

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	Calvin Hanson	John Ray
June Berry	Peggy Harbin	Caron Ragland
Jesse Bond	Helen Hartley	Ann Sadler
Leslie Chandler	Kay Inman	Millie Stephens
Gerald Chapman	Stephanie McLaughlin	Adam & Brandi Swedenburg
Jessica Fleming	Milton Mills	Vilord family/ friends
Sharon Gunn	Rev. Bob Moffitt	Erika White
Don Hamilton	Waylon Moody	

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 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
7 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	8 Pastor Out District Mtg 1:30 Craft Circle	9 3-4:30 Boy’s Bible Club	10	11 1-5 Red Cross Blood Drive	12	13 11-1 Secret Sister Reveal Party
14 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship 3 Eagle Scout Ceremony	15 1:30 Craft Circle	16 3-4:30 Boy’s Bible Club	17	18 11 Lunch Bunch 2 Adult Bible Study 6 Admin. Board Meeting	19	20 9 CWF & CMF
21 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	22 1:30 Craft Circle	23 3-4:30 Boy’s Bible Club	24	25 1 October Planning Meeting 2 Adult Bible Study	26	27 Ron Vilord Funeral 10:30Visitation 11 Service 12 Reception
28 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	29 1:30 Craft Circle	30 3-4:30 Boy’s Bible Club	1	2 7 Boy Scouts Meeting	3	4

From Sunday, August 31, 2025:
† Worship Attendance: 66 †

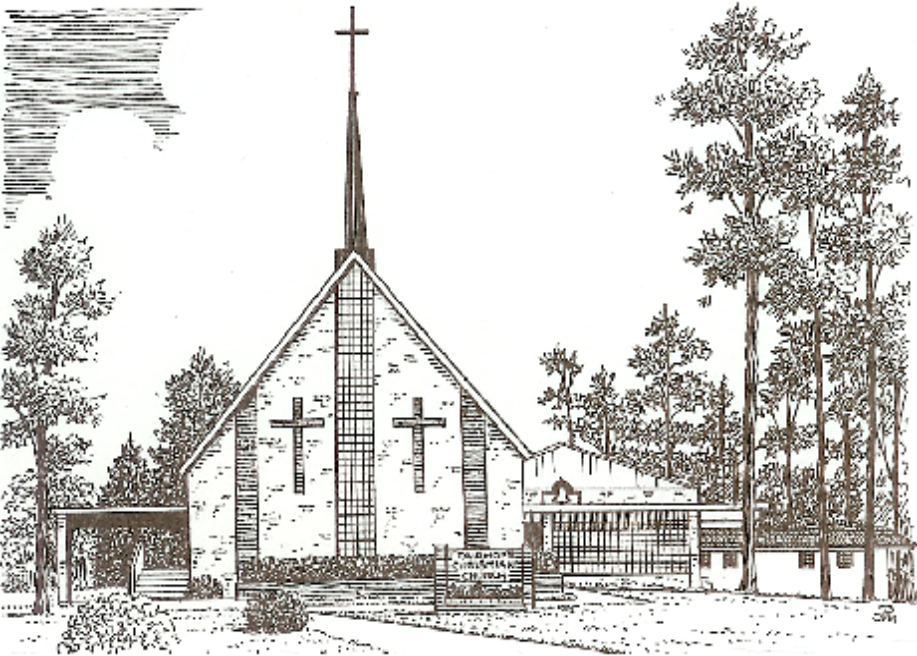
FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

September 7, 2025

Thirteenth 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 † ... IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST/WEST ... #687, v. 1,4
CALL TO WORSHIP † All

Leader: Let all who seek the Lord gather together in this house of worship.
People: Let our hearts remember the cross and all that it calls us to be.
Leader: Let us see in the cross the price paid so that we might know God’s love.
People: Let us walk then without fear, and be willing to accept our crosses.
Leader: Let us sing with joy that we are all made welcome in God’s house.
People: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER LAY LEADER
HYMN OF PRAISE THERE’S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME #115, 1X
PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

PEOPLE: O God, we have called ourselves disciples, but we have not counted the cost. We have only looked at the rewards we hope to receive and not at the demands that you make of us. Forgive us and empower us with your Spirit, that we may truly consider what is required of us and then make a full commitment to your way. 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 LOVE, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH#461, 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 14:25-33 READER
(pgs. 1624, Holy Bible, NIV)
MESSAGE: “DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU’RE GETTING INTO? 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 FOR THE BREAD, WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN... #411
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 † JESU, JESU #600, 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 Fred Crawford
Reader Gene Boothe
Music Minister Jonathan Light
Ministers Congregation
Pastor Betty Massey
Guest Pastor David Massey

September 14 Servants:
Lay Leader: Ilene Greene; Reader: Sue Hammac
Fellowship: Donna, Joanne

September 14 Hymns:
Opening: #15, Rejoice Your Pure Heart, v1, 5
Praise: #558, Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us, all
Prayer: #340, Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling, v1,3
Communion: #420, I Come With Joy, v. 1, 5
Discipleship: #494, They’ll Know We Are Christians, v. 1

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

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

NEWS AND EVENTS

- † Our Secret Sister final REVEAL for the year will be held on September 13, 11-1 at the home of Margaret Jennings in Malbis, at 29679 St. George St., Daphne. We will enjoy a “Shared Salad Saturday”. Please bring your favorite salad with dressing. Call/text Margaret at 251-648-7126 to RSVP.
- † We’re collecting a special offering today & next Sunday for the 2025 Reconciliation Ministry. Envelopes in the Narthex.
- † Red Cross blood drive will be this Thursday, Sept 11, 1-5.
- † Boy’s Bible Study will resume this Tuesday, from 3-4:30.
- † From the Helms’: “We would like to thank the following people that helped with Morris’s special day. Joanne for the picture taking, Cindy for cutting the cake, Sue Hammac for going way way beyond what a normal fellowship would have been on Sunday morning. Jonathan for the special music. The young boys were super and the choir. Morris did tear up during the special singing of Trust & Obey. Pastor Betty and Pastor David for being there for us & to you all for being there & the cards.”