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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

WELCOME HOME

To all of our visitors, especially those who have been members in past years, thank you for coming home today!

We appreciate the effort you put forward to be here to help us celebrate 75 years of the Fairfield congregation.

We hope today provides one more memory for you to hold dear until the grand homecoming in heaven.

Please take with you this statement on which we are founded: Love God & others & do something good for someone every day!

Sincerely,
The Elders





Just Joshin'

It has been such an eventful week. We've spent time with friends and family while enjoying, undoubtedly, some fantastic food. Our minds have been focused on what we are thankful for and it can be a multitude of things. We have reflected on our loved ones, our blessings, our faith, and gratitude towards our God. All the good that we enjoy is from God. He has given us all that we could ever need. One of those blessings includes our church here at Fairfield. We celebrate the 75th anniversary and we look back on present members and members long gone and we appreciate the relationships that we've built along the way. I think we sometimes take the church for granted. It is a haven. It is a house of joy and praise to the Father. It is a place where we can gather together and be a part of something greater than ourselves. There are so many aspects of the church that make it the way that it is. The church is compared to a human body in Romans 12:4-5, "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." Let us not neglect the importance of the church. It is a place of unity. It was established by Christ for a reason. It is a blessing that Fairfield has been around for as long as it has but we must always be striving to make it better by continuing to ground ourselves in truth and love so that it may stand for many years to come in the service of God's kingdom.

To God be the Glory,

Josh

Chronicles of Fairfield Church of Christ

"Vision" is defined as foresight or something that can be seen in the future. It was through vision and planning that Fairfield Church of Christ became a reality. Mr. Comer Plunkett had the preliminary vision by having a tent meeting in 1947 at the junction of Hwy. 100 and Hwy. 48. In 1948, once again, he and other leaders from fourteen (14) other county churches, organized a successful gospel meeting that was held again under a tent at the junction of Hwy. 100 and Hwy. 48.

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Soon after this gospel meeting, several men of the community worked together to acquire land for a church; they quickly became directly involved in the construction of a building; therefore, the establishment of Fairfield Church of Christ was fulfilled. The dedication service of the building was February 2, 1949. A note of interest is that the first Sunday's contribution was \$28.43.

By 1959, it was evident that the congregation had outgrown the original building and plans for expansion were discussed. The decision was made in 1960 to acquire land across the highway, which is the present site of the church, and to build a larger building. A new building was erected and the first day of worship in it was May 21, 1961. Additional land for parking was donated by a church member.

A minister's home was built next door to the church building in 1962. It has housed several ministers through the years as well as serving as a children's home providing a stable home setting for foster children. In June 2016, the elders made the decision due to the need for additional classroom space, to use the house as a classroom and devotional center for the youth group of the church. It is now known as "The Field House".

By 1987, continued growth prompted the addition of an education wing complete with a library and additional bathroom facilities. In the fall of 2009, construction of a fellowship hall was completed adjacent to the church building. This facility is used for multiple purposes; being equipped with a commercial kitchen and shower facilities, it is designated as a Red Cross Disaster Shelter which provides shelter, meals and distribution of needed supplies during or following a natural disaster in our area.

It is the desire of the elders that Fairfield Church of Christ will continue to stand as a beacon of hope in the community and county and be able to communicate spiritual enlightenment and inspiration to all as was intended by its founders according to New Testament Bible teachings.

"He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it."

Titus 1:9

**Our each and every
action seen or heard
is a sermon for
others. Be careful
what you preach.**



Mike's Minute

The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.

Luke 24:7

Suppose someone told you two unlikely events that would happen in the future. One event would happen in a few days... the other at an undetermined time in the future. You find it difficult to believe that someone could predict the future with that kind of accuracy, especially about events that are unusual and rare.

Suppose you learn in a few days that the first predicted event took place *exactly* as the person predicted it would. Would that change your thinking about the likelihood of the *second* event? Sure it would. You would now believe that the second unusual event would occur.

Jesus predicted his own death and resurrection in great detail. It proceeded to happen just as He predicted it would. However, many people don't take seriously His prediction that He would *return* to earth.

On the same occasion of His prediction of His death and resurrection, He said, "The Son will come in the glory of His Father and His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works" (Matthew 16:27).

It would be very unwise to look back at Christ's death and resurrection in belief, but *not* look to His second coming with preparation and expectation.

We don't know what is coming but we do know Who is coming!

In Christian Love,

Mike



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Facebook: Fairfield church of Christ-Field Family

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MEN TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING:

Song Leader: Darin Cochran

Opening Prayer: Kenneth Jett

Scripture Reading: Rick Bruno

Scripture: Psalm 79:13

Preside Lord's Supper: Ronny Pitman

Left: Lyle Shepherd **Right:** Gerry Hinson

Chris Wright

Rodney Rochelle

Erik Hassell

Gary Bailey

Zack Bentley

Vance Willis

Announcements: Darin Cochran

Closing Prayer: Buddy Chandler

Van Driver: Angie Green 931-219-7979

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Announcements: Rodney Rochelle

Song Leader: Ronny Pitman

Opening Prayer: Lafayette Spears

Van Driver: Chris Love 931-994-7855

Happy LORD'S Day

Another LORD'S Day is now here
 And us saints will gather everywhere
 What a privilege to be together on this day
 To sing songs of praises and to pray
 As part of worship, observance is made
 Of Christ's victory, from the grave
 We'll eat the bread and drink the cup
 Symbols of His body and blood shed for us
 We will also give as we've been blessed
 And with glad hearts give of our best
 Our souls will also be fed God's Word
 With hopes of 'living' what we've heard
 And as we return home from worship today
 Let's remember to tell the lost about the Way!
 Deb Hibbard

FOR THE RECORD

WEEK OF November 24, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP 205

CONTRIBUTION: \$4821

2024 WEEKLY BUDGET \$5417



The jail ministry had 3 baptisms on Saturday afternoon, **Amanda McLean, Bobby Wilkins, and Patrick Parish.**

The Christmas party for the congregation will be held December 7th at 3:00 pm. Please sign up by December 4th if you plan to attend. Sign-up sheet is in the front lobby. Everyone is invited to attend.

We would like to say a big thank you to **Randal & Renee Halbrooks** for the delicious dinner they prepared for the Golden Agers holiday meal last Thursday.

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

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

If you are interested in getting involved with the Secret Pal group for 2025, please see Sheila Brady before December 11th. The Secret Pal Christmas party is Saturday, December 14th at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. Any questions please see Sheila Brady.

December van driver and men to serve sheets are available to pick up in both lobbies.

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 2nd & 4th 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.



We express our sympathy to the family of **Jerry Spahr** who passed away. He was a brother-in-law to **Diane Breece**. Visitation and funeral was Saturday.

Members: 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: Mildred Rochelle (cousin of Rodney- ICU at St. Thomas Midtown), 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, Marilyn Mathis, Pam Hinson, Davy Baker, 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.



Dec 7 - Church Christmas Party 3 pm in FH

Dec 8 - 3rd - 5th Grade Christmas Party-immediately following Sunday school. Bring a gift for Dirty Christmas. Lunch provided

Dec 15 - Middle/High School Christmas Party – Leaving the church at 3:45. Bring \$20 to purchase a gift. Supper provided

Dec 22 - Puppet Show, during evening service in LO

Dec 29 - Fifth Sunday