



# THE GOOD NEWS

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**FAIRHOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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## APRIL 2026

### New Life in Christ

As we look around, we see Spring unfolding. Blooming flowers, budding trees, and longer days all point to a season of renewal. The beauty of the season reminds us of another beautiful truth: God is in the business of making all things new and nothing compares to the new life we are given through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

When the stone was rolled away and the tomb was found empty, everything changed. The resurrection was not just a victory for Christ—it became a promise for us. Through Him, sin no longer has the final word, death has lost its sting, and hope is alive.



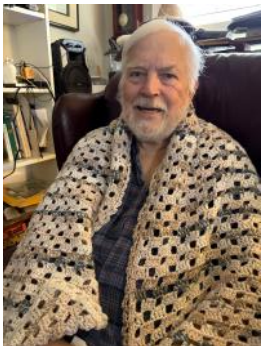
Scripture tells us that if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation—the old has gone, the new has come. Our past no longer defines us. Our failures no longer hold us captive. We are made new, forgiven, restored, and filled with purpose.

This Easter season, I encourage you to reflect on what the resurrection means personally. Whatever it may be, know this: the empty tomb is proof that nothing is beyond God's power to redeem. May our lives reflect the

joy & freedom that come from knowing that He is risen, and because He lives, we too can truly live.

He is risen indeed!

*Pastor Betty*





A PERSONAL THANK YOU TO OUR CRAFT GROUP FROM WAYNE BURNETT FOR HIS PRAYER SHAWL. KEN VAUGHN'S GRANDDAUGHTER, AMBER WHITBECK, RECEIVED A PRAYER SHAWL USED BY ANOTHER CANCER PATIENT WHO FELT THE POWER OF PRAYER IN THE SHAWL.



THANK YOU FRED CRAWFORD FOR THE MARCH BLOOD DRIVE PHOTOS AND THANK YOU RED CROSS FOR A RECORD COLLECTION OF 27 UNITS..



# APRIL 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12 Bible 101 Study & Lunch	2 2 Adult Bible Study	3	4
5 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship Resurrection Sunday	6 Pastor Out (Dist V) 1:30 Craft Circle	7	8	9 2 Adult Bible Study	10	11 9 CMF 
12 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	13 9:30 PRC 1:30 Craft Circle	14	15	16 11 Lunch Bunch 2 Adult Bible Study	17	18 9 CWF 
19 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship 11 Elders meet	20 1:30 Craft Circle	21	22 1 May Planning Meeting	23 2 Adult Bible Study	24	25
26 9a Christian Ed 10a Worship	27 1:30 Craft Circle	28	29	30 2 Adult Bible Study		



THE LADIES OF OUR CHURCH.



## CWF News - by Dian Mangus

On March 14<sup>th</sup> CWF welcomed Susan Godwin, Board President of Hope Community, as our guest speaker. Through slides and discussion she shared several items of interest with us. Hope Community is located on the Anna T. Jeanes School property on Twin Beach Road in Fairhope. The school was established in the early 1900's as a school for African American students. Hope Community is situated on 12 ½ acres and they



have a renewable lease from the city of Fairhope.

**OUR VISION**

Hope Community envisions a thriving and interconnected community which fosters sustainable and resilient living and where all individuals have access to locally sourced healthy foods, employment opportunities, and cultural enrichment.

**GET INVOLVED**

- Come to a meeting or event
- Volunteer and join a committee
- Follow on social @hopecommunityal
- Email: info@hopecommunityal.org

**LET'S KEEP HOPE GROWING!**

Financial donations of any size help fund our mission.

Learn more about the impact of your tax-deductible donation by visiting our website.

[www.hopecommunityal.org](http://www.hopecommunityal.org)

**Hope Community**

**Nurturing Unity and Relationships through Food, Healing, and Education**

Their mission is "Nurturing Unity and Relationships through Food, Healing and Education." Susan talked about the many events they currently offer and she also let us know of some of their future plans. For example, currently they are advertising for a Farming and Operations Manager which is expected to help grow their food program and they also are planning to develop nature trails. If you are interested in more details about Hope Community you can access their website at [www.hopecommunityal.org](http://www.hopecommunityal.org) & this brochure is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Our April meeting will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. It will be our last business meeting before our summer break so please join us as we plan our May outing and Fall activities.

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CMF had a great speaker in March - Rev. Ben Ragsdale from The Church by the Water in Orange Beach. The church is supported by the Florabama and each Sunday they host over 2000 worshippers on the beach. For Easter they draw nearly 10,000. It was a great joy to hear what the Lord is doing, meeting people where they need to be met.



Our April 11 speaker will be Michael Kouns, the Chaplain of the Fairhope Police Department.

## **APRIL LITURGY**

<b>April 5:</b>	<b>Resurrection of the Lord</b> <b>Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;</b> <b>Col. 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10</b>	<b>WHITE</b>
<b>April 12:</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31</b>	<b>WHITE</b>
<b>April 19:</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35</b>	<b>WHITE</b>
<b>April 26:</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10</b>	<b>WHITE</b>

## **Our Church Prayer List**

<i>June Berry</i>	<i>Jessica Fleming</i>	<i>Rev. Bob Moffitt</i>
<i>Jesse Bond</i>	<i>Calvin Hanson</i>	<i>Betty Morris</i>
<i>Bill &amp; Debbie Carpenter</i>	<i>Peggy &amp; John Harbin</i>	<i>Molly Nordman</i>
<i>Debbie Chisolm</i>	<i>Helen Hartley</i>	<i>Cary &amp; Margaret Parish</i>
<i>Emily</i>	<i>Morris Helms</i>	<i>John Ray</i>
<i>Sarah Copeland</i>	<i>Leisl Lemire</i>	<i>Leonard Robinson</i>
<i>Michelle DiCherra</i>	<i>Buddy Light</i>	<i>Ann Sadler</i>
<i>Hollis Davis</i>	<i>Stephanie McLaughlin</i>	<i>Amber Whitbeck</i>



### **PRAYER WALK COMING SOON.....**

It will start and end at the picnic tables & will circle around the magnolia trees. Scripture will be spaced throughout the path for reflection and a place to sit and meditate will be provided under the shade of the trees. Thank you to Bob Broughton for laying out the path & getting the ball rolling.

## How do you practice your faith?

Faith practices are God-shaped and God-shaping activities that add up to a way of life. They come out of Scripture but are lived out in the world. Faith practices describe the kind of attitudes and actions that make up that life. Here are the seven common practices:

**PRAY. . .Prayer. . .Pray Frequently** Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1Thessalonians 5:16-18).

**STUDY. . .Christian Education. . .Study Scripture Diligently** Your word is a lamp to my feet & a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).

**WORSHIP. . .Worship. . .Worship Regularly** I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together (Psalm 34:1-3).

**INVITE. . .Evangelism. . .Invite Others Often** But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:14-15).

**ENCOURAGE. . .Teaching/Mentoring. . .Pass on the Faith** Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action (1 John 3:18).

**SERVE. . .Social and Justice Ministry. . .Serve for the Sake of Others** For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

**GIVE. . .Stewardship. . .Give Freely** Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back (Luke 6:38).



**BLESSING OF THE PETS:** Saturday, May 2, from 3 to 5, FCC will hold a Blessing of the Pets. Expect a pet adoption by The Haven, FPD K9 unit if available, welcome bags, & a lot of fun. Volunteers are needed for set-up and takedown, welcome/registration table, drink table, maintaining pet needs and other duties. Please let the office know if you are able and willing to volunteer.

Our new Wednesday noon Bible Study 101 & lunch has been well attended. This started as an encouragement to add a discipline for Lent in place of giving something up. Our hope is that this group will continue to meet. Our Thursday 2pm class is still meeting. Right now we are continuing to go through the videos from Ray Vander Laan.



# April 2026 SERVANTS

Elders: Fred & Donna

	<u>Lay Leaders</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Fellowship Hosts</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
<b>April 5</b>	David Chambers	Ilene Greene	No fellowship	Susan & Bob
<b>April 12</b>	Ron Jackson	Gene Booth	Tina & Mary	Susan & Bob
<b>April 19</b>	Don Jennings	Susan Broughton	Kate & Joanne	Susan & Bob
<b>April 26</b>	Donna Kenny	David Chambers	Wendy & Sue	Susan & Bob



*4/14 Leonard Robinson*

*4/15 Tree Williams*

*4/18 Rick Malugani*

*4/20 Stephanie McLaughlin*

*4/30 Donna Kenny, Ann Sadler*



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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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 Jonathan Light, Music Minister