



WORDS To LIVE BY

FAIRHOPE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Summer Sermon Series

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Gathering: August 1, 2021

OPENING SONG

Your Grace is Enough

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

To the fisherman Jesus said:

Follow me and I will make you fish for people.

To the tax collector Jesus said:

Follow me.

To the rich man Jesus said:

**Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven;
then come, follow me.**

At the last supper Jesus said:

Follow me.

To you and to me and to all of us Jesus says:

Follow me!

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we gather to sing your praise and hear your word.

Speak to us now, that we may be wise enough to perceive your call.

Strengthen us now, that we may be brave enough to answer when you call.

Guide us now, that we may follow where you would have us go. **Amen.**

SINGING OUR PRAISES

You Are My King (Amazing Love)
Only Grace

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

OFFERING

Special music by Jason Justice

Children's Church will not be held today. On the first Sunday of each month, children stay for the entire service so they can worship and take Holy Communion with their families.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Luke 5:27-32

SERMON

"For the Love of Levi"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan,

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Acolyte: Max McClellan

Communion Servers: Rick and Shelley Fitzhugh

Media and Sound: Robert Hammon, Jamie Waldhour, Amelia Koser



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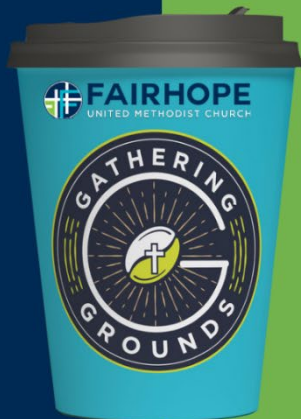
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COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
9:45 AM PARLOR





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PRELUDE

Piano Improvisation on *"How Can I keep from Singing?"*
and *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the quiet, in the calm, in the stillness,
Open our eyes to see the goodness of the Lord.
In the clamor, in the cry, in the grief,
Open the eyes of our faith, to behold Christ in all his redeeming work.
In this time, in this place, with each other,
Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of innumerable mercies,
give us the grace to be daily buried in the love of Christ,
like the seed that is buried in the earth,
and thereby may we begin to live more abundantly.
With his help, may we learn of that fruitful life
which spent in loving others
can glorify your name throughout the world.
Then may the earth know its Savior,
who with you in the unity of the Spirit
are loved and worshipped,
world without end.
Amen!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn of Promise

Hymn #707

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

arr. by Pethel

*DOXOLOGY

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*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 119:10-18

*HYMN

Seek Ye First

Hymn #405

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:20-26

SERMON

"Open My Eyes Lord"

Rev. Ontonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *UMH#12*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

**After receiving the bread and cup, you are invited to stop and pray at the altar for our country or other needs that may be on your heart today. Please leave some distance between you and other worshippers.*

CLOSING HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Hymn #454

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Piano Improvisation on "*Seek Ye First*" and "*Pass It On*"

Assisting in Worship Today:

Rev. Ontonio Christie, Dr. Darren McCellan, Steve Pearson

Music: Natalie Woodrow, John Richardson

Acolyte: Savannah Grace Jones (11:00)

Communion Servers:

Kim and John Estes (8:30)

Linda Smith, Steve Pearson (11:00)

Media: Peyton Phillips

Sound: Robert Hammon, Alex Beaman, Joshua McClellan



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THE LINK

Weekly Newsletter

August 1, 2021



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EMAIL WEEKLY
NOT ON OUR EMAIL LIST?
SUBSCRIBE USING
THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR
PHONE CAMERA:



**The following memorials
have been received by the church:**

In memory of

Jeanne Cummings (Caring Ministries) by
Jimmie Allen

Earl Irwin (Caring Ministries) by
Sarita Deramus

Billy Kennedy by
Pamela Jenkins (Caring Ministries)

Jan Nall (Caring Ministries) by
Charlie and Carolyn Newcomer

Wendy Pierce by
Belle Lores (Caring Ministries)
Barbara Ramsey (Caring Ministries)
Jennifer G. Miley (Caring Ministries)
Jared A. Shalek (Endowment Fund)
Michael and Laura Youngpeter (Caring Ministries)
B.G. and Ward Hinds and Gertrude B. Garrison (Caring Ministries)
Denise Lores (Caring Ministries)

Chuck Robinson (Caring Ministries) by
Shelley's Pokeno Friends
Jimmie Allen

George Kirchoff (Caring Ministries) by
Gene Kirchoff

Jeannette Clark Pike (Caring Ministries) by
Dr. Izzy Pike

Now hiring for this paid position at Fairhope UMC:

Sound Tech:

Run the audio on Sunday mornings for Traditional worship services in the sanctuary. Time required: Typical shift is 1-1/2 hours with microphone check 30 minutes before the service begins. Training is provided for enthusiastic and motivated candidates. Mature, consistent and reliable teenagers welcome! \$25 per service.

For more information or to apply for this position: Contact Tom Hood, Music Minister,
tom.hood@fairhopeumc.org or 251-928-1148.

Church Library News...

We have lots of books that have been checked out for quite a while. Please look around at your house to see if you may have some of these books. If you're not sure if it is a library book, look for a white spine label at the bottom of the spine. You can go to our website to find a complete listing of the books and DVDs that are missing.



Pathways

FAIRHOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pathways!

...Finding your way to community at Fairhope UMC; visitors, new members, longtime members...anyone is welcome who wants to know more or dive deeper!

Join us in August for these opportunities.
All classes taught in the Parlor on Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45.

Marks of a Methodist **Sunday, August 8th**

- Exploring faith in Jesus Christ and the distinctives of Methodism.
- How does the concept of “grace” mark who we are as God’s people?
- Church “membership” through the lens of covenant-making.
- Facilitated by Dr. Darren McClellan

Finding your Fit **Sunday, August 15th**

- Learning about how spiritual gifts function within the body of Christ.
- Exploring the results of a spiritual gifts inventory.
- How do spiritual gifts, passion, life experiences and personality work together to prepare you for service?
- Learning about opportunities to serve at Fairhope UMC.
- Facilitated by Katie Turner

Conquering the Campus **Sunday, August 22nd**

- Participate in a campus tour.
- Identify where staff offices are located.
- Learn where the various ministries take place on campus.
- Gain confidence that this is YOUR church...you are welcome here!
- Facilitated by Rev. Ontonio Christie, and friends...

Growing in Grace **Sunday, August 29th**

- Establishing the disciplines of the Christian lifestyle.
 - Exploring tools for a healthy devotional life.
 - Exploring avenues for Christian accountability.
- Facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker

To register go to
www.fairhopeumc.org/pathways
or use this
QR CODE:





DIVE DEEPER WITH SMALL GROUP DISCIPLESHIP

***WATCH YOUR WEEKLY LINK! MORE SMALL GROUPS COMING SOON.**

EXPERIENCING GOD

God is at work around you! Will you join Him? Many people who have taken this study have found it to be life-changing; great for individuals, but also an opportunity for couples to grow together! This 13-week study by Henry Blackaby takes participants through 5 days of reading and study each week with a video and discussion during class. *Facilitated by Tony Caminiti. Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15 pm. Class begins August 18th. Cost of Materials: \$20.*

FAST TRACK DISCIPLE 1 *BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY*

An intensive 24-week survey of the Old & New Testaments. Activities include daily reading and study and weekly small group meetings featuring an informational video presentation. This is a pre-requisite to any other Disciple studies. Facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker. Begins September 15th. **Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15 pm. Cost of Materials: \$30.**

EPIC OF EDEN

This is a 12-week study from Old Testament scholar, Dr. Sandra Richter. Through text and video teaching, Dr. Richter brings a new dimension to the history of the ancient Near East, orienting participants in time, geography, culture, redemption, and relevance for today. The Epic of Eden video study is ideal for anyone eager for a strategic grasp of the good, the bad, and the ugly of the Old Testament and how it relates to God's activity in the present. **Past participants say this is the best Old Testament study they have ever taken!!** *Facilitated by Linda Smith. Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 am. Orientation September 7th @ 10 am; First Meeting September 21st. Cost of Materials: \$20.*

Please note: Nursery can be provided upon request for children 4 years and under. Wednesday activities for all ages begin September 15th.

Registration by email, phone or through the church website.

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2021 Summer Book Club

For this summer's fiction reading, we will look at the lives of women who take drastic measures to escape the lives that are before them. These authors reveal the different ways in which these women find opportunities to explore alternatives not necessarily presented to them by birth or circumstance or the choices they have made.

ONLY ONE BOOK CLUB SESSION LEFT!



The Vanishing Half, Britt Bennett (August 17th, 5:30-6:30, Parlor)

The Vignes twins dream of something more than what is before them in Mallard, LA, a small town of all light-skinned black residents, so they flee to New Orleans in search of something better. There, their lives eventually diverge and then come back together again after two very different and surprising journeys.

Read one or all. All gatherings are in-person and facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker. Two copies of each book have been ordered and can be checked out from the church office for two-week increments on a first-come-first-served basis. Call 251-928-1148 to check on availability.

Caring Ministries...



Stephen Ministry...

Stephen Ministry is a program of our church that equips lay persons to provide Christian one-on-one care to those who are experiencing all kinds of life needs and circumstances. This program is offered not only to our church family but also the community. The team is available and ready to serve you. Contact any of the Stephen Leaders, Cecilia Lammers, Kim Gibson, Janie Mullins or Dr. Ann Pearson through the church office 251-928-1148 to get more information.

Knit and Crochet...

This team meets each Monday in Wesley Hall from 10am-12 noon making handmade items. You would be amazed at the outreach they provide in this community. They are looking forward to their fall and winter projects they are beginning now. Come and join in this time for learning, fellowship and creating new items.

Support Groups...

Caregivers Support Group meets Aug. 3 at 9:30 am in the Church Library. A Zoom option is also available by contacting Dr. Ann Pearson at 251-928-1148 or ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

Grief Support meets each Monday from 3:00-4:00 pm in B114. Suzanne Glass and Dr. Ann Pearson co facilitate this group. Call Dr. Pearson 251-928-1148 for more information.



Today is the last day for our one-room Summer Sunday School class. We will return to our regular age-level classes next Sunday, August 8 with Promotion Sunday. Children 3 years old – 6th grade will move up to their new classroom. It's a great time for kids to reconnect

with friends they've missed over the summer AND make new ones while learning about God's amazing love! Sunday School is 9:45-10:40am in these locations:

3-year olds (room B118), 4-year olds (room B107)	Education Building, 1 st Floor
Lower Elementary (K-4 th grade)	Education Bldg, 2 nd Floor, children's hallway
Upper Elementary: SWIFT (5 th & 6 th grade)	CLC, 2 nd Floor, Room 3

We are still in need of teachers for our 8 children's classes!

- You choose the age/grade you'd like to teach.
- You are asked to serve JUST ONE SUNDAY A MONTH (August 8, 2021 – June 12, 2022).
- You do not need to have a child or grandchild in the class you teach.
- Each lesson is easy to follow and everything you need is prepared and ready in the room when you arrive.

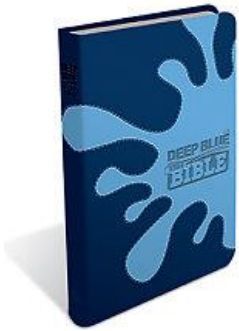
Want to learn more? Contact Martha in the church office at 928-1148 and ask her to email you the details!



Sunday, August 8th | 11:00am Worship Services Children's Moment

Bring your backpacks to church next Sunday! During the Children's Moment, all students, teachers, administrators and support staff will be asked to come forward for a special time of prayer for the new school year. As you

enter the service, you will be instructed where to place the backpacks. They will remain there till the end of the service. Children ages 4 years - 2nd grade will be dismissed for Children's Church after the time of prayer.



Sunday, August 22nd | 11:00am Combined Service | CLC

During our annual Mission Sunday worship service, third graders will receive the gift of a Bible from our congregation. Parents are asked to stop by the church this week to write a note inside their child's Bible before it is inscribed and wrapped. Refer to the letter you received for the days/times to do this. If you are a parent of a third grader and you did not receive a letter regarding the presentation, contact Martha in the church office at 928-1148.

Help us Celebrate Michelle Graham's Ministry!!!

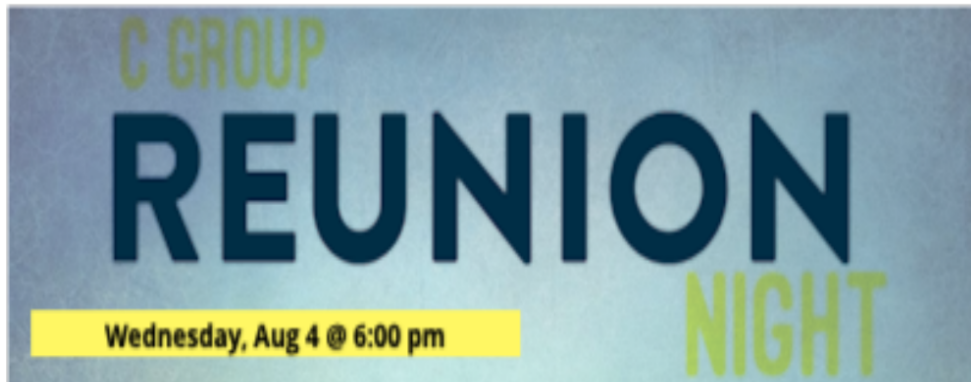
We are pleased to announce that the Fairhope UMC Trustees have approved the construction of the Michelle Graham Gaga Ball Pit as a lasting reminder on our campus of Michelle's more than ten-year investment in the lives of our children. Our budget for the supplies needed to build this is approximately \$2500. We have established a fund to raise the money needed and hope you will consider giving in honor of Michelle Graham.

What is Gaga Ball, you may ask? According to Wikipedia, Gaga is a variant of dodgeball that is played in a gaga "pit". The game combines dodging, striking, running, and jumping, with the objective of being the last person standing. Players hit the ball at each other with their hands, and are eliminated if the ball strikes them on or below the knee. Our children (and many adults) have become proficient at Gaga Ball through hours of enjoyment at Blue Lake battling for bragging rights! Whether you are in the pit or outside cheering the players on, it will provide much enjoyment on our church campus for "children" of all ages.

**Please give generously and mark funds
for "Gaga Ball Fund" or "Michelle Graham Fund."**

Student Ministries...

*****NO STUDENT MINISTRY ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 1. WE WILL RETURN ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4.**



We missed you this summer and your C-Group leaders did as well! Check-in, reconnect and share your stories from summer on Wednesday, August 4 @ 6:00 pm. **The important details for the evening will vary for every grade, therefore, they will be announced within the GROUPME app only.**

If you are new to our church family or if you haven't participated in Community Groups (C-Group) before, please email rachael.waldhour@fairhopeumc.org to let me know you're interested! If you are a rising 7th grader, you or your parent will receive a text from Rachael inviting you to join the GROUPME app. *Please join with the groupme invitation even if you are hesitant of your time commitment to Wednesday C-Group.* This app will keep you up-to-date on ALL programming as we release the important details!



The new school year is ahead and it's time to get plugged-in! Parents, did you know that you and your students can stay connected and hear about ALL the activities in student ministry as they're first announced? If you are on social media, follow us:

Instagram: [@fairhopeumc.youth](https://www.instagram.com/fairhopeumc.youth)

Facebook: [@fhsaltstudents](https://www.facebook.com/fhsaltstudents)

Text Message Reminders: Text the word "Saltstudents" to the number "43506"

H O W A R E W E S E R V I N G ?

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY!

COMMUNITY CAFE' IS OPEN FOR LUNCH!

11:00AM-1:00PM

DONATION ONLY CAFE'

* WE WILL CONTINUE OUR OUTREACH TO OUR HOMEBOUND &
COMMUNITY FRIENDS!

