

Reach up to God,  
Reach into our hearts,  
Reach out to others.

# THE GOOD NEWS

FROM

## FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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### From the Pastor's Pen:

I love flowers. I look forward to each spring when I can get out in the yard and start working on my flower gardens. It takes quite a bit of work as I need to prepare the containers or the ground, make sure any left-over weeds have been removed, organize the containers, buy the plants, and then plant them. I finish them off with some mulch and then the real work begins. They are not something we just get going and then forget, they need to be cared for, they need watering, pruning, and weeding out. It is an ongoing project, but one that has great reward as they fill the containers with beauty and add color to my landscape.

Life is a lot like these flowers, it takes work, it takes time, and it takes attending to. We need to care for the life we have been given making sure we are as healthy and fruitful as we can possibly be. We need to care for our bodies through good nutrition and exercise to keep it functioning at peak performance. What we put in our bodies is very important and we should try to eat balanced and healthy

meals. This doesn't mean we can have some "good" stuff every now and then, but we do need to watch what we eat if we want the best outcome. And exercise doesn't mean we go out and train for a marathon, only that we do what we can to keep our bodies in the best condition possible. I heard a good phrase not long ago that speaks to this, "Motion is Lotion." What this is pointing out is just moving around, keeping as active as we can is a form of exercise and will do our bodies good. Eating good and doing some form of exercise is good for our mental health as well. Knowing that we are doing something positive helps us with our mental outlook and gives us a sense of hope and peace.

And speaking of hope and peace, our spiritual life needs tending to as well. Investing ourselves in daily devotions and prayers, reading God's Word and listening for God's guidance allow the seeds of God's love and devotion take root in our lives. Spending time with others who are also tending their spiritual gardens helps us find tools and methods that

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help us get more out of our spiritual garden. Linking up with others in a church setting, at a Bible study, through fellowship groups like the Christian Women's or Christian Men's fellowships, becoming involved in the youth ministry or education ministry, or working with outreach, all these offer opportunities for our faith to grow and flourish into a beautiful garden that others will want to be a part of and emulate.

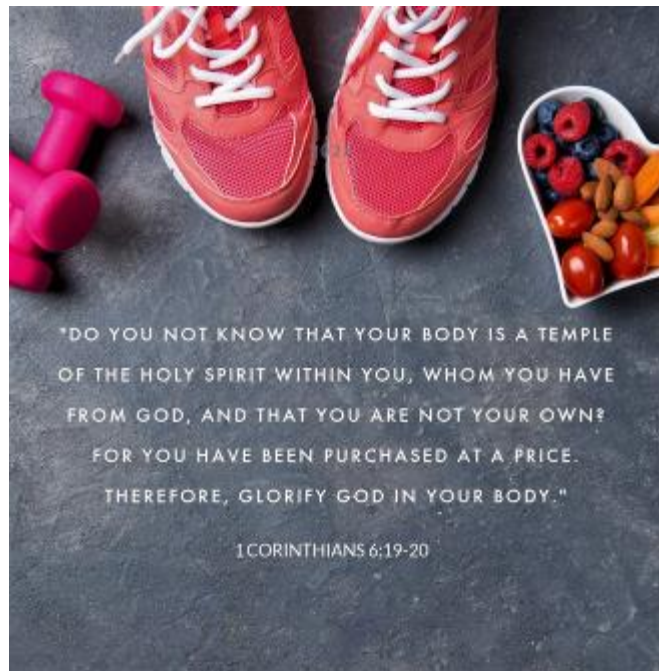
***Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So, glorify God in your body. —1 Corinthians 6:19-20.***

It is important that we take care of our bodies physically, mentally, and spiritually, not just so we can have a more enjoyable life, but rather have a life that is like that well-watered garden which is not

only beautiful but fruitful and glorifies our Lord.

Let's take time to tend to this garden knowing that all the work we put in now will reap unbelievable rewards in our future.

—Pastor Rick Malugani



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## CWF - MAY RECAP

Both the 10 am and 7 p.m. groups of the CWF met on Tuesday, May 9th. The morning group discussed the Ladies afternoon tea from the previous Saturday. Notes were taken as to what went well and what may need to be changed at next year's tea. Everyone agreed that the event was a success with \$200 raised from the ticket sale for the beautiful wreath Joanne Brown made and donated. It was decided that the funds would be split between Neighborhood Bridges and the Baldwin Family Village. The evening circle met and discussed the next chapter of their book study. Both groups collected personal items to be donated to the Blessing Box.

It was also decided by both groups that there would be a summer break and meetings will resume on the second Tuesday of September. The evening circle decided that they would start collecting books to donate to the children at the Baldwin Family Village for their September meeting. Every woman of the church is invited to attend either the morning or evening meeting of the CWF for a time of fellowship, service and study.

Blessings,  
Debbie Carpenter/Ellen Malugani, co-chairs





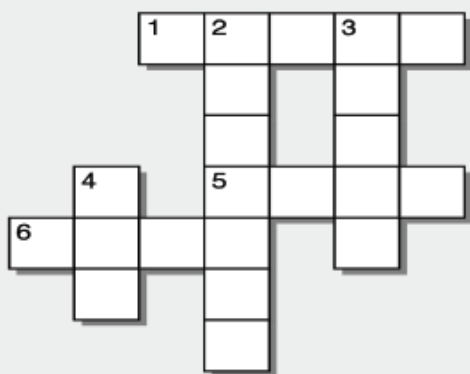
"Grandchildren are the crown of the elderly, and the glory of children is their parents."  
—Proverbs 17:6

# Happy Father's Day

"I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are living according to the truth."  
—3 John 1:4

*"My father didn't tell me how to life; he lived, and let me watch him do it."*  
— Clarence Budington Kelland

## ⚓ CrossWORD



## "Fathers in the Bible"

### Across

- 1) Father of the wisest man.
- 5) The first human father.
- 6) He found grace in God's eyes.

### Down

- 2) Father of Isaac.
- 3) Father of Jacob and Esau.
- 4) His children were killed in a storm.

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## WORDSEARCH

### Fathers of the Bible

Z	A	P	A	Q	J	K	Z	Z	D
J	A	H	H	B	B	O	F	Y	A
W	A	C	V	I	F	S	B	C	V
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G	A	B	R	A	H	A	M	S	M
D	I	S	A	A	C	L	W	N	Q

ABRAHAM  
PHILIP  
ZACHARIAS  
NOAH  
JACOB

JOB  
ISAAC  
DAVID  
ADAM

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Answers can be found on page 6.

## ***Our Church Prayer List:***

<i>Melba Asby</i>	<i>Michelle Grene</i>	<i>Emily O'Toole</i>	<i>Laura Talley</i>
<i>June Berry</i>	<i>Sharon Grimes</i>	<i>Mike Patrick</i>	<i>Laura Todd</i>
<i>Kristy Bishop</i>	<i>Louise Good</i>	<i>Chance Pope</i>	<i>Gary Turner</i>
<i>Sandra Bishop</i>	<i>Bobby and Barbara Harris</i>	<i>Cullen Potter &amp; Family</i>	<i>Oleta Volking</i>
<i>Paul Bivins</i>	<i>Hugh Hays</i>	<i>Sharon Quimby</i>	<i>Daryl Wasp</i>
<i>Jesse Bond</i>	<i>Daniel Herrea</i>	<i>John Ray</i>	<i>Xavier Weller</i>
<i>Margaret Buchanan</i>	<i>Dottie Hughes</i>	<i>Marlene Robinson</i>	<i>Erika White</i>
<i>The Family of Edith Callaway</i>	<i>Jerry Johnson</i>	<i>Wally &amp; Judy Robinson</i>	<i>Fonda Winfrey</i>
<i>Nettye Carter</i>	<i>Collin Loris</i>	<i>McKenzie Rockwell</i>	<i>Conor &amp; Elizabeth Wohleber and Family</i>
<i>Logan Chandler</i>	<i>Mack Maclaren</i>	<i>Margie Robinson</i>	<i>All with COVID-19 and all caregivers</i>
<i>Haley Clift</i>	<i>Sarah Maddox</i>	<i>Elise Rogers and Family</i>	
<i>Clay Conrad</i>	<i>Peggy McCarthy</i>	<i>Jennifer Penry Romano</i>	
<i>Don Darnel</i>	<i>Brad Jason McCullough</i>	<i>Lisa Seymour</i>	
<i>Blake Ernest</i>	<i>Rev. Bob Moffitt</i>	<i>Elijah Sprague</i>	
<i>Berry Fulford</i>	<i>Brian Moore</i>	<i>John Stephens</i>	
<i>Lonnie Gibbs</i>	<i>Barry Nix</i>	<i>Millie Stephens</i>	
		<i>Jeff Swedenberg</i>	



### **We pray for others in the Disciples' Fellowship:**

**June 4** – Saraland, Oakmont – Larry Rawls,  
Minister

**June 11** – Tuskegee, Mt. Calvary Missionary – Dan  
Steward, Pastor

**June 18** – Hayneville, Sellers Memorial – Clifford  
Jackson, Minister Minter, Braggs – Joe Crook,  
Board Chair

**June 25** – Hartselle, First – Timothy Clark,  
Minister

### **Military Prayer Requests:**

**Sgt. Samantha Helms,**  
Anchorage, AK; granddaughter of Morris & Janet

**Major Ross Malugani,**  
Ramstein AFB, Germany; son of Pastor Rick & Ellen





June 5 — Christopher Ragland

June 5 — Carolyn Pernod

June 18 — Clair Talley

June 22 — Ken Vaughn

June 26 — Ruth Conley

June 28 — Debbie Carpenter

June 28 — Melinda Mapp

June 30 — Louis Mapp



Morris & Janet Helms, June 1st

Bob & Helen Renner, June 4th

David & Pam Chambers, June 5th

Bill & Pat Bagby, June 9th

John & Marilyn Wimpee, June 25th



## Liturgy

June 4 — Daniel 3:19-25

June 11 — Mathew 11:28-30

June 18 — 3 John 1-4

June 25 — Guest Minister, Rev. Jim Clifford



## June Servants



**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!!**

### Lay Leaders

### Liturgists

### Fellowship Hosts

### Elders

### Diaconate

<b>June 4</b>	Sue Hammac	Sue Hammac		Corliss Vaughn & Ken Vaughn	Margaret Jennings & Ann Sadler
<b>June 14</b>		Linda McCullough			
<b>June 21</b>		David Chambers			
<b>June 28</b>	Fred Crawford	David Chambers	Donna Kenny		

# NOTES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Many thanks to the ladies in CWF for the toiletry donations for the Blessing Box. I also appreciate all the items and money from the rest of the congregation throughout this last month.

—Vicki Lyons



## GOOD NEWS!

The church library is open and ready for readers! Thanks to the help of Ellen Malugani and Rev. Bill Bagby, the non-fiction shelves have been sorted and books reshelfed. There is now open shelving that will give us space to add material that supports the Library Policy. (A copy of the policy has been placed on the fireplace mantel.) Please come in and browse at your leisure.

—Dian Mangus



- The **Worship Task Group** will meet Thursday, June 1st at 4pm.
- The **Christian Men's Fellowship** will meet Saturday, June 3rd at 9am.
- Join us every 1st Summer Sunday from 4-6pm for Food Truck Summer Series. Come for delicious food, stay for the fellowship!
- The **Mission Planning Team** will meet Wednesday June 7th at 10am.
- Our monthly **Game Day** will be Thurs., June 8th from 2-4pm.
- The **CWF** will not meet during the summer break. They will resume Tuesday, September 12th!
- The **Youth** will meet at 11:30am on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of June.
- **Lunch Bunch** meets Thurs., June 15th at 11am. at Agave.
- There will be an **Elders Meeting** June 15th at 6pm.
- Our next **Movie Night** is Thursday, June 22nd 6-8pm!
- The Monday morning **Craft Circle** has decided to take the summer off and will start meeting again the second Monday in September.

## SOLUTIONS:

### Crossword

#### Across

- 1) David
- 5) Adam
- 6) Noah

#### Down

- 2) Abraham
- 3) Isaac
- 4) Job

## WORDSEARCH

### Fathers of the Bible





# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>THERE IS HOPE</b> Weekly Meeting Schedule:  Mondays-Fridays: 7:30am, 12pm Tuesdays: 5:30pm Saturdays: 9am - Men only 10:30am - Women only				1  4pm Worship Task Group  Boy Scouts Round Table 6-8pm	2	3  9am Men's Fellowship
4 9am-Christian Ed 10am-Worship <b>Food Truck 4-6pm</b> 	5  <b>Magnolia Squares 6:30pm</b>	6	7  8am Prayer (via Zoom)  10am Mission Planning	8   2-4pm Game Day	9	10
11 9am-Christian Ed 10am-Worship  <b>11:30am Youth Meeting</b>	12  <b>Magnolia Squares 6:30pm</b>	13	14  8am Prayer (via Zoom)	15 11am Lunch Bunch @ Agave  4-6pm Fairhope Disaster Relief Meeting 6pm Elders Meeting	16	17
18 9am-Christian Ed 10am-Worship  	19   <b>Magnolia Squares 6:30pm</b>  <b>Pastor Rick Out</b>	20	21 <b>Newsletter Items Due</b>  	22   6-8pm Movie Night	23	24
25 9am-Christian Ed 10am-Worship <b>Guest Pastor: Rev. Jim Clifford</b>  <b>11:30am Youth Meeting</b>	26  <b>Magnolia Squares 6:30pm</b>  <b>Pastor Rick Out</b>	27	28	29	30	

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## Disciples Making Disciples

Sharing the Good News in Our World Today



A lawyer was examining Jesus, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment of the law?" (Matthew 22:34). It was supposed to be a setup to discredit Jesus, but turned into a directive that leads every disciple of Jesus into a life of blessings. Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (v37) and, he added, "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." This is the core of a disciple's life.

The core competency of a true disciple is abiding in love. We simply cannot be a disciple of Jesus unless we love God and love others as God has loved us. John 13:34-35 says it this way, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one

another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

How did Jesus love you? He died on the cross for you. How did Jesus love you? He put you above Himself. How did Jesus love you? He demonstrated through his life how we are to love others. To make disciples, love them as Jesus has loved you and teach them how to love others.

Blessings,  
David Chambers



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