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APRIL 2026

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FROM PASTOR MICHAEL

We are on the cusp of Easter—the day that everything became new, everywhere and forever. At the cross and in the garden, a new relationship was born between God and humanity, and everything was utterly changed. It is fitting, if a little overwhelming, that this moment also promises many new things for our church and its mission.

On the Tuesday before Easter, we will interview two excellent candidates for the role of Director of Children's Ministries. Both candidates have already had a phone interview with Pastor Kristen and a Zoom interview with our search committee. Now they will join us in person to meet with our Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Children's Leadership Team, and for an open interview to which all parents are invited. We believe and hope that God will give us a strong assurance that one of these candidates is being sent to us for just such a transformative moment in our church. Even so, if we are unable to feel peace about either candidate, our SPRC has agreed to engage the Next Wave staffing agency to lead a second phase of our hiring process, if needed.

After our interviews are completed on Tuesday, our SPRC will immediately turn its attention to hiring individuals who can carry on the faithful and excellent work that Bobbi Hobbs and Katie Robertson have shared with our church for many years. In the interim, Pam Vincent has graciously accepted my invitation to serve as our "Interim Operations Coordinator." Pam has already been in the office each day, shadowing Bobbi and Katie and documenting all they do. She will coordinate our worship volunteers and cover many of our reception needs (along with our current weekday volunteers), and she will, of course, bless us in many other ways throughout the week that help make our church such a means of grace to everyone who walks through its doors.

Even with all this staff transition, I am trying to keep my eye on the six priorities that the Board of Stewards has adopted for 2026. This has been a busy season for those transformational goals as well.

Our Finance Committee has set aside the month of August for this year's capital campaign, with our annual discipleship campaign to follow in early November. The goal of the campaign is the elimination of our remaining debt and the growth of our endowment. If the campaign matches the success of our previous efforts, the resulting endowment income and eliminated debt payments would free up \$302,000 annually for our budget. Pat Luna, who has served as a consultant on previous campaigns for us, will be advising this year's leadership team, which includes Emily and Doug Garner, Elizabeth and Wells Hammock, Katelin and Chad Holmes, Alicia and Stephen Searcy, and Sidney Carol Barnhardt. The team will hold its organizing meeting on Monday, March 30.

Later this year, our new Church and Society team will present a report on how our church can lead Baldwin County congregations in addressing homelessness and affordable housing. The team consists of Lany Simmons, Jo Nelson, Jennifer Jones, and Jennifer Myrick. Derek Boulware has also agreed to advise the team by providing research available through his work with HOPE for All Gulf Coast and by reviewing the team's report before it is presented. This team will hold its organizing meeting as soon as it can be scheduled.

In preparation for our next Trustees meeting in April, Bobbi Hobbs and I began working on a design proposal but quickly realized that we wanted additional input on the congregation's branding and identity before moving forward. We ask the Board of Stewards to consider whether they would like to reaffirm our current branding. If the Board would like to explore alternatives, we ask that a team or individual bring a proposal by May.

Our emphasis on intergenerational ministry continues to bless our children's ministry, and our staff has identified several new volunteers who have compelling testimonies about the joy of serving. We are looking for an opportunity to film these testimonies and share them with the congregation.

I have heard very positive feedback about our monthly initiative of praying for other churches. I was personally grateful that it gave me a reason to visit First Baptist Church and share our condolences and prayers as they grieve several unexpected deaths in their congregation.

Finally, Project Zechariah—our initiative to create six teams who serve for an entire Sunday morning twice a year—is currently on hold during this transition in our worship coordination staff. Katie Robertson and I had set aside a Thursday morning to name and recruit our team leaders, only for Katie to receive her new job offer six days before we could meet. I am hopeful that Pam Vincent's time as Interim Operations Coordinator will help us document and systematize all the volunteer roles we use on a Sunday morning, allowing us to equip and schedule those Zechariah Teams quickly once we have clarity on who will oversee them.

Michael

COMING SOON...

Weekly

SUNDAYS

8:30am Traditional Worship
 9:45am Sunday School
 11am Traditional Worship
 11am The Gathering Worship

MONDAYS

9:15am Walk & Talk with Jesus
 10am Knit or Crochet
 3pm Grief Support Group

TUESDAYS

5:00pm Ronnie Arrow BBall
 6pm Handbell Choir

WEDNESDAYS

9am TJ's Food Ministry
 1:30pm Dr. Ann's Bible Study
 4:15pm Lighthouse Kids' Choir
 5pm Wednesday Night Supper
 6pm PIER Kids & SWIFT
 6pm Salt Students
 6pm Adult Choir
 6pm Deep Dive Drop-In Study
 6pm Ways To Pray

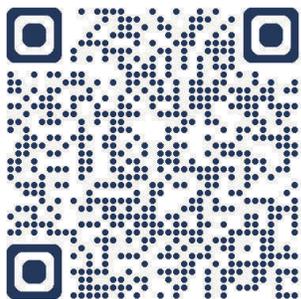
THURSDAYS

9am TJ's Food Ministry

FRIDAYS

9:30am Reservation Nursery
 11am-1pm Community Cafe

**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR
 EVENTS, DETAILS, AND
 SIGNUPS**



S= Sanctuary
 TG= The Gathering
 FH= Fellowship Hall
 WH= Wesley Hall

March

APR 1

VBS Registration Opens

APR 2

6pm Maundy Thursday (S)

APR 3

6:30pm Good Friday Crosswalk (FH Pier)

APR 5

Easter Services:
 8am Traditional Service
 9:30am Traditional Service
 11am Traditional Service
 11am The Gathering Service

APR 6

6pm Stephen Ministry

APR 7

9:30am Caregiver's Support Group

APR 12

9:45 am Coffee with the Pastors

APR 13

6:30pm Survivors of Suicide

APR 14

12:30pm Tough Dogs Support
 1:30pm Chemo Care Bag

APR 19

11am Confirmation Service,
 Combined Worship (TG)

APR 20

6pm Disaster Response Team Info
 Meeting

6pm Stephen Ministry

APR 21

9:30am Caregiver's Support Group
 6pm Anchored In Hope: Infertility &
 Loss Support Group

APR 26

11am KidMin Takeover,
 Combined Worship (TG)
 12:15pm Packing for Spring Deliveries

APR 27

9:30am MOMCO
 9:30am Caring Ministries Quarterly
 Birthday Celebration
 6:30pm Survivors of Suicide

APR 28

12:30pm Tough Dogs Support
 6pm Finance Meeting

Looking Ahead

MAY 3

11am Senior Sunday (S)

MAY 4

6pm Stephen Ministry
 6:30pm The Way (YA Bible Study)

MAY 5

9:30am Caregiver's Support Group

MAY 10

Mother's Day
 9:45am Coffee with the Pastors

MAY 11

9am MOMCO
 6:30pm Survivors of Suicide

MAY 12

12:30pm Tough Dogs Support
 1:30pm Chemo Care Bag

MAY 13

9:30am Caring Ministries Spring
 Volunteer Appreciation
 5pm Last Wednesday Night Supper
 6pm SPRC Meeting

MAY 17

11am Summer Missions
 Commissioning (TG)
 3pm VBS Training
 5pm Board of Stewards Meeting

MAY 18

6pm Stephen Ministry
 6:30pm The Way (YA Bible Study)

MAY 19

9:30am Caregiver's Support Group
 6pm Anchored In Hope: Infertility &
 Loss Support Group

MAY 25

6:30pm Survivors of Suicide

MAY 26

12:30pm Tough Dogs Support

MAY 26 - JUNE 4

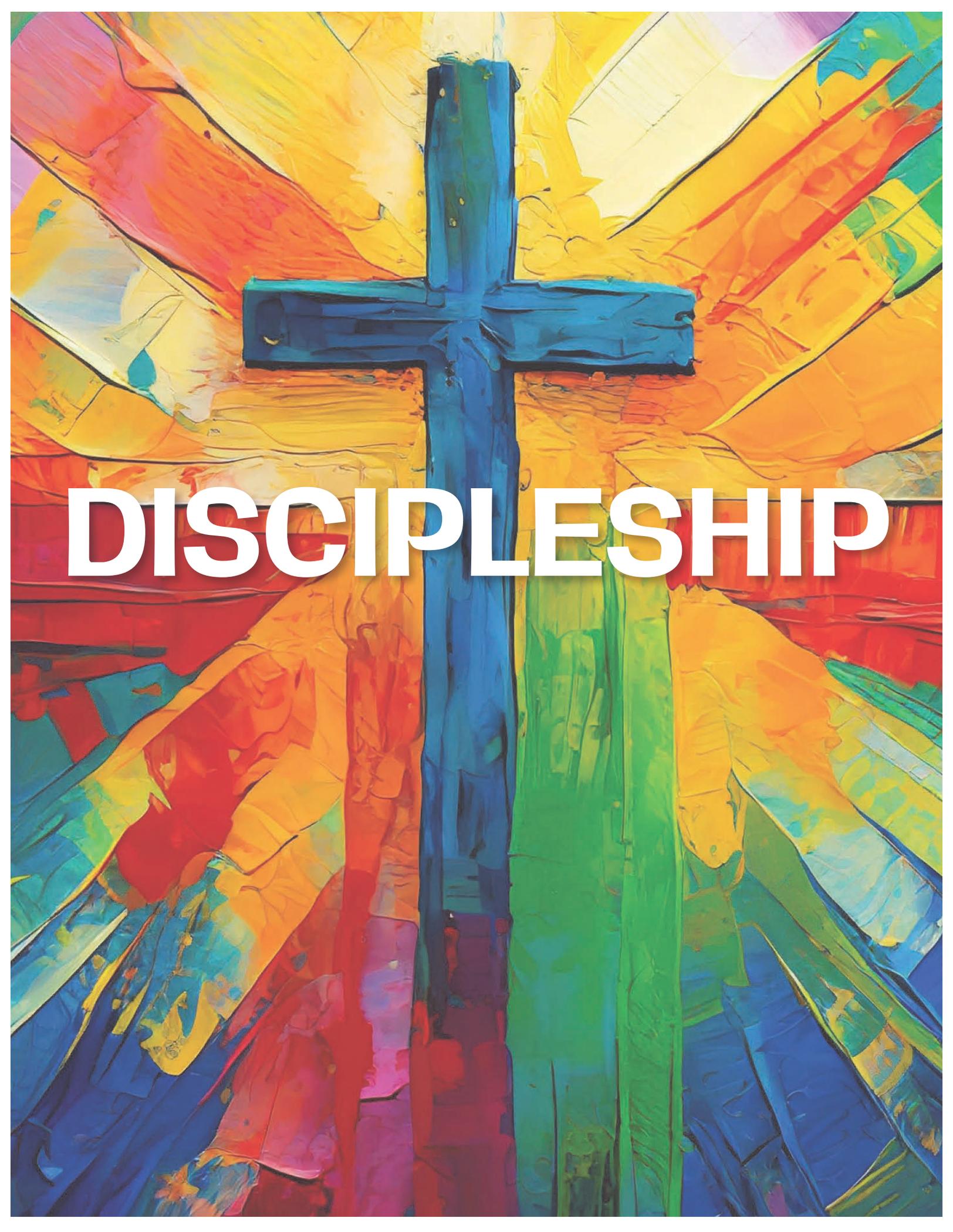
Journeys Of Paul w/ Rev. Michael

JUNE 1-5

VBS Rainforest Falls

JUNE 7-9

AL-West Fl Annual Conference



DISCIPLESHIP

ADULT MINISTRIES

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Philippians 1:3-6 3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Partnership is a powerful thing. The church has never been built on one person. It has always been a shared calling, a shared joy, and a shared responsibility. It is people showing up for one another, using their gifts, and trusting that God is at work through all of it. That is what I see when I look at our church.

I see it in Sunday school classes that care for one another. In adult discipleship groups that pray faithfully for each other. In supper clubs that gather, share meals, and do life together. This is what partnership in the gospel looks like. It is the body of Christ alive and at work in and through this community.

If you have been looking for a place to connect more deeply, Easter is a beautiful time to begin. Sunday school classes are one of the primary ways we grow in faith and build meaningful relationships here. You can scan the QR code below to read about all our different classes and find a place to get connected.

On a personal note, I am especially grateful for your partnership with me and my family as we prepare to welcome our daughter, Bennett, into the world any day now. Your prayers, support, and encouragement have meant so much to us, and I know they will continue to sustain us in the days ahead.

I am also grateful for the partnership of other United Methodist clergy who will be stepping in to preach during my maternity leave: Rev. Laura Parker, Rev. Cathi Parish, Rev. Tommy Yow, and Dr. Debora Bishop. Their willingness and excitement to step in says so much about Fairhope UMC: this is a place where leadership is shared and where the work of ministry is carried forward with joy!

I will begin my maternity leave when Bennett decides it is time, and I will be away for 12 weeks. Until then, I am simply thankful. Thankful for you, for this church, and for the ways we share in ministry together.

Grace and peace,

Kristen



STUDENT MINISTRIES

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As Spring officially starts, we're already looking ahead to Summer in the Youth Ministry!

Our Youth will have several opportunities this Summer to deepen their faith through service, worship, and study!

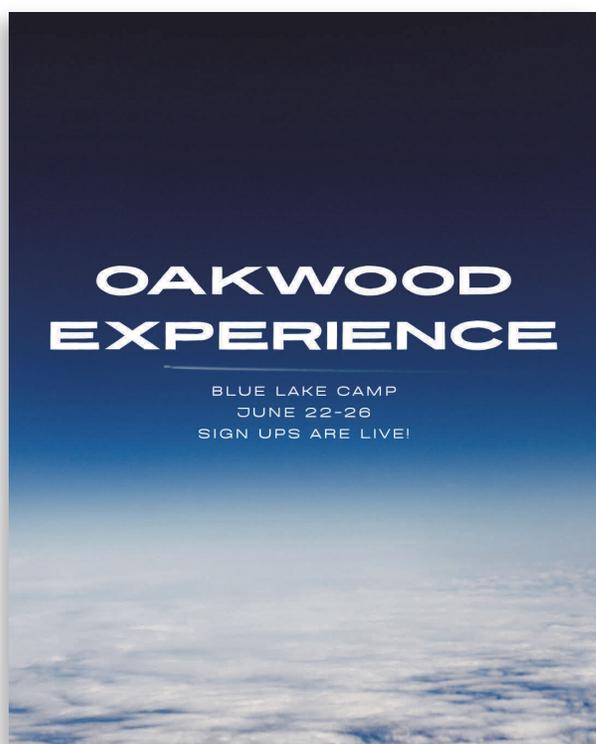
In May, several of our high schoolers will head to Costa Rica to serve alongside fellow members of the church on the annual Fairhope UMC Costa Rica trip. I'm excited for them to have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ in such an incredible country.

In June, our Youth will have the opportunity to head to Blue Lake for Oakwood Experience. Oakwood Experience is a 5-day camp where Youth from various Methodist churches in our conference will come together for worship, fellowship, and, of course, some friendly competition!

July will offer another opportunity for our Youth to work alongside "Serve Orlando" in downtown Orlando, Florida. We'll work in the largest food pantry in central Florida, produce a VBS program for inner-city neighborhoods, and serve meals to the people experiencing homelessness. (Of course, we'll also have a fun day!)

While those are the "big" events, you'll begin to hear more about local missions, worship opportunities and student led Bible studies that will also be taking place locally all summer! Sign-ups are live at the Youth Ministry LinkTree. We hope that your student will find an opportunity to participate in some of the great things happening in the life of our Youth Ministry!

Best,
Miles



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



VBS is coming!!! Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God! June 1-5, 8:45am-12:15pm

There's a way for **EVERYONE** to help!

Youth and Adults: We need you on our volunteer team! There are so many ways to serve. Contact Martha or Jill to find the right fit for you. Can't be with us the week of VBS? No problem! There are things you can do to help us prepare - even from the comfort of your own home!

We need early volunteer commitments! Online registration opens April !!!

Questions? Contact

Martha Monckton, Children's Ministries Assistant
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or

Jill Johnston, Director of VBS 2026
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Please **PRAY** for all our volunteers, our VBS Ministry Team, and for all the children we will serve. It will be an unforgettable week - Join us!

**ORDER A
VBS
T-SHIRT!**

\$10 - OPTIONAL



**REGISTER
FOR
VBS!**

OPENS APRIL 1





Please mark these dates on your calendar. You can find more info and registration forms on our Linktree

April 1

VBS Registration Opens

April 1 & 15

No Wednesday Night programming
(Holy Week, Spring Break)

April 5

EASTER

No Sunday School or Children's Church

April 24

SWIFT Night Out!

April 29 & May 6

Bridging Up - Pier

Those entering Kindergarten in the fall join the Pier for Wednesday Night activities

May 13

End of Year Celebration

Wednesday Night Pier & SWIFT celebration

June 1 - 5

Rainforest Falls VBS

June 10 & 24

PJ Party

K-6th grades - nursery available for parent volunteers

JUNE 29

BLUE LAKE CAMP REGISTRATION CLOSES!

July 6 - 10

Camp X

Blue Lake Summer Camp for those completed 3rd-6th grade

July 15 & 29

PJ Party

K-6th grades - nursery available for parent volunteers

CARING MINISTRIES

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This devotional was shared with me recently and it is one of the most humbling devotionals I have read in a while. Imagining that Christ would say to each of us, “This one is Mine”. I pray you will be blessed by this devotional.

One day, every human life will come before the throne of God. The defining question won't be how successful you were, how wealthy you became, or how admired you were by the culture.

The question will be simple - did you stand with Christ?

Many people want a version of Christianity that asks nothing of them. A private faith. A quiet spirituality. A belief system that never disrupts their reputation or comfort. But Jesus never offered that version.

The early Christians understood this clearly. They lived in a Roman world where publicly identifying with Christ would cost them their careers, their status, even their lives.

Yet they still stood. Why? Because they knew something modern culture has forgotten - truth is worth standing for. If Jesus really is who He claimed to be - the Son of God, the Savior of the world - then neutrality is impossible.

Christianity isn't about believing something in your heart. It's about being in Christ. And one day, Scripture teaches that Jesus Himself will stand before the Father and speak the names of those who stood with Him on earth.

Imagine hearing those words: “This one is Mine.” That moment will matter more than every opinion the world ever had about you.

Let us pray.

My inviting Lord, You call to me each day, yet I often fail to listen. Help me to hear Your voice more clearly and to respond with all my heart. I choose to leave behind all that stands in the way of following You, and I pray that You will use me to invite others to Your heavenly banquet. Jesus, I trust in You.

My love & prayers,

Ann

UPCOMING IN MAY

Caring Ministry Volunteer
Appreciation Gathering - May 13

SUPPORT GROUPS

Grief Support—Mondays 3:00pm

Survivors of Suicide - 2nd & 4th Monday 6:30pm

Caregivers Support Group— 1st & 3rd Tuesday 9:30am

Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group—2nd & 4th Tuesday 12:30pm

Cancer Care Angels Grants being awarded in April

Cancer Care Angels was created in 2025 by FUMC Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group to assist residents of Baldwin and Mobile Counties that are diagnosed with cancer. This ministry provides aid for individuals facing financial difficulty because of their diagnosis and resulting treatment. Only fully documented expenses with invoices or paid receipts not covered by insurance or other agencies are eligible. The facilities participating in this grant program are Southern Cancer Care, Mitchell Cancer Institute, Infirmary Cancer Care in Fairhope and USA Health Children's and Women's. Applications are received twice a year for these grants from the 4 facilities.



Connectional Care - Home Deliveries

Opportunities for you to serve in a meaningful way. Come and help us pack or volunteer to make deliveries.

Packing Day: Sunday, April 26 beginning at 12:15pm in Wesley Hall

Delivery Drivers pick up Monday - Thursday, April 27-30 after 1:00pm. Drivers have 2 weeks to deliver.

HOME DELIVERY

TJ's Food Ministry

Volunteers are needed to help pack food boxes each Wednesday and Thursday 9:00-11:00am at the African Universal Church. Sign up using the QR code in the bulletin or just come to AUC and see the program. It's a great way to serve in our community as we make a difference in helping with food insecurities.



Knit and Crochet for a Purpose

Join us for a Knit/Crochet gathering on Sunday, April 26, from 2-4 PM in the church library! While we usually meet Mondays (10-12), this extra time offers another option for those with busy schedules. We have donated yarn to share and support several ministries—chemo caps, baby blankets, pocket crosses, and lap blankets. Bring a project or start something new with us! Suzan Christensen, suzanchristensen@gmail.com; Susan Pugh spugh1515@gmail.com; Patrice Goldman pagoldman61@yahoo.com



Quarterly Birthday Celebration

We will be celebrating member's birthdays for March, April and May. Join Dr. Ann in the CLC Parlor Monday, April 27 between 10:00-11:30am. RSVP to ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org or call the church office 251-928-1148 to let us know you are coming.



Caring Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Gathering

Wednesday, May 13, 9:30 - 11:00am | Ann's Home: 101 Royal Lane
RSVP: ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org or text Ann by Wednesday, May 6.

Thank You
So Much

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

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As part of our Spring Kids' Ministry Takeover, our congregation will be blessed by a special offering of worship as the Fairhope UMC Lighthouse Choir presents *O Chicken of Little Faith* during the 11:00am COMBINED service on April 26.

This is more than a musical—it's an opportunity for our children to lead us in worship. Featuring students from kindergarten through sixth grade, this joyful production has been in the works since just after Christmas. Week by week, these young leaders have poured their time, energy, and hearts into sharing a message that feels especially meaningful for all of us.

O Chicken of Little Faith centers on a simple but powerful truth: when life feels uncertain or overwhelming, we can place our trust fully in God. Through engaging songs, humor, and heartfelt moments, the story reminds us that fear does not have the final word—faith does. In a world that often feels unpredictable, our children will boldly proclaim that God is steady, present, and trustworthy.

We are so grateful to those who have helped bring this musical to life. Carolyn Kidd and Sherry Herron, our dedicated choir assistants, have given countless hours to rehearsals and encouragement. Jamie Waldhour and Jeff White, along with our incredible tech team, work behind the scenes to ensure every detail supports the message being shared.

We hope you'll make plans to join us on April 26 as we celebrate the faith of our youngest disciples—and allow their voices to lead us in worship.



APRIL 26
11AM
COMBINED
WORSHIP
CLC

RECREATION MINISTRIES

Jamie Waldhour, Director of Recreation Ministries

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PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY *COME & JOIN US!*

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:00 - 11:30AM

SUNDAYS
2:00-4:30PM



NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER
FAIRHOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PICKLEBALL?

If you've walked by the gym on a weekday morning or Sunday afternoon and heard laughter, cheering, and the steady pop of a paddle hitting a ball, you've probably encountered pickleball in action. But have you considered giving it a try yourself?

Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country—and for good reason. It's easy to learn, low-impact, and incredibly fun. Whether you're brand new to sports, a former athlete, or just looking for a way to stay active and connected, pickleball offers something for everyone.

One of the best parts? All ages and abilities are welcome. You don't need experience. You don't need fancy equipment. Just bring comfortable clothes, athletic shoes, and a willingness to have fun. We have players ranging from beginners learning the basics to seasoned regulars who are always happy to help someone new.

Beyond the game itself, pickleball is about fellowship. It's a relaxed, encouraging environment where friendships are formed, laughter is shared, and community is strengthened. It's exercise—but it doesn't feel like exercise.



RONNIE ARROW SKILLS CAMPS

The Classroom teaches fundamental basketball skills to develop players at all level of play

EVERY TUESDAY

GRADES 2-8 | 5:30 - 7PM

GRADES 9-12 | 7 - 8:30PM

DROP-IN | NO COMMITMENT

\$20

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EVERY TUESDAY

GOLF

Camp for Kids

Coming
August 2026



MISSIONS MINISTRIES

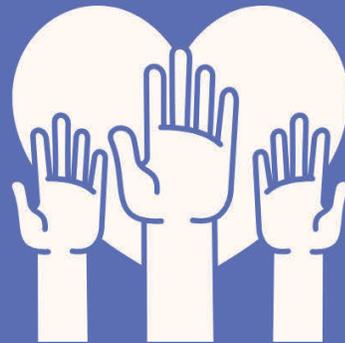
Jennifer Myrick, *Director of Missions Ministries*

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INTERESTED IN SERVING WITH
OUR DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM?

VOLUNTEER TEAM NEEDED!



HOW YOU CAN SERVE:

- Formulating our church Disaster Plan
- Serving on our Disaster Prep Team
- Rounding up donations
- Packing relief goods
- Distributing relief goods
- Disaster Assessment
- Long-Term Recovery

JOIN US FOR AN INFO MEETING

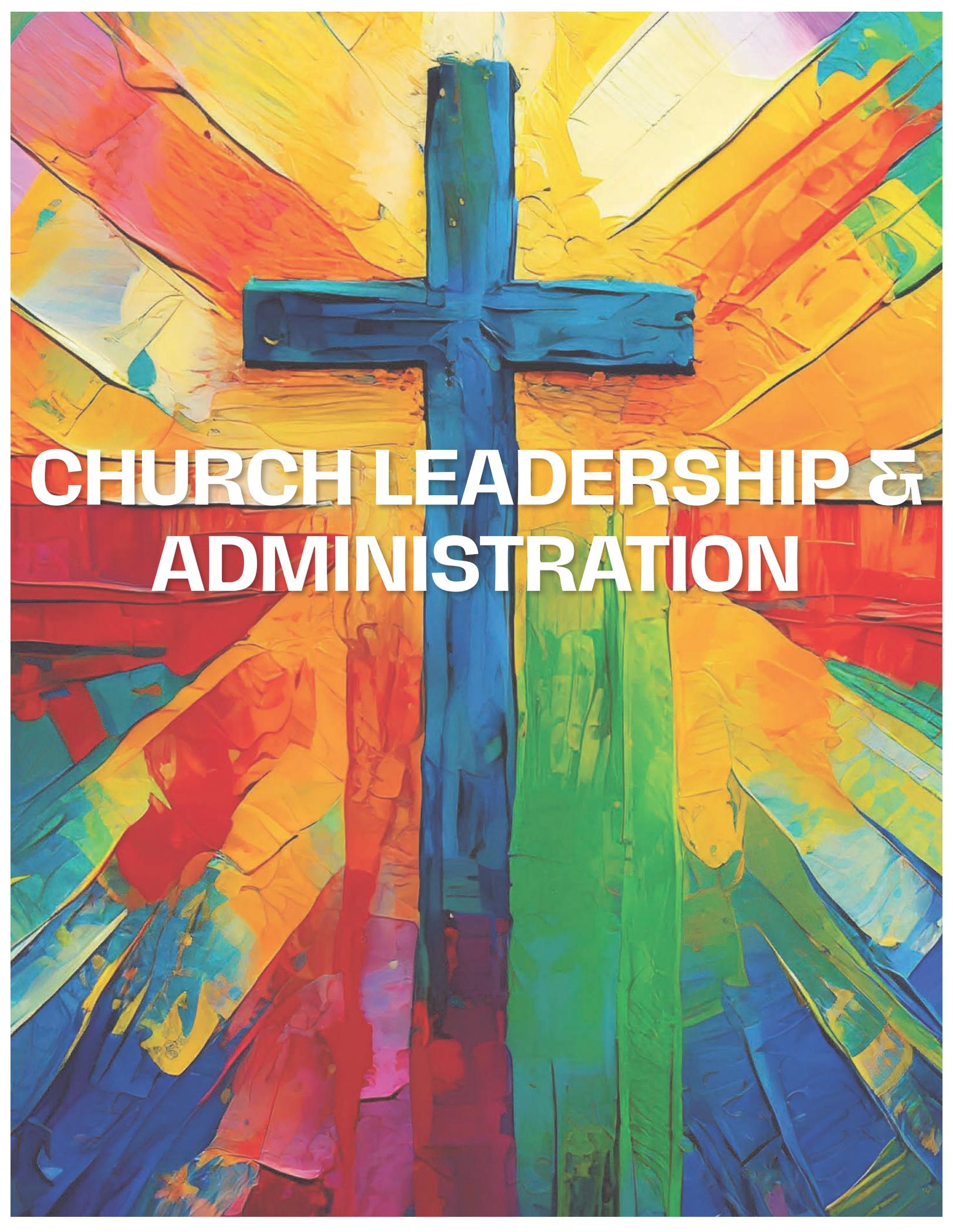
Monday, April 20th @ 6 pm
CLC Parlor

There is job for everyone!
Organizing, training, prep,
assesments, boots on the
ground, food ministry etc!



DISASTER RESPONSE

**MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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**CHURCH LEADERSHIP &
ADMINISTRATION**

Staff Parish Relations Committee Report

Submitted by Noah Funderburg, SPR Chair

Each spring, we celebrate many things. Most importantly, we celebrate Easter and the promise of resurrection through faith. Spring is often a season of new beginnings—buying a new home or car, or making other major life changes, such as accepting a new job. That spirit of new beginnings is evident in the departure of two beloved church employees, Katie Robertson and Bobbi Jo Hobbs, who have accepted new opportunities that were too good to pass up. Both will be greatly missed. SPRC will use the timing of these vacancies to review our current division of duties and responsibilities and then begin recruiting for these positions. On March 31, SPRC will also be interviewing two candidates for the position of Director of Children's Ministry. During the month of April, we expect to make several announcements regarding the filling of all three positions.

Trustees Report

Submitted by Jennifer Jones, Trustees Chair

Thank you to all who participated in our Church-wide Work Day in March! We had over 40 volunteers and accomplished even more than we anticipated! The interior of the windows in the Education Building were cleaned, plus as many of the outside windows as we could reach. (A professional crew will clean the exterior of the remaining windows.) Then, we cleaned the interior of the Sanctuary windows and most of the CLC's windows! Meanwhile, crews trimmed trees throughout our campus and secured the fence around the preschool playground. The day was amazing in every way: from the beautiful weather to the joyful spirit of the volunteers!

The masonry repairs at the bell tower and nearby walls are progressing well. The crew has finished the walls on the Section Street side and are now working on the parking lot side. For the walls that are complete, I am pleased to report that the last rain shower produced no leaks!

Lastly, the Trustee Orientation and Walkthrough in March was very productive. In addition to giving our new Trustees an overview of our facilities, the Trustees were each asked to view our church's buildings and grounds through a particular lens and make note of any improvements needed. The focus areas were: accessibility, maintenance/repair, and first impressions/signage. These observations and notes will help the Trustees plan future projects and budgets.

Finance Report

Submitted by Allen Mitchell, Finance Chair

As of the end of February, giving is 10% below the same period in 2025. This would be a good time to catch up with your giving, if possible. Our expenses are greater than last year, but that is due to the budgeted maintenance on the buildings.

We came into 2026 with strong reserves, due mostly to the \$306k that we received from the IRS in December. We anticipate taking good reserves into 2027.

We look forward to our 2026 Capital Campaign to eliminate our debt in order to be able to fund needed repairs and replacements on our buildings over the next ten years. This campaign is tentatively scheduled for August.

We have contracted with a CPA firm to audit our 2025 financial statements. The audit is scheduled to begin in July.

As always, the Finance Committee is appreciative of the faithful giving of our members.

YTD PROFIT & LOSS FINANCIAL REPORT

Submitted by Jeff White, Business Administrator

	<u>Feb 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Jan - Feb 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Income						
04000 Pledge Contributions	103,650.62	97,200.00	6,450.62	233,164.62	241,686.00	-8,521.38
04001 Non Pledge Contributions	43,321.66	47,646.00	-4,324.34	90,304.82	119,425.00	-29,120.18
04002 Cash Contributions	2,395.77	2,370.00	25.77	5,476.17	5,190.00	286.17
04003 Adult Sunday School	220.00	119.00	101.00	300.00	260.00	40.00
04004 Fees	1,360.00	716.00	644.00	4,610.00	1,549.00	3,061.00
04005 Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04006 Interest Income	3,000.45	2,500.00	500.45	5,913.57	5,000.00	913.57
Total Income	<u>153,948.50</u>	<u>150,551.00</u>	<u>3,397.50</u>	<u>339,769.18</u>	<u>373,110.00</u>	<u>-33,340.82</u>
Gross Profit	153,948.50	150,551.00	3,397.50	339,769.18	373,110.00	-33,340.82
Expense						
10000 Worship	297.82	785.00	-487.18	1,851.41	2,250.00	-398.59
10100 Music	3,714.60	1,475.00	2,239.60	4,664.78	2,575.00	2,089.78
10200 Evangelism/Navigator	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.00	200.00	-200.00
10300 Adult Spiritual Growth	101.98	255.00	-153.02	2,001.35	2,685.00	-683.65
10400 Church Family Ministry	2,509.81	415.00	2,094.81	2,509.81	415.00	2,094.81
10500 Children's Ministry	1,944.19	1,575.00	369.19	5,335.95	7,175.00	-1,839.05
10600 Youth Ministry	1,405.46	9,579.00	-8,173.54	17,833.50	23,943.00	-6,109.50
10700 Caring Ministry	375.00	375.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
10800 Communications	765.03	1,009.00	-243.97	1,909.06	2,018.00	-108.94
10900 Missions	2,276.85	4,900.00	-2,623.15	9,924.07	13,200.00	-3,275.93
11000 Nursery	26.83	20.00	6.83	26.83	570.00	-543.17
11100 Recreation Ministry	220.20	1,190.00	-969.80	785.94	1,800.00	-1,014.06
11200 Gathering	475.00	510.00	-35.00	950.00	1,020.00	-70.00
11400 Stewardship Campaign	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11500 Hospitality	0.00	200.00	-200.00	1,842.76	400.00	1,442.76
11700 Discretionary Fund	510.04	200.00	310.04	510.04	200.00	310.04
11800 Wednesday Night Supper	-2,157.04	625.00	-2,782.04	-775.99	1,250.00	-2,025.99
20000 Trustees - Maintenance	30,239.77	15,225.00	15,014.77	43,469.45	31,710.00	11,759.45
20051 Trustees - Replacement	51,384.00	52,000.00	-616.00	51,384.00	52,000.00	-616.00
20100 Utilities	6,679.97	6,865.00	-185.03	15,437.80	13,570.00	1,867.80
20200 Office Expense	7,071.12	5,375.00	1,696.12	11,912.35	9,100.00	2,812.35
20300 Kitchen Supplies	112.31	1,275.00	-1,162.69	1,845.91	2,550.00	-704.09
20400 Custodial Supplies	1,175.71	1,350.00	-174.29	3,596.64	2,600.00	996.64
20500 Financial Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30000 SPR (Salary/Contract)	105,460.01	100,209.08	5,250.93	204,090.75	198,949.96	5,140.79
40000 Conference Apportionments	10,224.60	10,224.60	0.00	20,449.20	20,449.20	0.00
40100 District Apportionments	2,443.70	2,443.70	0.00	4,887.40	4,887.40	0.00
50000 Mortgage Interest	2,085.27	2,300.00	-214.73	4,248.18	4,600.00	-351.82
60000 Mortgage Principle	16,684.51	16,470.00	214.51	33,291.38	32,940.00	351.38
Total Expense	<u>246,026.74</u>	<u>236,950.38</u>	<u>9,076.36</u>	<u>444,732.57</u>	<u>433,807.56</u>	<u>10,925.01</u>
Net Income	<u>-92,078.24</u>	<u>-86,399.38</u>	<u>-5,678.86</u>	<u>-104,963.39</u>	<u>-60,697.56</u>	<u>-44,265.83</u>

KEY EVENTS



**Ways to
PRAY**

6 PM - 7:15 PM, WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 8 - MAY 13

SPACE IS LIMITED! REGISTER TODAY!

Ways to Pray 2026

Praying is, in its barest terms, communicating with God. Just as we vary the ways we talk with and listen to our spouse, children, parents, or friends, there are many ways to converse with God! Join **Rev. Cathi Parish** as she walks us through a variety of ways to pray. We will explore:

- Lectio Divina
- Visio Divina
- Walking the Labyrinth
- Breath Prayers
- Protestant Prayer Beads
- Postures of Prayer

There is no book to purchase but registration is required and class size is limited. The class will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:15pm from April 8 through May 13.



**REGISTER
HERE!**



Confirmation Service

Sunday, April 19 @
COMBINED 11am | CLC

Confirmation Sunday

**April 19 | 11:00am Combined Service
The Gathering**

Join us as we celebrate Confirmation Sunday and the faith journeys of our students. During this special combined service, our confirmands will publicly affirm their faith and take this meaningful next step in their walk with Christ.

We invite you to come support and celebrate these young people as they say “yes” to God’s work in their lives. It will be a beautiful morning of worship and community.



Senior Sunday

May 3 | 11:00am (Sanctuary)

We invite all to celebrate and recognize our 2026 high school graduates on Senior Sunday. During the 11:00am service on May 3, we will honor these students, give thanks for their journey, and pray for them as they step into this next chapter.

We hope you'll be there to support and celebrate this special milestone!



Summer Mission Teams

Commissioning

May 17 | 11:00am Service | The Gathering

Join us as we pray over and commission our Summer Mission Teams, including the Costa Rica Team, Youth Team, and VBS Volunteers. During this special service, we will send them out with encouragement and support as they serve and share God's love.

We invite you to come be a part of this meaningful moment and lift them up in prayer!

HOLY WEEK

&
Easter



@ FAIRHOPE UMC



PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29 | ALL SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2 | 6:00PM | SANCTUARY

GOOD FRIDAY CROSSWALK

APRIL 3 | 6:30PM | FAIRHOPE PIER

Easter Sunday

APRIL 5

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

THE GATHERING WORSHIP (CLC)

11:00 AM

*Children's SS & Children's Church will NOT meet.
Nursery available for ages 3 months to Pre-K*

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