12 we see how much greater God is than the water cycle and all the water in it. I think we should change the wording of “climate change” to “God control.” “Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, or with the breath of His hand marked off the Heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance? (Isaiah 40:12). Folks by faith we believe that our almighty God is directing the universe, not some scientist or politician, and will continue to do so until the end of time!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 13, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	199
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4973
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

## MEN TO SERVE NOVEMBER 20

### SUNDAY MORNING:

**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Ronny Pitman  
**Scripture Reading:** Wallace Smith  
**Scripture:**  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Lafayette Spears  
**Alternates:** Norman George, Gerry Hinson  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Lyle Shepherd  
**Van Driver:** Angie Green 931-219-7979

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Gary Basford  
**Scripture Reading:** Skyler Irvin  
**Scripture:** Acts 1:4-8  
**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman  
**Opening Prayer:** Tom Gosser  
**Lord's Supper:** Gary Wright, Edwin Wright  
**Closing Prayer:** Steve Baker  
**Van Driver:** Angie Green 931-219-7979

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Basford  
**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman  
**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy  
**Invitation:** Mike Kelley  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855

## Quotes

- Never give up. Today is hard. Tomorrow is worse. But the day after tomorrow will be sunshine.
- Wisdom=Knowing the word of God and doing the will of God.
- I'd like to thank my legs, for supporting me, my arms, for always being by my side and my fingers... I could always count on them.
- When you have a friend who checks on you and wants nothing but the best for you, keep them close, because such souls can be hard to find.
- A bad attitude is like a flat tire. You can't go anywhere until you change it.
- So often, we hurt our own feelings by thinking we mean more to people than we really do just because they mean that much to us. People treat you exactly how they feel about you. Pay attention to actions, not just words.
- Your prayer may or may not change someone else, but it *always changes you*.
- The most expensive liquid in the world is a tear. It's 1% water and 99% feelings. Think before you hurt someone.
- A mistake which makes you Humble is much better than an Achievement that makes you Arrogant.
- Forgive others, not because they deserve forgiveness, but because you deserve peace. – Jonathan Hule



## Seniors Citizens

Senior citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary. We know we take responsibility for all we have done and do not try to blame others.

However, upon reflection, we would like to point out that it was **NOT SENIOR CITIZENS** who took:

**The melody out of music,  
The pride out of appearance,  
The courtesy out of driving,  
The romance out of love,  
The commitment out of marriage,  
The responsibility out of parenthood  
The togetherness out of the family,  
The learning out of education,  
The service out of patriotism,  
The Golden Rule from rulers,  
The nativity scene out of cities,  
The civility out of behavior,  
The refinement out of language,  
The dedication out of employment,  
The prudence out of spending,  
The ambition out of achievement or  
God out of government and school.**

And we certainly are **NOT** the ones who eliminated **patience** and **tolerance** from personal relationships and interactions with others!

And, we **DO** understand the meaning of patriotism, and remember those who have fought and died for our country.

Just look at the Seniors with tears in their eyes and pride in their hearts, as they stand at attention with their hand over their hearts, as the American Flag passes by in a parade!

**YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN!** I'm the life of the party....if it lasts until 8 pm, I'm very good at opening childproof caps....with a hammer. I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up. I'm smiling all the time, because I can't hear a thing you're saying. I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe secure place, somewhere. I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg. I'm beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps.

Yes, I'm a **SENIOR CITIZEN** and I think I am having the time of my life!

**MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA AND MAY  
AMERICA CONTINUE TO THANK GOD!!**

## Where Did Thanksgiving Come from?

The present-day American practice of Thanksgiving descended from the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621, 399 years ago. It is a unique holiday because it doesn't commemorate a special event such as a battle or a birthday. It is simply a day set aside to tell God thanks for his many gifts.


Many people misunderstand what motivated the pilgrims of Plymouth to declare their thanksgiving feast. The Pilgrim Fathers were not celebrating their abundant harvest, they were celebrating the God who gave them that harvest.

They were not taking that time to thank the Native Americans nor were they thanking their other friends. It was a day to thank God for all who helped them!

And that is the first American Thanksgiving. It was more than being grateful for all our stuff, such as our abundance of food, the presence of our family or our enjoyment of football games. The spirit of thanksgiving that we need to recover is that of the pilgrims who were grateful that God had blessed them.

The Bible tells us that every good and perfect gift is from God (James 1:17).

*Larry Fitzgerald  
Woodlawn church of Christ  
Abilene, TX*

**"I have  
hidden   
in my heart  
that I might  
not sin  
against you."**

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