

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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931-994-4810  
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Ken Copley - *Education*  
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Mike Kelley - 931-994-1911

### Associate Minister:

Josh Copley - 931-994-3944

### Youth Minister:

Chris Wright - 931-206-6629

### 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

*Has His mercy ceased forever?  
Has His promise failed forevermore?*

Psalm 77:8

Sir Winston Churchill, the legendary politician and statesman known for his leadership in the United Kingdom during the Second World War, said, "Continuous effort—not strength or intelligence—is the key to unlocking our potential."

There is a lot of truth there. We can't afford to rest on our victories. Neither can we afford to wallow in our defeats. We all fail and our failures can sometimes demoralize us. But, even in failure, there are lessons to be learned and there is progress to be made.

Some lessons can only be learned in failure... and a day when a lesson is learned is never a waste. If we persevere, failure can be a path to success.

Basketball great Michael Jordan understood this. He said, "Failure always made me try harder next time. I failed my way to success."

As we encounter our ups and downs, it is helpful to remember that God never fails and his mercy never ceases. Lamentations 3:22-23 says, "His compassions fail not. They are new every morning."

If your failure has you questioning God's faithfulness, place your concerns in His hands. He will never fail you, no matter how many times you may fail.

*In Christian Love,*

*Mike*





## *Just Joshin'*



Ephesians 5:15-16 reads, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil." Now what is this passage saying? Is Paul literally saying that the 7 days of the week are inherently wicked? As much as we feel like Monday is our worst enemy, I don't believe so. We are granted so many wonderful blessings by God, and we are given so many opportunities to do good. If we are unable to manage our time, and if we dedicate too much of ourselves to things that pull us away from doing God's will, then we may find ourselves living in these "evil days." Each day that we have to live is not a right but a privilege. We ought to treat every day like a gift because that's what it is. God has a plan for your life in whatever field that you can make the best use of your talents. However, He does not force you to live a certain way. We must take initiative and be willing to take that next step. Time is precious so let's not waste it. If we live seeking wisdom and God's glory, then I can assure you that is time well spent!

To God be the Glory,  
**Josh**



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

We will be celebrating our 75th Anniversary of Fairfield on December 1, 2024. Please invite friends, family, neighbors and anyone who has attended church here in the past. 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 service 75 years ago. We will have a meal for all following Bible classes. The meal will be catered but 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.

"Some people are molded by their admirations, others by their hostilities." — Elizabeth Bowen

"A man will fight harder for his interests than for his rights." — Napoleon Bonaparte

"Great men undertake great things because they are great; fools, because they think them easy." — Vauvenargues

"Power does not corrupt. Fear corrupts, perhaps the fear of a loss of power." — John Steinbeck

"When fear is excessive it can make many a man despair." — Thomas Aquinas

"Fear makes the wolf bigger than he is." — German proverb

"For everything you have missed, you have gained something else." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

"The talent for being happy is appreciating and liking what you have, instead of what you don't have." — Woody Allen

"There must be more to life than having everything." — Maurice Sendak

"Ambition has its disappointments to sour us, but never the good fortune to satisfy us." — Benjamin Franklin

"Thanksgiving is a sure index of spiritual health." — Maurice Dametz

"Who does not thank for little will not thank for much." — Estonian proverb

"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues." — Cicero

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." — Theodore Roosevelt

"Happiness is not a state to arrive at, but a manner of traveling." — Margaret Lee Runbeck



**DECEMBER**

- 5 Jean Barber
- 8 Belinda Anderson  
Allison Jett
- 9 James Atkinson  
Carolyn Phillips
- 11 Barbara Lawson
- 12 Charmaine Harlow  
Gerry Hinson  
Brooke Patton
- 13 Teresa Craft  
Mathew Wright
- 14 Addie Dorton
- 16 Wayland Duncan  
Randy Prince
- 17 Beverly Petty  
Susan Spears
- 20 Garrett Cochran
- 21 Dalton Barber  
Amber Kelley  
Ataleigh Webb
- 22 True Goins  
Edith Muse
- 26 Charlotte Crockett
- 27 Kim Breece  
Tim Halbrooks  
Jennifer McCoy
- 28 Curtis Edwards  
Kurt Hellmann  
Sharon Rochelle  
Jeff Warren
- 29 Lisa James  
Jane Washington
- 30 Wayne Prince
- 31 John Anderson IV



**DECEMBER**

- 1 Tommy & Glenda Newsom
- 9 James & Dana Atkinson
- 11 Mike & Dianne Breece  
Gary & Glenda Jacobs  
Chris & Rochelle Love
- 15 B.Y. & Deborah Peery
- 17 Norman & Chastity Moss
- 20 Clay & Linda Chandler
- 22 Jeff & Angie Stacks
- 23 Christopher & Arielle Wright

**MEN TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY MORNING:**

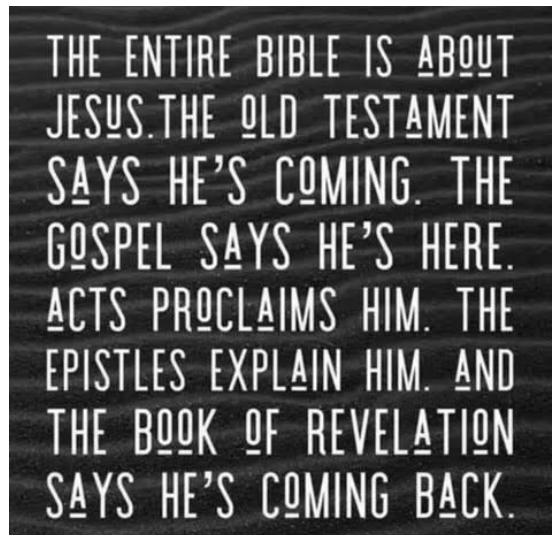
**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy  
**Scripture Reading:** Rick Bruno  
**Scripture:** Psalm 100:1-5  
**Preside Lord's Supper:** Adam Jude  
**Left:** Don Beard      **Right:** Randal Halbrooks  
          Curtis Edwards                      Wallace Smith  
          Wes Crowther                         James Swaw  
          Rick Bruno                                 Jeff Warren  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Zack Bentley  
**Van Driver:** Jack Green 931-994-8317

**SUNDAY EVENING:**

**Announcements:** Gary Basford  
**Scripture Reading:** Wayne Prince  
**Scripture:** Psalm 107:8-9  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Rose  
**Opening Prayer:** Lafayette Spears  
**Lord's Supper:** Ronny Pitman, Gerry Hinson  
**Closing Prayer:** Willie Powers  
**Van Driver:** Jack Green 931-994-8317

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT:**

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Song Leader:** Ronny Pitman  
**Opening Prayer:** Josh Copley  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855



**FOR THE RECORD**

**WEEK OF November 17, 2024**

**MORNING WORSHIP**                      226  
**CONTRIBUTION:**                              \$4494  
**2024 WEEKLY BUDGET**                      \$5417





All gifts need to be returned to the church building no later than December 4<sup>th</sup> for the needy children.

The Christmas Party for the congregation will be December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Sign up sheets are in the back foyer. This is for all members. Please sign up by December 4<sup>th</sup>.

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.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Secret Pal group for 2025, please see Sheila Brady before December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Kenneth Jett** has been brought before the congregation to be considered as a deacon of our church. If anyone has any reason why he shouldn't become one, please see one of the elders by Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Members:** Gerry Loveless, Angie Stacks, Keith Harvill, Willie Powers, Rita Sullivan, Donna Pitman, 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-received his 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, 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.

**SIX QUICK REMINDERS FROM ALL 6 CHAPTERS OF GALATIANS.**

1. Don't live for the approval of others. Gal. 1:10.
2. You are not defined by your past. Gal. 2:20.
3. Your worth is in Christ not your job or education. Gal. 3:27.
4. You are no longer a slave, you are now a child of God. Gal. 4:7
5. Don't be led by feeling and emotions, be led by the Spirit. Gal. 5:25
6. Don't grow weary while doing good. When the time is right, you will reap what you sow. Gal.6:9

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- Dec 1** - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Fairfield C of C
- Dec 7** - Church Christmas Party 3 pm in FH
- Dec 8** - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Party-immediately following Sunday school. Bring a gift for Dirty Christmas. Lunch provided
- Dec 15** - Middle/High School Devo, 6:30-8:30 at FH
- Dec 22** - Puppet Show, during evening service in LO
- Dec 29** - Fifth Sunday