

A Message from our Pastor:

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Whether you are a long-time member or visiting with us for the first time, we are truly blessed by your presence today. As we gather in worship, may this be a time of renewal, encouragement, and deep connection with God and one another. May you feel the love of Christ in every song sung, every word spoken, and every heart gathered.

We are glad you are here.

Pastor Betty

FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

John & Frances Alford	Don Hamilton	Rev. Bob Moffitt
June Berry	Calvin Hanson	Waylon Moody
Jesse Bond	Peggy & Johnny Harbin	John Ray
Leslie Chandler	Helen Hartley	Ann Sadler
Gerald Chapman	Kay Inman/Family & Friends	April & Billy Shiver
Kerrigan Cook	Stephanie McLaughlin	Millie Stephens
Jessica Fleming		Vilord family/friends
Sharon Gunn	Milton Mills	Erika White

Ron Vilord’s memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27, at Fairhope Christian Church. Visitation with the family begins at 10:30. Service will be at 11:00 followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

THERE IS HOPE (AA) * Meets in basement
Mon-Fri 7:30am, 12pm; Tues 5:30pm
Sat 9am - men only; 10:30am women only

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025

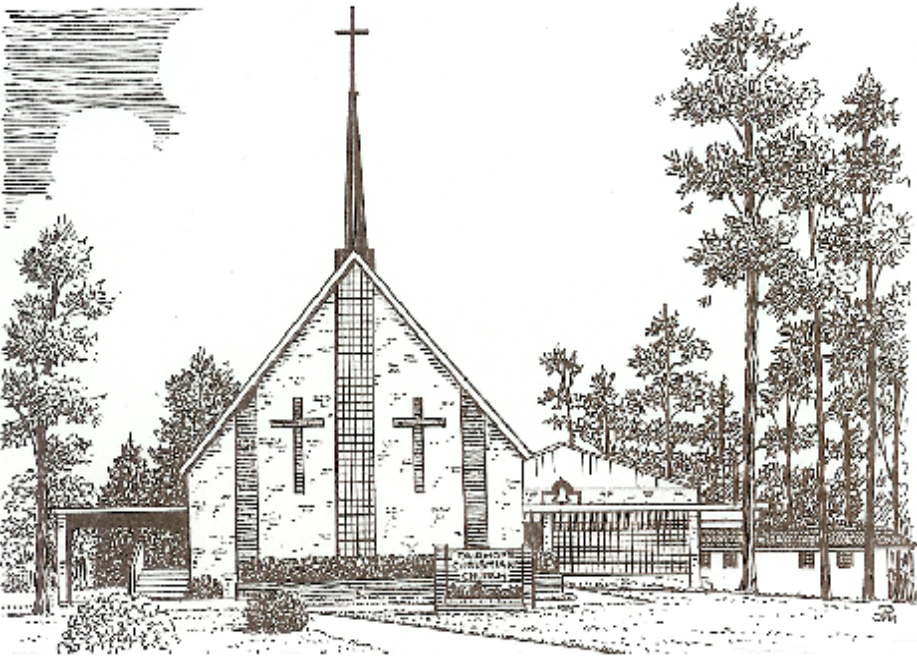
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
14 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship 3 Eagle Scout Ceremony	15 1:30 Craft Circle	16 3-4:30 Boys Bible Club	17	18 11 Lunch Bunch 2 Adult Bible Study	19	20 9 CWF & CMF
21 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	22 1:30 Craft Circle	23 3-4:30 Boys Bible Club	24	25 2 Adult Bible Study 1 October Planning Meeting	26	27 Ron Vilord Funeral 10:30Visitation 11 Service 12 Reception
28 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship Church Cookout 3 Eagle Scout Ceremony	29 1:30 Craft Circle 6 Admin. Board	30 3-4:30 Boys Bible Club	1	2 2 Adult Bible Study 7 Boy Scouts Meeting	3	4
5 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	6 1:30 Craft Circle	7 3-4:30 Boys Bible Club	8	9 2 Adult Bible Study	10	11

From Sunday, September 14, 2025:
† Worship Attendance: 51 †

FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

September 14, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 am



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

FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH WAS FOUNDED IN 1896. THIS CHURCH SEEKS TO BIND CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN MEANINGFUL FELLOWSHIP, NOT THROUGH UNIFORMITY OF DOCTRINE, BUT THROUGH UNITY OF COMMITMENT TO THE ONE LORD AND WILLINGNESS TO SERVE HIM IN THIS COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD AT LARGE.

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

“The product of the Church is a relationship with Christ, not religion.”
We welcome you into this sanctuary and pray that in your time here you feel
the presence of God. This service is being live-streamed to our website.

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS LAY LEADER
Greeting: Peace be with you.
And also with you.

THE BRINGING FORTH OF THE LIGHT † ACOLYTE
OPENING HYMN † REJOICE YOUR PURE HEART #15, v. 1,5
CALL TO WORSHIP † All

Leader: Our God is a loving God
People: who rejoices whenever one of us who strays is brought
back into the fold.
Leader: Our God is a persistent God
People: who never gives up searching for those who are lost.
Leader: Let us worship our loving and persistent God,
People: and let us celebrate with him when those who are lost
are found.
All: Praise be to God!

OPENING PRAYER LAY LEADER
HYMN OF PRAISE SAVIOR LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US #558, ALL
PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

PEOPLE: We are heartened, O God, at learning that Jesus welcomes
sinners. Remind us constantly that in your eyes we are never lost
forever. We are found forever. Forgive our foolish ways, O God. Let
the strength of this place and the support of one for another encourage
us to change that which we need to change about ourselves. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory Sentences PASTOR
Doxology † #46 ALL
The Offertory Prayer † PASTOR
Congregational Response † #382 ALL

We give thee but thine own, what e’er the gift may be,
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

PRAYERS

HYMN OF PRAYER SOFTLY & TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING#340, v. 1, 3
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER PASTOR
Congregational Response “Hear our prayer!”
LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our trespasses)..... PEOPLE
SPECIAL MUSIC CAITLYNN RAGLAND

THE WORD

HOLY SCRIPTURE LUKE 15:1-10 READER
(pgs. 1623, Holy Bible, NIV)
MESSAGE: ... “THREE PARABLES AND THE CAST OF CHARACTERS”... PASTOR
GLORIA PATRI † #36 ALL
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table PASTOR
Hymn of Communion I Come With Joy..... #420, v. 1, 5
Prayers for the Bread & Cup ELDER
Words of Institution PASTOR
Sharing of the Emblems ALL
All who want a closer relationship with Jesus are welcome to share communion
with us. Please partake of the bread and cup separately at the pastor’s invitation.

SENDING

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP † THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS ... #494, v.1
BENEDICTION † PASTOR
THE GOING FORTH OF THE LIGHT †..... ACOLYTE
POSTLUDE MUSIC MINISTER

† = Please stand if you are able.

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Today’s Servants:

Elders Gene Boothe, Don Jennings
Deacons Sue Hammac, Tina Frego
Lay Leader Ilene Greene
Reader Sue Hammac
Music Minister Jonathan Light
Ministers Congregation
Pastor Betty Massey
Guest Pastor David Massey

September 21 Servants:
Lay Leader: Don Jennings; Reader: Linda McCullough
Fellowship: Wendy, June

September 21 Hymns:

Opening: #66, Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, v. 1, 4
Praise: #588, Have Thine Own Way, Lord! v. 1, 2, 4
Prayer: #254, Breathe on Me, Breath of God, v1,4
Communion: #351, Fill My Cup, Lord, v. 1, 2
Discipleship: #612, O Jesus, I Have Promised, v. 1

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Christian Education (all) - 9:00 am † Worship Service - 10:00 am

THURSDAY SCHEDULE:

Adult Bible Study 2:00

NEWS AND EVENTS

- † Adult Bible Study will resume this Thursday at 2.
- † Boy’s Bible Study resumes this Tuesday, from 3-4:30.
- † Lunch Bunch will meet Thursday at 11.
- † Administrative Board will meet Thursday at 6.
- † We’re collecting a special offering today for the 2025 Reconciliation Ministry. Envelopes in the Narthex.
- † This Saturday at 9 there will be a joint meeting of both CMF and CWF as a speaker will be coming to talk about OCC.
- † For September OCC is asking for donations of toys - play doh, harmonicas or kazoos, small cars, Legos, slinkies, etch-a-sketch, balls or puzzles.