

# THE GOOD NEWS

## FROM

# FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



September 2023

### From the Pastor's Pen:

**C**an you believe it is September already. Where has the time gone. Speaking of September, we have quite a bit in the works as we ramp back up from our summer break.

Our weekly Bible study will resume beginning Thursday, September 7 at 1:00 pm. We will be continuing the video series by Ray Vander Laan, this one titled, "Walking with God in the desert." It will be a seven-week study presented every Thursday through September and the beginning of October.

Also in September is our homecoming celebration/dinner to be held on Sunday, September 17. Tina Frego and her team has been working hard reaching out to former members and their families inviting them to come back and see what we are doing and to enjoy a time of fellowship and reconnecting.

Then on Saturday, September 23 the annual District V all church gathering will be held at Westwood Christian Church in Pensacola Florida. The festivities begin at 10:30 am and will include prayer and worship, praise music, outdoor as well as indoor activities for all ages, a talent show, a potluck meal, and a brief business

meeting to approve new officers. This will be a great time to reconnect with those from sister churches, to initiate new relationships and see what others are doing to spread the Word of God in their communities. I encourage all who can attend to do so, especially as we close in on the Regional Assembly we are hosting in April of 2024.

And speaking of the Regional Assembly, there is still much work to be done in preparation of this event. We will need to have teams of people ready to help with various duties such as fellowship, welcoming, parking, ushers, and cleanup to mention a few. This is a big event, and we are expecting upwards of 200 people from around the region to attend. It is also expected that at this assembly a new Regional Minister will be installed to lead this region into the future. We have an opportunity to show case Fairhope Christian Church and the ministries we are involved in as well as the love we have for God and God's people. Please pray for this endeavor and lend a hand so we can make this Regional Assembly a great experience for all involved.

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

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Beginning on Tuesday, September 12, we will host a third & fourth grade boys Bible club from 2:45-5:00 pm. We hosted a girls Bible club a couple of years ago and it was a wonderful experience as we watched these young girls learn more about God and God's Word and really get engaged in their faith journey. The boys club will meet every Tuesday through the school year. I will be here on most Tuesdays, but there will be a need for others to step up and volunteer to come by and be a presence. While they have volunteers to lead the instruction

and provide refreshments, our presence would help if they had any questions or needs. We are also working on several outreach activities specifically supporting Baldwin Family Village, Operation Christmas Child, Prodissee Pantry, and our blessing box to name just a few. This is all part of our calling to be positive difference makers in our community and our world and we will continue to seek ways to reach out and share the love of God to all we see in both word and deed.

Let us all join in and be a part of this vital work and together we will be positive difference makers.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

- Church office will be closed Monday, Sept. 4th in observance of Labor Day.
- District V Annual Gathering with Luncheon and Talent Show is happening on Sept. 23rd at the Westwood Christian Church in Pensacola. Sign up with pastor Rick and share your talents with everyone.
- Prep for the OCC Packing Party is on Sept. 9th at 9am. We have a lot to do!
- **Mission Planning** meets Sept. 6th at 10am.
- From Debbie Carpenter & Ellen Malugani:
  - Both the 10am and 7pm **CWF Groups** will start meeting again in September. The 10am group will meet Tuesday the 12th. The 7pm group will meet Tuesday Sept. 19th just for this month, and will continue with their book study on Mary & Martha. All ladies of the church are welcome at either meeting & encouraged to bring a friend. We look forward to planning out the next few months with the ladies of the church.
  - The **Monday Craft Circle** will be coming back together on September 11th at a new time of 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come join a time of fun & fellowship to work on any type of craft or project.

### HOMEcoming: SEPTEMBER 17, 2023




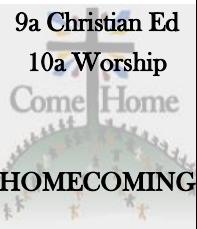
**FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**  
*Meet & Greet: 9 - 9:45 am*  
*Church Service: 10 - 11 am*  
*Lunch in fellowship hall: 11 - 12*

**RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**  
*By mail: enclosed envelope*  
*By phone: 251-928-8495*  
*By email: [office@fairhopechristian.org](mailto:office@fairhopechristian.org)*

**CASUAL DRESS ☪ MANY PICTURES FROM THE PAST TO ENJOY!**

# SEPTEMBER

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday                                      | Wednesday                                     | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday  |
|---|---|--|---|--|--------|---|
|   |   |  |   |  | 1      | 2   |
| 3<br>9a Christian Ed<br>10a Worship   | 4<br><b>Labor Day</b><br><br>Office Closed | 5  | 6<br>8am Zoom Prayer<br>10am Mission Planning | 7<br>Homecoming 2023<br>commitment cards due<br>Bible Study 1pm        | 8      | 9<br>9am Men's Fellowship<br><br>9am OCC Packing Party Prep   |
| 10<br>9a Christian Ed<br>10a Worship  | 11<br>1:30 Craft Circle<br><br>6:30pm Magnolia Squares  | 12<br>10am CWF<br>2:45 pm Boys Bible Club    | 13<br>8am Zoom Prayer                         | 14<br><br>Bible Study 1pm  | 15     | 16  |
| 17<br>9a Christian Ed<br>10a Worship<br><br><b>HOMECOMING</b> | 18<br>1:30 Craft Circle<br><br>6:30pm Magnolia Squares  | 19<br>2:45 pm Boys Bible Club<br><br>7pm CWF | 20  | 21<br>11am Lunch Bunch @ Agave<br>Bible Study 1pm<br>6pm General Board | 22     | 23<br>District V Gathering at Westwood Christian in Pensacola |
| 24<br>9a Christian Ed<br>10a Worship  | 25<br>1:30 Craft Circle<br><br>6:30pm Magnolia Squares  | 26<br>2:45 pm Boys Bible Club                | 27<br>8am Zoom Prayer                         | 28<br>Bible Study 1pm  | 29     | 30  |

## THERE IS HOPE

Mondays-Fridays:  
7:30am, 12pm

Tuesdays: 5:30pm

Saturdays:  
9am - Men only  
10:30am - Women only

## Thursday Lunch Bunch invites YOU!

If you enjoy getting together with friends for lunch, come join the newest group of church friends and family every third Thursday at 11 a.m. at Agave!

## *Our Church Prayer List:*

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

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

**September 3 - Leothatchee, Mt. Moriah -  
Nathan Hartley, Minister**

**September 10 - Leothatchee, New Hope -  
Howard Jones and Regina Jones, Ministers**

**September 17 - Mobile, Azalea Hills - Gary  
West, Minister**

**September 24 - Pensacola, First - Tim Clarke,  
Minister**

***We pray for the victims of the Maui fires  
and their families and community.***

### **Military Prayer Requests:**

**Sgt. Samantha Helms,**  
Anchorage, AK; granddaughter of Morris & Janet  
**Major Ross Malugani,**  
Ramstein AFB, Germany; son of Pastor Rick & Ellen



# Happy Birthday

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2 - Jim Maddox     | 15 - David Chambers |
| 8 - Kristen Parish | 20 - Larry Chambers |
| 4 - Corliss Vaughn | 23 - Shari Morgan   |
| 7 - Erica White    | 29 - June Berry     |
| 13 - Wendy Winton  |                     |

## Happy Anniversary

9th Susan & David Acree  
 12th Ellen & Rick Malugani  
 26th Corliss & Ken Vaughn

# Liturgy


**September 3** — Psalm 127:1-2  
**September 10** — Jonah 4:5-11  
**September 17** — Mark 12:41-44  
**September 24** — Romans 14:1-12



**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!!**

## SEPTEMBER SERVANTS



|               | <u>Lay Leaders</u> | <u>Liturgists</u> | <u>Fellowship Hosts</u>  | <u>Elders</u>                     | <u>Diaconate</u>              |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Sep 3</b>  |                    |                   |  | Don Jennings<br>&<br>Morris White | Tina Frego<br>&<br>Sue Hammac |
| <b>Sep 10</b> | Donna Kenney       | Donna Kenney      |  |                                   |                               |
| <b>Sep 17</b> | Fred Crawford      | Janet Helms       |  |                                   |                               |
| <b>Sep 24</b> |                    |                   | Donna Kenney   |                                   |                               |



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## Disciples Making Disciples

Sharing the Good News in Our World Today



### From the Beginning

Where does discipleship start? Many people would say, "Discipleship begins in the church." If this is your answer, you are wrong. Listen to what Deuteronomy 6:4-9 says:

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commands that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and your gates.*

That's right. Discipleship begins in the home. Mom and Dad begin transferring their values into their children's hearts and minds from the moment they

bring them home. This investment and training are discipling. The question is not, "Are you making disciples in your home?" but "What kind of disciples are you making in your home?" You influence and shape how your children see the world and how they interact with it while affirming a standard of success and failure. By modeling accountability, instruction, and transparency, every parent communicates what he or she values.

Even if your children are older, it's not too late. Do not let the world disciple your children. Be the influence God wants you to be starting now. It's never too late.

Blessings,  
*David Chambers*



### Fairhope Christian Church

*(Disciples of Christ)*

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**Join us! Everyone is welcome!**

#### **Sunday Schedule:**

Sunday School - 9 am  
Worship Service - 10 am  
(live-streaming online)

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday  
9 am - 2 pm

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Cindy Bishop, Financial Assistant

Justin Gipson, Choir Director

Anya Scott, Musician

Anya Scott, Administrator