



FAIRHOPE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday After Pentecost
June 21, 2020

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Beethoven/Mouret (arr. Lau)

John Richardson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

CALL TO WORSHIP

God cares for us completely and calls for our total commitment.
Christ gave his life that we might live and calls us to give our lives to him.
Through Christ we have died to sin; in Christ we are fully alive to God.
Come, let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise

(UMH #116)

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we who bear Christ's name comprise a unique kind of family. We are not bound together by relationships that get charted on family trees. We cannot be identified by distinguishing family features of personality or physical appearance. We have not ever lived with one another in the closeness that is a family's fondest hope. We are family nonetheless, and for that we offer our grateful praise. We give thanks for the faith that bonds us together, for the spiritual heritage that has its roots in the person and work of Jesus Christ, and for our shared commitment to do your will. In companionship with our brothers and sisters, we pray in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen

SONG OF PRAISE

Known
Shea White

Tauren Wells

THE APOSTLE'S CREED
GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

All Nature Sings

Alfred V. Fedak

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, you have the power to make a desert a place of renewal and a cross a sign of redemption. Send your Holy Spirit so that we can hear you and entrust ourselves completely to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON	<i>Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17</i>	Tom Hood
SECOND LESSON	<i>Genesis 21:8-21</i>	Jenna Hood
SERMON	<i>"What troubles you?"</i>	Rev. Ontonio Christie
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Dr. Darren M. McClellan
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
A WORD FOR NEXT WEEK		
HYMN	<i>God Will Take Care of You</i>	(UMH #130)
SENDING FORTH		

Assisting in Worship: Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie,
Tom and Jenna Hood, John Richardson and Shea White.

Thanks to our technical crew:
Jamie and Rachael Waldhour, and Robert Hammon.

Prayers for the People

Medical personnel and other first responders

Here is a brief summary of our current stewardship:

Offering Received June 14 - \$29,832

(Online - \$10,887 ~ Mail/Personal delivery - \$18,945)

For those of you who would like to bring your offering to the church, we have a mail slot located in the door across from the glass doors in the breezeway entrance of the education building.

Thank you so much for your continued support to Fairhope United Methodist Church.

Jeff White, Business Administrator

Be sure to scroll all the way down. There are lots of Announcements!



The Unbelievable God

Season after Pentecost 2020

From the beginning of the Christian community's early formation as a peculiar people of God, the call of Jesus to his followers has been "to be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). What does this mean for us today? At Pentecost, the promise of Christ's enduring presence is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon *all* flesh, thereby equipping the Church to *be* more than just another special interest group of like-minded individuals — and to *do* more than it could ever do on its own.

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower...*

This prophetic claim still echoes across the church of today; but is it still believe-able? In a world that toils with foreboding sickness and perpetual injustice, the news of redemption through death and resurrection may sound cruel, at worst, and at best, highly unusual. Even more so, the notion of actual reconciliation by way of genuine repentance and forgiveness sounds like a far-fetched dream. Is it wishful thinking? Or is it the gospel Truth?

The psalmist tells us that the Creator God is still at work, and that the Lord will give us what we need in "due season" (104:27). The big idea is that the God who said "let there be light" in the beginning is the same God with a plan for our present darkness as well. Do we still believe that? Is this Word really enough for us in the living of *these* days? Or is it just another delusional, unbelievable fantasy?

In our summer reading of God's Word to us and for us, we also face the absurdity of what God may ask of us along the way. As a church family, we are already living a bit 'out of sorts, but let us consider another family by comparison. If you listen to the voice of mother Sarah in Genesis, the inclination is to laugh out loud. If you ask father

Abraham to share his story, you will likely shudder with fear and frustration. If we consider the plight of Hagar, we might begin to identify with the heart of God for an oppressed people. These witnesses are not so sweet and simple. They too understood that not every tale of summer involves a beach or a pleasure cruise.

Somewhere between the Word and the world we are prone to exclaim:

What kind of a God would put people through all of this? Unbelievable.

In our episodes of pain and uncertainty, there are still moments of subtle glory. Amidst the travail, there are glimpses of transcendence when the will of God is revealed with fresh insight. In this particular season of deep disorientation, we struggle to find words suitable for our witness. Lord only knows what might happen next!

Our response to the unbelievable God will make a difference. When I envision God's preferred future for the community of Fairhope UMC, faith tells me that it will be unbelievable...absolutely...but in the best way possible!

In choosing to "love boldly," we find our voice amidst the clamor of the crowd.

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

Grace to You,

Darren

Caring Ministries Update:

Give us this day our daily bread.

Matthew 6:11



Then Jesus declared,
"I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me
will never go hungry,
and whoever believes
in me will never be
thirsty."

Matthew 6:35

Fairhope UMC Caring Ministries

- Loaves of bread were delivered to 34 homes this week as a way of reminding people that they are not forgotten.

- Drivers for Caring Ministry will be delivering this Tuesday, June 23. In the coming weeks, drivers will be utilized for more deliveries.

- Our sewing relief ministry is taking a break and has completed their initial goal of providing masks and gowns for the medical personnel in our community. This has been a team effort and has blessed many in our community. Thank you for the commitment all of you have given to make the ministry project a reality. Contact Ann if you need masks as we have a supply of them for your convenience.
- Our Prayer Team continues to pray daily for the needs of our congregation, church, community and nation. Please send your prayer requests to the church website fairhopeumc.org or email them to ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.
- **This week, Tough Dogs Cancer Support Group** will have a virtual meeting on Tuesday, June 23 at 12:30pm. Contact Ann at ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org *if you would like to join the meeting and an invite will be sent to you.*



A note from Rev. Laura:

I am hosting online devotionals through Zoom every Monday morning at 9:30am until we return to more normal gathering routines in the life of our church. You may access these gatherings through a Zoom link that is provided. You may join through a computer that has camera and audio capability, through the Zoom app on your phone or tablet or you may call in through a number that is provided. We will hear prayer concerns after the devotional is shared and then depart for whatever our day of social distancing has in store. This

time together will only last about 15-20 minutes and is merely one more opportunity to be together as God's people – somehow – even though we find ourselves apart and distanced in these days of CV19! Please plan to join us on Mondays until further notice.

Join us by Zoom at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/99089887119>

For information on how to get started on Zoom, [click here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SMALL GROUP STUDY:

We have several Sunday school classes currently meeting through Zoom who would like to make their classes open to any who wish to join them. Following is information you may find of interest as you seek to remain connected with brothers and sisters in Christ:

Foundations Class

Meeting: Sunday Mornings at 9:45 AM

Current Study: *Six Ways We Encounter God: A Small Group Experience*, by Tom Berlin

Link to Zoom Meeting Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83786688837?pwd=Uk5MdGNDTHp3TUdBclcwUWRzL20zUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 8668 8837

Password: 684133

Peace and Grace

Meets on Sundays at 9:30 (we try to hold it to an hour)

Topic: *Red Letter Revolution: What if Jesus really meant what he said?* by Shane Claiborne and Tony Campolo. It is a very discussion oriented class led by different people in the class. We welcome everybody.

Zoom meeting ID: 9092162907

New Beginnings

Facilitated by: Rick Miller

Meets: Sundays @ 9:30 am.

Current Study: *Epic of Eden-Jonah*, by Dr. Sandra Richter

When most people think about the book of Jonah, they think about a children's story. Others think about a story they've heard so many times there could not possibly be anything new to learn from it. Well strap in, because this study is designed to prove all those assumptions wrong! In the book of Jonah we find a professional holy man, a lifer in the faith who is about to have the God he thinks he understands challenge him with an assignment that he can hardly get his brain around. In The Epic of Eden: Jonah, Dr. Sandra Richter takes us on a journey through Jonah's life that leads us all to the place where we realize that our God is way bigger than we thought. Not only will we learn everything we ever wanted to know about the brutal Assyrians of Nineveh, ancient seafaring ships, and large aquatic creatures, but we will also be challenged with the same message that confronted Jonah. Are we willing to let God be God, to move us out of our comfort zones, and embrace a calling that might just take us to the edges of the world we know?

<https://zoom.us/j/9897433150>

Homecoming Class

Topic: Ezra

Facilitated by Brenda Robinson

Both in-person and Zoom meetings will be offered throughout June, not to exceed an hour.

Join through Zoom this Sunday, June 21st at 9:30 am through this link:

We will study Ezra chapters 7 & 8

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87973949297?pwd=V0s1UU9CVkRjZHpTRGtBMEFkMklKdz09>

Meeting ID: 879 7394 9297

Password: 0hr4ZC

A tentative schedule for the rest of the month is as follows:

June 22: In person 5:00 pm; date and place TBD by weather.

June 27: Ezra 9 & 10 (note: this is a Saturday Zoom 9:

June 29: In person 5:00 pm; date and place TBD by weather

July 5th - No class - Resume with the study of Haggai in July

Contact Brenda (205-294-1705) or bgodbold@hiwaay.net for more information or to be added to an email list for updates. Request handouts be emailed either through Brenda or Rev. Laura (laura.parker@fairhopeumc.org.)



Summer Book Club

Our theme for the summer is “home.” What constitutes home? Is it a country, is it a house, is it the land, is it people? What does it mean to leave your home or to find a new home? What happens when one becomes “untethered” from what he or she considers to be home?

Mark your calendar for these books and dates:

July 14th The Dutch House, Ann Patchett

August 11th American Dirt, Jeanine Cummins

I will update you closer to these dates on how and where we will meet. For now, enjoy your reading! Books have the power to stretch us and challenges us – and can also entertain and distract us! Sometimes that can be a good thing.

All of the books are readily available on Kindle, so no need to leave your house if you are an e-reader. Apparently, reading is a popular pursuit right now and there may be some delays and backorders on print versions of current bestsellers, so please shop early from our local bookstores or online sellers.

Blessings to all of you during this very odd time in the life of our church and community.

Happy reading!! Laura

Children's Ministries



A Message from Michelle

Blue Lake Camp holds a special place in my heart. I have such fond memories of being with the kids during Summer Camps and Winter Retreats and spending time with my own family during our fall Church Family Retreats. No matter when I've been there, I have felt God's amazing peace and presence. If you've been, I hope you have felt them, too!

The cancellation of all summer camps due to COVID-19 has had a tremendous financial impact on Blue Lake. This decision alone has caused the camp to lose at least \$300,000.00 in income. In addition, Blue Lake's 2021 budget from the conference apportionments were recently cut by \$185,000.00. These combined losses of income have greatly affected Blue Lake's operation.

Blue Lake needs the help of all churches in our Alabama/West Florida Conference to fill this financial gap. **Blue Lake needs our Fairhope UMC family!** Below you will find some creative fundraisers that are available. I ask that you please take a look and consider how you can help. If you don't want to contribute in any of these, you can make a check payable to Fairhope UMC and write Blue Lake on the for line. You can drop it in the mail slot located in the door across from the glass doors in the breezeway entrance of the education building. We'll make sure it gets to the camp.

Blue Lake is truly a special place and I want it to be around for years to come! I want your kids to experience Summer Camp and Winter Retreat! I want your family to enjoy Church Family Camp in the fall! My prayer is that our Fairhope UMC family will make a difference for Blue Lake. To all who have already made a donation – THANK YOU! Please let me know if you have any questions!

Blessings,

Michelle Graham

michelle.graham@fairhopeumc.org / 251/377-2325 (cell)



We couldn't bear to not have camp this summer, so we put our heads together and came up with FAMILY CAMPS!

Designed with a flexible schedule that has fun for all ages (our adult campers too), we want to invite you to join us for one of FOUR sessions in July!

Each family will have their own room in our Oakwood Lodge and their own table in the dining hall to ensure the safest social distancing practices while you are at camp! Click the button below to read more about Family Camp and our new safety protocols!

MORE INFO



SUPPORT BLUE LAKE REGISTER FOR THE WALK BY FAITH VIRTUAL 5K

10%

OFF VIRTUAL 5K
REGISTRATION

USE CODE: **bluelake10**

Offer valid until June 22, 2020

[BLUELAKECAMP.COM/EVENTS](https://bluelakecamp.com/events)

How to Support Blue Lake from Home:

Can't make it to camp this summer, but want to support us anyway?

We have a few options for you!

First- Our Walk By Faith Virtual 5k! We are even offering a coupon this week of 10% off your registration! Get Up and Get Outside and Support Blue Lake all in One!

[Click Here to Register!](#)

More of the sentimental type than a runner?

We have something for you too!

We are pleased to announce that we are offering **BLUE LAKE BOXES!** Starting at \$30, get Summer Camp shipped right to your (or your favorite camper's) doorstep! Check Out All of Our Boxes Below!



Pine Cone Box - \$30

Perfect for your Backyard Explorer!
This box includes a geode, flashlight,
sticker, 2020 Summer Shirt and a
Pine Cone Birdfeeder Kit!

[Shop this Box](#)



Campfire Box - \$35

This box contains a Blue Lake Store
Favorite - your very own stuffed
animal! Not to mention a S'more's kit,
a bracelet, and a sticker!

[Shop this Box](#)



Lake Box - \$40

This box includes a kit to make a
Summer Camp Keychain, a vintage
mystery shirt, a sticker, and a water
bottle!

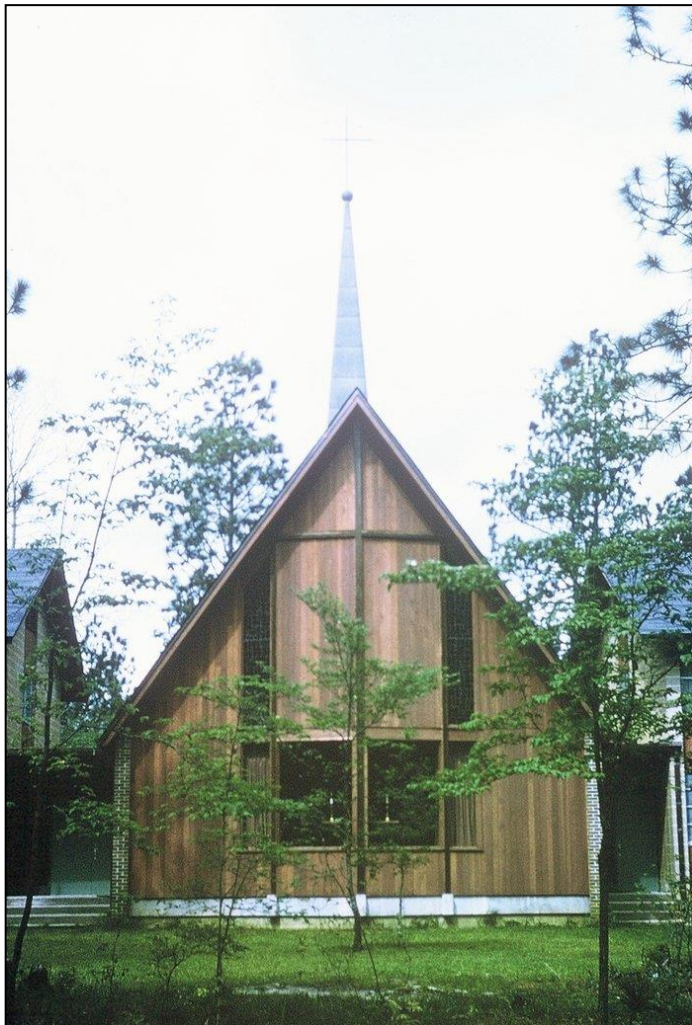
[Shop this Box](#)



Oakwood Box - \$45

We can't forget about our most seasoned campers! This box includes our adult guest's favorite - a Blue Lake To-Go Mug!

Shop this Box



Donate to Blue Lake

Blue Lake has been seriously financially affected by the Coronavirus outbreak. With going from having a group booked every weekend of the spring to every group cancelling for the next 2 months, we have experienced a large loss of income. Our Executive Director is working every day to bring in funds to pay for our bills but we need your help.

Please consider donating to Blue Lake in our time of need.

Donate to Blue Lake

Student Ministry

Community Group ~ OUTDOOR GATHERINGS ~WEDNESDAY's @ 6:30pm

Our C-Groups are coming together with their friends and leaders to meet outside in the backyard of a host home or in another outdoor location. The details for every group meeting & location is different because we are still not meeting inside the buildings on our church campus. All C-groups will meet this Wednesday evening again @ 6:30 pm. Please check your Groupme accounts for the details for your group and don't miss out! *Meetings are based on leader availability and weather*

HOW DO YOU GET CONNECTED TO STUDENT MINISTRY?

*Text "SALTSTUDENTS" to "43506"

*Follow [fairhopeumc.youth](#) on Instagram

*Like our page [FHSaltstudents](#) on Facebook

*For email updates, get on our list by sending your information to

Michael.spicer@fairhopeumc.org!



Student Ministry Mini-Mission Sessions:

JULY 26-28: 11th-GRADUATES

JULY 29-31: 9th-11th

AUGUST 2-4: 7th-9th

AUGUST 5-7: 7th-9th

***All grades listed above are for the Fall 2020 school year! Click link below to register on our church website.*

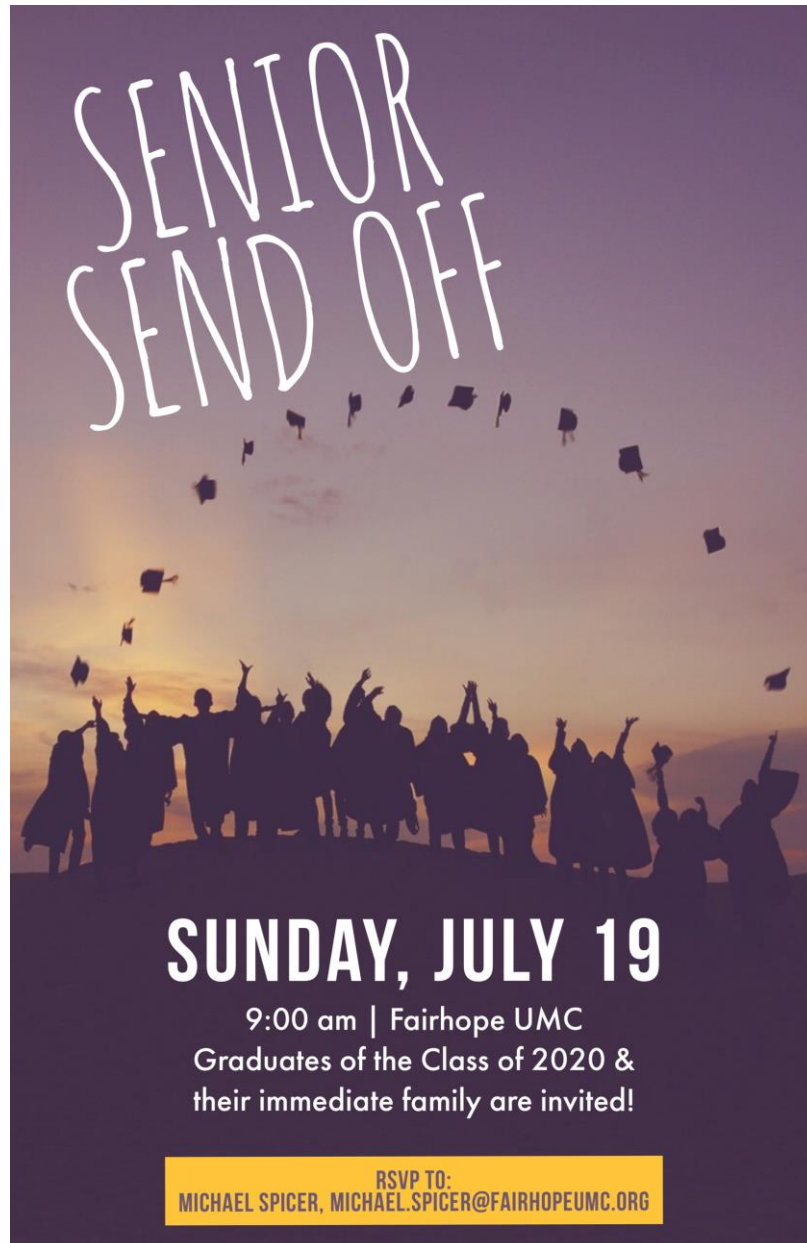
IMPORTANT DETAILS TO KNOW BEFORE SIGNING UP:

Register for 1 session only!

- *Interested in being a chaperone? Please text Rachael for more information.*
- *Transportation to & from Panama City will not be provided by the church. This must be provided by parent or adult. (You may carpool with another team member.)*
- *Cost: \$85 includes housing and meals only*

- *Housing provided by UMCOR, conference protocol for social distancing included in housing plan.*
- *Packing list will be sent by July 5.*
- *Student Ministry Medical Release forms required.*

TO REGISTER: fairhopeumc.org/ministries/youth/youth-events/



Your 2020 Graduate & the immediate family are invited to join us for our Senior Send-off hosted by the Fairhope United Methodist Church. We are so excited to be able to honor your grad and be able to send them off on their next steps with prayer and get to say goodbye!

How are we SERVING?

COMMUNITY CAFE'- ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT HOSTING OUR NORMAL FRIDAY LUNCH, WE CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR HOMEBOUND & COMMUNITY FRIENDS. WE ARE NOW PROVIDING OVER 140 HOME BOUND MEALS EACH WEEK BETWEEN FAIRHOPE, DAPHNE SILVERHILL. WE ARE ALSO PROVIDING MEALS TO SHEPHERD'S PLACE AND FAIRHOPE ROTARY YOUTH CLUB. WE ARE SERVING AROUND 350-400 TOTAL EACH FRIDAY.

BORDEN MILK - WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE 360 GALLONS OF MILK EACH WEEK TO BE DISTRIBUTED ON FRIDAYS. BORDEN MILK WILL BE DELIVERING MILK TO US THROUGH THE END OF AUGUST. WE ARE DISTRIBUTING THE MILK THROUGH THE FAIRHOPE ROTARY YOUTH CLUB, ECUMENICAL MEALS ON WHEELS & AHEPA.



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FAMILY PROMISE- SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 20TH- WE ARE SPONSORING "NIGHT WITHOUT A BED" TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS IN BALDWIN COUNTY. YOU CAN SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN



AND FAMILIES BY JOINING FAMILY PROMISE'S FIRST NATIONAL NIGHT WITHOUT A BED SLEEPOUT ON JUNE 20TH. PUT UP A TENT IN YOUR BACK YARD. MAKE A FORT IN YOUR LIVING ROOM. WRAP UP IN BLANKETS ON THE SOFA OR IN A SLEEPING BAG ON THE FLOOR.

GIVE UP YOUR COMFORTABLE BED FOR ONE NIGHT AND SHARE THE EXPERIENCE WITH FRIEND AND FAMILY. WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE A PICTURE AND POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA #NIGHTWITHOUTABED & TAG FAMILY PROMISE OF BALDWIN COUNTY & FAIRHOPE UMC

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS ASSISTANCE DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP.

PLEASE EMAIL MISSIONS@FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

MUCH LOVE TO ALL,
JENNIFER MYRICK, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS