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

THERE IS HOPE (AA) \* Meets in basement

Mon-Fri 7:30am, 12pm; Tues 5:30pm

Sat 9am - men only; 10:30am women only

# OCTOBER 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
28  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	3	4 9 CMF
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 10 OCC Workday
9a Christian Ed 10a Worship 3 Singalong with St. John at FCC	Pastor Out District V Meeting  1:30 Craft Circle	14 2 David at Seagrass	15	16 2 Adult Bible Study	17	18 9 CWF
19 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship 11:30 Elders Meeting	1:30 Craft Circle	3-4:30 Boys Bible Club	22	23 2 Adult Bible Study	24	25

From Sunday, September 21, 2025: † Worship Attendance: 53 †

# FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)
September 28, 2025
Sixteenth 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 † GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS #86, V. ALL
CALL TO WO	RSHIP †
Leader:	Come and worship the God who saves us!
People:	In God alone do we find safety.
Leader:	Come to the rock that stands forever.
People:	In God's shadow we rest secure.
Leader:	Hope in the God of all eternity.
People:	In God Eternal is our hope and trust.

OPENING PRAYER	LAY LEADER
HYMN OF PRAISE HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER	#487, v. 1, 4
PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION	

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord God Almighty.

ALL: When we become vulnerable to our fears, remind us, O God, of what it takes to make us content. Surprise us as we learn how few material objects we need. Bring us back to the immaterial riches we gain in service to others, with a kind and generous heart, with a living faith, and with a positive and affirming attitude. Amen.

## **OFFERING**

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

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 PRAYERTAKE MY LIFE#609, V. 1		
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 16:19-31 READER		
(pgs. 1626, Holy Bible, NIV)		
MESSAGE: "VISIONS OF HEAVEN" PASTOR		

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 LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER #425, V. ALL
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 † I WOULD BE TRUE #608, v.1	
BENEDICTION † PASTOR	
THE GOING FORTH OF THE LIGHT † ACOLYTE	
POSTLUDE MUSIC MINISTER	Ĺ

† = 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	Donna Kenny
Reader	Don Jennings
Music Minister	Jonathan Light
Ministers	Congregation
Pastor	Betty Massey
Guest Pastor	David Massey

#### October 5 Servants:

Lay Leader: David Chambers; Reader: Don Jennings Fellowship: Sue & Janet

#### October 5 Hymns:

Opening: #464, God of Grace & God of Glory, v. 1, 3, 5 Praise: #622, Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, v. 1, 3 Prayer: #602, O Master Let Me Walk with Thee, v. 1 Communion: #414, Eat This Bread, 2x

Discipleship: #560, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, 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**

- † We have a cookout after service today.
- † 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 sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall.
- † For October, OCC is asking for donations of toys socks and t-shirts, especially for children age 10-14.
- † Right after church on October 5th, we want to take a photo of everyone to put in the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Please plan to stay for a few minutes to be a part of the photo that will be taken in the sanctuary. Thank you!