

# THE PROVIDER

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## Fairfield church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Wayne Prince ext.14  
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Gary Wright ext.24

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Gary Bailey ext.18  
*Schedule Events/FH*  
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*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.22  
*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

*Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything,  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### Ephesians 5:20

In his heyday, it is said that every word Rudyard Kipling wrote was worth twenty-five shillings. Hearing this, a group of college students got together and wrote him a letter that said, "We understand that every word you write is worth twenty-five shillings. Enclosed is twenty-five shillings. Send us your best word."

A couple of days later, these college students received a telegram from Mr. Kipling. The telegram consisted of one word. That word... his best word... was "Thanks!"

"Thanks" is a valuable word! In fact, "thanks" can bring benefits into your life that are worth more than any amount of money. Experiencing and expressing thanks can make you healthier, happier, and holier. What is the price for that?

This Thanksgiving season, I encourage all of us to move beyond Thanksgiving... to Thanks-Living! Make giving thanks a part of your life every day.

Include thanksgiving in every one of your prayers. Thank people who do nice things for you. Thank those who serve you. Thank those you love for just being them. Write a thank you letter to someone who means a lot to you. Make a thanks visit to a person you care about but haven't seen in a while. Look them in the eyes and thank them from the heart.

There are lots of ways to practice Thanks-Living. Find one. Better yet, find several. Put them into practice every day. Watch the blessings and benefits start to pile up.

*In Christian Love,*

**Mike**





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.

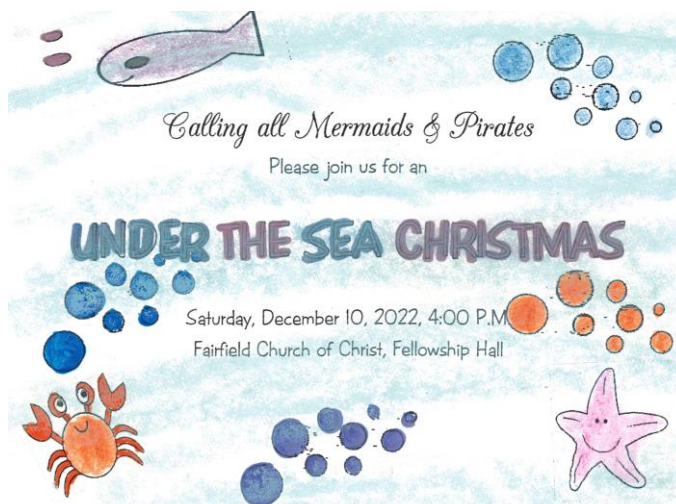
If you enjoy quilting, several ladies meet each Thursday @ 9:00 am in the basement to make quilts.

## RESPONSE

**Rita Beard** came forward Sunday morning asking for prayers to get through the holidays due to the recent loss of family.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Sonja Plunkett**, who passed away this week. Her funeral was Wednesday.



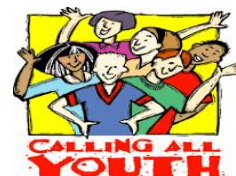
**Members:** Donna Pitman, Marlin Lawson (St. Thomas West-swing bed at St. Thomas West-no visitors), Carolyn Phillips (home), John Fly, Margaret Martin, Lelia Mae Poore, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Helen Shanes, Lou Dickens, Paul & Noble Victory, Dewayne Victory & Jo Ann Totty.

**Friends & Family:** Louise Murray (sister to Gerry Hinson-nursing home in Michigan), Sam Parnell (nephew to Gerry Hinson-St. Thomas West), Karen Deas, David Stewart, Glen England (Dickson Horizon hospital), William McClearn, Sloan Cochran, Tina Bates, Charles Traugher, Roy Wayne McCoy, Richard Kisiel, Norman Martin (Maury Regional), James Brady, Bryan Williams, Marilyn Mathis, James Tidwell (home-surgery on Tuesday), Marilyn Tidwell, Allen Aymette, Evelyn Jane Barr, Wilma Orton, 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



**Dec 4** - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas party, following Sunday school. Lunch will be provided. Bring a gift to play Dirty Christmas. Will finish around 1:30 pm.

**Dec 10** - Church Christmas party in the Fellowship Hall. Starts at 4:00 pm and is open to everyone. Sign-up sheets are in both foyers.

**Dec 11** - Puppet show during evening service in Lift Off  
**Dec 18** - Middle/High School Christmas party at 5:00 pm till ?. Bring money to purchase a gift for Dirty Christmas. Supper will be provided.



## Center Fielders News

“Traded, or Crucified and Dead”

“Tired of your old life? Get a new one; Jesus will take a trade-in.” This was a message on a billboard. The message was clear and sounded so right, but something just didn’t sound right to me at the time, but now it does. Yes, Jesus has promised to take our heart of stone and give us a new heart and yes, He will take away our sins and transgressions and I did appreciate what the billboard said, but.....?

Normally when we trade in a possession for something new, we totally give it up. We no longer have control of it or the power to do anything with it. Jesus said we must take up our cross daily and follow Him. So, we are called to crucify the flesh, live by the Spirit, and rule over the flesh by the grace of Almighty God. Now here is the but part, that old sinful nature will remain a part of us and can surface at any time, until we die or Christ returns. We cannot trade it in to where it is beyond our control.

Jesus said, “Watch and pray so that you enter not into temptation.” Jesus also said, “The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.” Every day we have to strive to reject Satan’s temptation and yield to God’s commands. Then we can have our old sinful nature in submission to God’s will and not our own.

Will we ever trade in our old life completely? Yes, when our journey here on earth is complete, and we hear those wonderful words of Jesus say, “Well done good and faithful servant, enter into My rest.” Then our sinful nature will be gone forever!!

*Obey God and watch Him work,*

**Rodney**

## FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 20, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP	204
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4781
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET	\$4167

## MEN TO SERVE NOVEMBER 27

### SUNDAY MORNING:

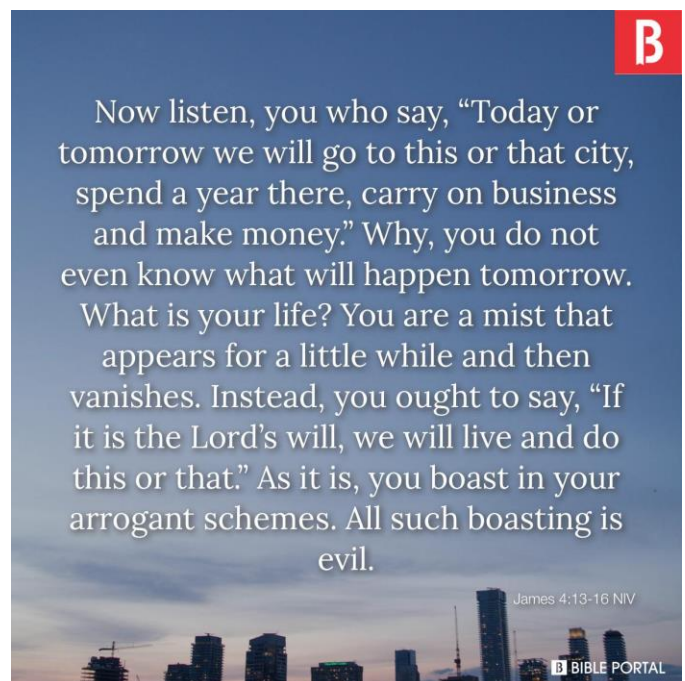
**Song Leader:** Darin Cochran  
**Opening Prayer:** Vance Willis  
**Scripture Reading:** Keith Harvill  
**Scripture:** James 4:13-16  
**Preside Lord’s Supper:** Buddy Chandler  
**Alternates:** Phillip Coates, Gary Bailey  
**Announcements:** Darin Cochran  
**Closing Prayer:** Jerrie W Barber  
**Van Driver:** Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

### SUNDAY EVENING:

**Announcements:** Randal Halbrooks  
**Scripture Reading:** Phillip Coates  
**Scripture:** Luke 3:21-22  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Stacks  
**Opening Prayer:** Roy McCoy  
**Lord’s Supper:** Boyce Cannon, Chris Wright  
**Closing Prayer:** Adam Jude  
**Van Driver:** Jeff Stacks 931-994-7631

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

**Announcements:** Gary Wright  
**Song Leader:** Gary Basford  
**Opening Prayer:** Gary Bailey  
**Invitation:** Mike Kelley  
**Van Driver:** Chris Love 931-994-7855







“Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.” — Henry Van Dyke

“I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson

“He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has.” — Epictetus

“Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns; I am thankful that thorns have roses.” — Alphonse Karr

“Truth indeed rather alleviates than hurts, and will always bear up against falsehood, as oil does above water.” — Miguel de Cervantes

“Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him, and to let him know that you trust him.” — Booker T. Washington

“Teach your child to hold his tongue; he’ll learn fast enough to speak.” — Benjamin Franklin

“Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson



**DECEMBER**

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



**DECEMBER**

- 1 Tommy & Glenda Newsom
- 11 Mike & Dianne Breece  
Gary & Glenda Jacobs  
Chris & Chelley Love
- 16 James & Margaret Martin
- 20 Clay & Linda Chandler
- 22 Jeff & Angie Stacks
- 23 Christopher & Arielle Wright



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**Instagram:** fcocfamily