



# THE GOOD NEWS

FROM

## FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



# JANUARY 2026

### *Happy New Year!*

God's love and blessings come to us in many forms, and beginnings are one of God's gifts to us. As we turn our calendars to a new year we are greeted with an invitation – not to forget the past, but to bring all we've learned into what God is doing next. A new year doesn't mean we start from scratch; it means we start from grace.

This past year held moments of joy and moments of challenge. Through it all, God has been faithful. Scripture reminds us that God's mercies are "new every morning," and that promise carries us into the days ahead with hope.

Let us begin this year grounded in prayer, rooted in love, and committed to walking together. May we listen more closely to God's voice, care more deeply for one another, and look outward with compassion to our community. Small acts of faithfulness—showing kindness, serving quietly, forgiving freely—are often the seeds God uses to bring lasting change.

I thank God every time I remember you. And I thank you for being part of this church and for the many ways you reflect Christ's love. I look forward to all that God will do in and through us in the coming year.

With gratitude and hope,

*Pastor Betty*

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable Christmas season. The plan now is to resume adult Bible study January 15th at 2. We will continue with a Ray Vander Laan series for 5 weeks which will put us into Lent. This would certainly be a good time to join us. Hope to see everyone there.

David Massey





# JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Office Closed	2	3
4 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	5 Pastor On Retreat 1:30 Craft Circle	6 7 →	8	9	10	
11 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	12 1:30 Craft Circle	13	14	15 11 Lunch Bunch 2 Adult Bible Study 6 Board Meeting	16	17 9 CWF
18 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship Bags for Homeless Collection	19 1:30 Craft Circle	20	21 1 February Planning Meeting	22 2 Adult Bible Study	23	24
25 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	26 1:30 Craft Circle	27 3 - 4:30 Boys Bible Club	28	29 2 Adult Bible Study	30 1-5 Red Cross Blood Drive	31



## CWF News

In December CWF hosted fellowship on December 7<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate everyone who helped to support this event. We thank Janet Helms and Sue Hammac for the lovely decorations in Fellowship Hall and also thank all the ladies who brought food items for the table. We hope that this helped get us ready to celebrate the Christmas season.



Our January meeting will be held on Saturday, January 17 at 9:00 am. At this meeting we will plan to assemble hygiene bags for the homeless in Baldwin and Mobile counties. We learned of this opportunity from Jennifer Myrick, Director of Missions, at Fairhope United Methodist Church when she visited us in November. On Sunday January 11, 2026 we will be collecting the following items for the kits: wash cloths, soap (shower gel), shampoo (travel size), toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, chapstick, nail clippers and bandaids. We will appreciate any donations from the congregation to help us support this mission.

At this meeting we will also discuss plans for speakers and outreach opportunities for the next four months. All women in the congregation are invited to join us in 2026 to share your ideas and help us make a difference in our church and in our community.

Happy New Year!

Dian Mangus



**Church leaders:** Reports for the **2025 ANNUAL REPORT** are due by February 15, 2026.

## Operation Christmas Child Update

The shoeboxes from Fairhope Christian Church went to Ukraine, Madagascar, and a sensitive country in West Africa.



# JANUARY LITURGY

<b>January 4:</b> Second Sunday after Christmas Day	WHITE
<b>Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:10-18</b>	
<b>January 11:</b> Baptism of the Lord	GREEN
<b>Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17</b>	
<b>January 18:</b> Second Sunday after the Epiphany	GREEN
<b>Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42</b>	
<b>January 25:</b> Third Sunday after the Epiphany	GREEN
<b>Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23</b>	

## Opportunities for Giving and Serving

**Outreach** – throughout the year, Fairhope Christian Church has supported and continues to support organizations and other churches dedicated to sharing God's love with those in need and bringing the light of Christ into the darkness. Your continued financial support as well as your offering of time and talent makes this outreach possible. Thank you for giving to the Lord through your generosity in serving others. Some of the recipients include Baldwin Family Village, Ecumenical Ministries, Family Promise, Prodisee Pantry, Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, Women's Care Medical Center, Fairhope Boys Bible Club, Local Boy Scouts, and several others.

**Task/Fellowship/Service Groups** – the new year brings many opportunities for you to serve on some of FCC's task groups or join one of the established fellowship and service groups. Opportunities to consider include Task groups – Christian Education, Church Growth, Communications, Fellowship & Special Events, Outreach, Property, Stewardship, Worship, & others, & fellowship/service groups such as Christian Men's or Christian Women's Fellowship, Craft Circle, Lunch Bunch.

## Our Church Prayer List

*John & Frances Alford*

*Dawn Bell*

*June Berry*

*Jesse Bond*

*Bill & Debbie Carpenter*

*Leslie Chandler*

*Gerald Chapman*

*Emily*

*Jessica Fleming*

*Gunn Family*

*Don Hamilton*

*Calvin Hanson*

*Peggy & John Harbin*

*Helen Hartley*

*Morris Helms*

*Buddy Light*

*Stephanie McLaughlin*

*Rev. Bob Moffitt*

*Betty Morris*

*Cary & Margaret Parish*

*John Ray*

*Leonard Robinson*

*Ann Sadler*

*April & Billy Shiver*

*Van Loon & Grandson*

*Amber Whitbeck*

# DECEMBER IN PICTURES



# JANUARY 2026 SERVANTS

Elders: David Chambers & Don Jennings

## Lay Leaders

## Readers

## Fellowship Hosts

## Deacons

<b>January 4</b>	Gene Boothe	Gene Boothe	Tina & Mary	Tria & Jim
<b>January 11</b>	David Chambers	Linda McCullough	Kate & Joanne	Tria & Jim
<b>January 18</b>	Ron Jackson	Don Jennings	Wendy & Sue R.	Tria & Jim
<b>January 25</b>	Jillian Kelley	David Chambers	Shari & Renae	Tria & Jim



*1/1 Jonathan Light*  
*1/9 Pat Bagby*  
*1/12 Helen Renner*  
*1/16 Jim Clifford*  
*1/18 Brian Tally*  
*1/19 Dian Mangus*  
*1/19 Norma Mullins*

*1/22 Laura Tally*  
*1/24 Kaki Chambers*  
*1/26 David Massey*  
*1/27 Bob Broughton*  
*1/29 Caitlinn Ragland*



*1/9 Don & Margaret Jennings*  
*1/11 Don & Stephanie McLaughlin*



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*(Disciples of Christ)*  
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Join us! Everyone is welcome!

### **Sunday Schedule:**

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

### **Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday  
 10 am - 2 pm

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### **Church Staff:**

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 Cindy Bishop, Financial Administrator  
 Anya Scott, Administrative Assistant  
 Jonathan Light, Music Minister