

THE GOOD NEWS

FROM

**FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**



SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Church Family,

September is here - backpacks have reappeared, calendars are filling up, and the light is shifting just enough to remind us that seasons really do change. In the church, programs are restarting, small groups are gathering again, and we are finding our way back into holy rhythms that ground us in Christ. Summer's flexibility is a gift, but discipleship grows best in steady soil (Colossians 2:6-7). The early church "devoted themselves" to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42). We grow taller roots when we grow them together.

September also brings Labor Day. Whatever your vocation, your labor participates in God's care for the world (Genesis 2:15). We work from rest, not for it. Ask the Lord, "Where are You already at work, and how can I join You?"

And September brings solemn memory. As we mark 9/11, we pray for comfort for those who grieve, gratitude for those who serve, and courage to be peacemakers in our time (Matthew 5:9). May Christ hold our nation and our neighbors in His mercy.

I pray that your roots would go deeper than your to-do list; your joy would not depend on outcomes but on Jesus' nearness; that our church would be known not for hurry, but for hope. Let's step into this new season rooted and ready. May the Lord bless your work, guard your rest, and deepen your delight in Him.



Grace and peace,

Pastor Betty



Our next **blood drive** is scheduled for September 11th, from 1 to 5. Red Cross will be handing out one of these iconic Peanuts T-shirts to those who donate blood between August 29th and September 21st in a "Mystery Bag." While supplies last, of course :)

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:30 Craft Circle	2 	3 	4 7 Boy Scouts	5 	6
7 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	8 Pastor Out for District Meeting 1:30 Craft Circle	9 3 - 4:30 Boy's Bible Study	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 Study	17 	18 11 Lunch Bunch  2 Adult Bible Study 6 Admin Board	19 	20 9:00 CWF & CMF JOINT MEETING
21 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	22 1:30 Craft Circle	23 3 - 4:30 Boy's Bible Study	24 	25 1 October Planning Meeting 2 Adult Bible Study	26 	27
28 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship Church Cookout After Worship	29 1:30 Craft Circle	30 3 - 4:30 Boy's Bible Study				

NEWS & NOTES



How Religion Works: If I obey, then God will love and accept me. The Gospel: I'm loved and accepted, therefore I wish to obey.

- Tim Keller



From Pam Chambers:

Thank you to those who have brought in hygiene items or contributed to Operation Christmas Child in August! Below is the list for September and October.

September - Toys : Legos, balls, playdoh, slinkies, etch a sketch, harmonicas, generic My Little Ponies, and small cars.

October - Clothes: Socks and t-shirts.

We will have a large laundry basket in the foyer for items you want to donate. Feel free to bring them with you when you come to church!

If you would like to contribute to Operation Christmas Child but are unable to shop or just not sure what to buy, please consider contributing financially. If you write a check, please make it out to the church and write OCC in the memo line.

I'm also looking for empty shoeboxes to wrap and use for Operation Christmas Child. If you have any sturdy shoeboxes you're not using, please do not throw them away. Bring them to church and put them in the Operation Christmas Child Room.

Lastly, please mark your calendar for our annual Packing Party. This year the Packing Party will be on November 8th starting at 10:00 am. It's always a lot of fun and we can pack a lot of shoeboxes with everyone's help. We will also have a Work Day on October 11th from 10:00 to 12:00. The Work Day is a time to prep for the Packing Party. Hope to see everyone at both the Work Day and the Packing Party.

Please feel free to ask me any questions you have about Operation Christmas Child.



SEPTEMBER LITURGY

September 7: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 14: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 21: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 28: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Church Family,

Thank you for cards, calls and many prayers as I go through Dialysis. Especially a big Thank You to my secret sister for the throw. I hope to see you soon!

Love in Christ,
June Berry

Thank
you

From Sharon Gunn: Thank you, and I'm doing good!



Our guest brass quartet at the August 24 service.

Our Church Prayer List

John & Frances Alford

June Berry

Jesse Bond

Leslie Chandler

Gerald Chapman

Jessica Fleming

Sharon Gunn

Don Hamilton



Calvin Hanson

Peggy Harbin

Helen Hartley

Kay Inman

*Stephanie
McLaughlin*

Milton Mills

Rev. Bob Moffitt

Waylon Moody

John Ray

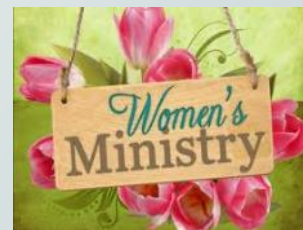
Ann Sadler

Millie Stephens

*Adam & Brandi
Swedenburg*

Ron Vilord

Erika White



CWF & CMF September Meeting

Disciples Women (CWF) will open our 2025-2026 season on Saturday, September 20 at 9:00 am. If you are helping to provide items for Operation Christmas Child this year, or have in the past, did you ever wonder what happens to the shoe boxes after they leave our church? We are pleased to welcome Sheila Waters, Operation Christmas Child Area Coordinator, as our guest speaker. We are looking forward to hearing her stories about the journey of the shoe boxes and the impact they have around the world.

The Disciples Men (CMF) will be with us at this meeting. All members of our congregation (and guests) are invited to join us.



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

STORYTELLER

From David Massey

Thanks so much for your support of our assisted living outreach efforts.

We have contacted seven facilities and so far have positive feedback from five of them. Several of our church members reside there.

Anyone who has a talent (musical or other) or is just willing to spend a few minutes with the group, is welcome to join.

Normally, programs last about 30 minutes. We are scheduled every other month. Hopefully, we can move to once a month soon.

Please contact David Massey (251) 367-1988 for more information.



Thursday Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible Study will begin Thursday, September 18th at 2. We will begin a study on *The Clash of Kingdoms* by Ray Vander Lann. This will take us about 6 weeks.

SEPTEMBER 2025 SERVANTS

Elders: Gene Boothe & Don Jennings

Lay Leaders

Readers

Fellowship Hosts

Deacons

September 7	Fred Crawford	Gene Boothe	Tina	Sue & Tina
September 14	Don Jennings	Sue Hammac	Donna & Joanne	Sue & Tina
September 21	Ilene Greene	Linda McCullough	Wendy & Jone	Sue & Tina
September 28	Donna Kenny	Donna Kenny	Pam & Jim	Sue & Tina



9/1 Betty Morris
9/2 Tina Frego
9/4 Corliss Vaughn

9/8 Kirsten Parish
9/15 David Chambers
9/20 Larry Chambers
9/23 Shari Morgan
9/29 June Berry



9/9 Davie & Susan Acree
9/12 Rick & Ellen Malugani
9/26 Ken & Corliss Vaughn



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Join us! Everyone is welcome!

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

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Monday – Friday
10 am - 2 pm

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