# 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	Don Hamilton	Rev. Bob Moffitt
Alford	Calvin Hanson	Waylon Moody
June Berry	Peggy & Johnny	John Ray
Jesse Bond	Harbin	Ann Sadler
Leslie Chandler	Helen Hartley	April & Billy Shiver
Gerald Chapman	Kay Inman/Family	Millie Stephens
Kerrigan Cook	& Friends Stephanie	Vilord family/
Jessica Fleming	McLaughlin	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.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	1:30 Craft Circle	3-4:30 Boys Bible Club		2 Adult Bible Study 1 October Planning Meeting		Ron Vilord Funeral 10:30Visitation 11 Service 12 Reception
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
9a Christian Ed 10a Worship Church Cookout 3 Eagle Scout Ceremony	1:30 Craft Circle 6 Admin. Board	3-4:30 Boys Bible Club	1 David at The Reserve	2 Adult Bible Study 7 Boy Scouts Meeting		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	1:30 Craft Circle	3-4:30 Boys Bible Club		2 Adult Bible Study		10 OCC Workday
12	13 Pastor Out District V		15	16	17	18
9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	Meeting	2 David at Seagrass 3-4:30 Boys Bible Club		2 Adult Bible Study		

From Sunday, September 14, 2025: † Worship Attendance: 52 †

# FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)
September 21, 2025
Fifteenth 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/A	NNOUNCEMENTS LAY LEADER	
Greeting:	Peace be with you.	
	And also with you.	
THE BRINGIN	NG FORTH OF THE LIGHT † ACOLYTE	
OPENING HY	MN † #66, v. 1,4	
CALL TO WO	RSHIP † All	
Leader:	God calls us to worship.	
People:	We come to bring our praises to God.	
Leader:	God calls us to responsibility.	
People:	People: We come to learn from our faithful God.	
Leader:	God calls us to responsibility in all our lives.	

OPENING PRAYER ...... LAY LEADER

HYMN OF PRAISE ...... HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD! ..... #588, v. 1, 2, 4

People: As God's image, we will strive to be responsible.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

ALL: Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. Forgive us and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives. 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 Breathe on Me, Breath of God#254, v. 1, 4
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER PASTOR
Congregational Response "Hear our prayer!"
LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our trespasses ) PEOPLE
SPECIAL MUSIC
THE WORD

HOLY SCRIPTURE ...... LUKE 16:1-13 ..... READER

(pgs. 1625, Holy Bible, NIV)

MESSAGE: "DISHONEST MANAGER" 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
Hymn of Communion FILL MY CUP, LORD #351, v. 1, 2
Prayers for the Bread & Cup ELDER
Words of Institution
Sharing of the Emblems
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 $\dagger$ O Jesus, I Have Promised #612, v.1	
BENEDICTION †	
THE GOING FORTH OF THE LIGHT † ACOLYTE	
POSTLUDE	

† = Please stand if you are able.

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### Today's Servants:

Elders	Gene Boothe, Don Jennings
Deacons	, ,
Lay Leader	Don Jennings
Reader	Linda McCullough
Music Minister	Jonathan Light
Ministers	Congregation
Pastor	Betty Massey
Guest Pastor	David Massey

#### September 28 Servants:

Lay Leader: Donna Kenny; Reader: Linda McCullough Fellowship: Pam & Jim

#### September 28 Hymns:

Opening: #86, Great Is Thy Faithfulness, All Praise: #487, Help Us Accept Each Other, v. 1, 4

Prayer: #609, Take My Life, v. 1

Communion: #425, Let Us Break Bread Together, All

Discipleship: #608, I Would Be True, 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 continues this Thursday at 2.
- † Please consider signing up to host the **Boy's Bible Study**, from 3-4:30 on a Tuesday afternoon. We very much need some volunteers from the church to help with this ministry.
- † The October planning meeting is Thursday at 1.
- † Ron Vilord's funeral will be held this Saturday, Sept. 27th.
- † We will have a Church Cookout next Sunday Sept. 28th.
- † Ann Sadler is in room 101 at the Brennity in Daphne. Calls are welcomed and encouraged.
- † For September OCC is asking for donations of toys play doh, harmonicas or kazoos, small cars, Legos, slinkies, etch-asketch, balls or puzzles.