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**CELEBRATION OF MISSIONS 2021
11:00 COMBINED SERVICE ~ August 22, 2021**

CALL TO WORSHIP

He Reigns

Choir and Praise Team

Hays Bishop, Anna Marie Dowden, Riggins Hammock, Aenea Ganey

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WELCOME

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PRAYER

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WORSHIP IN SONG

House of the Lord

Praise Team

THIRD-GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

OFFERING

Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace
Choir

(arr. by Shepperd)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING IN SONG

Each Other

Choir and Praise Team

Assisting in Worship Today:

Dr. Darren M. McClellan, Rev. Ontonio Christie, Rev. Laura Parker

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Shea White and Praise Band

Acolyte: Max McClellan

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

Third Grade Bible Recipients:

Thomas Allgood, Julia Ashurst, Elise Autrey, Darby Butler, Andrew Chambliss, Hayley Crocker,
Judd Determann, Warren Fargason, Hudson Hayden, Ava Jewell Hicks, Scarlett Hicks,
Carter Jones, Art Kappel, Henry Marks, Murphy McCarthy, Charlie McGough, Iseck Mixteco,
Harrison Myrick, Caleb Norton, Coleman O'Connell, Eli Olmstead, Logan Peters, Laz Pryor,
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PRELUDE

Prelude in B Flat Major

Kindermann

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HYMN #568

Christ for the World We Sing

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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GLORIA PATRI

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Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #571

Go, Make of All Disciples

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Allegro Moderato in F Major

Kindermann

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of our son,
Robert Finger, on his 40th birthday, by his parents, Mary and Van Finger.

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THE LINK

Weekly Newsletter

August 22, 2021

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THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR
PHONE CAMERA:



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 remaining opportunities.

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

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Reminder of God's Love...

Crosses made by our Knit and Crochet Ministry are still being given out to COVID patients at Thomas Hospital. This serves as a reminder of God's Love and how He offers His Peace! Keep these loved ones in your prayers.

Hope In Times of Change - Leaning on Jesus...

Hopefully your pamphlet has arrived at your home this week. The scriptures have been such a source of hope to those who have begun reading.

Reflect on the scripture from Romans 15:13.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

Support Groups Meeting...

SOS Survivors of Suicide meets Monday, August 23 at 6:30 pm in Wesley Hall.

Tough Dogs Support Group meets Tuesday, August 24 at 12:30 am in the Church Library.

A zoom option is available for both of these groups and you can contact Dr. Ann Pearson ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org for your zoom invite.



Congratulations to the following third graders who will receive their Bibles from the congregation this Sunday, August 22 during the 11:00 combined worship service. Special thanks to Jane Dolan for inscribing the Bibles and Kristin Capstraw for wrapping them!

Thomas Allgood, Julia Ashurst, Elise Autrey, Darby Butler, Andrew Chambless, Hayley Crocker, Judd Determann, Warren Fargason, Hudson Hayden, Ava Jewell Hicks, Scarlett Hicks, Carter Jones, Art Kappel, Henry Marks, Murphy McCarthy, Charlie McGough, Iseck Mixteco, Harrison Myrick, Caleb Norton, Coleman O'Connell, Eli Olmstead, Logan Peters, Laz Pryor, Cate Richardson, Rosie Roberds, Parks Robinson, Natalie Rosser, Shep Searcy, Hollins Smith, Skinner Smith, Ellie Strunk, Blaine Vance and Jack Walhour

We hope to see all our third graders on Wednesday, September 15 from 6:00-7:15pm as we begin another year of Pier34! BRING YOUR BIBLE!



Our Wednesday night programs begin on September 15 and offer kids the opportunity to **WORSHIP** God through music and song, study God's **WORD** to strengthen their growing faith, and **WONDER** how it all applies to their daily lives.

As children connect with one another and participate in fun, meaningful activities, adult leaders guide and encourage them to draw closer to Jesus – to know Him, trust Him and follow His example of love, forgiveness and compassion for others. ADULTS NEEDED TO SERVE IN ALL THESE PROGRAMS!

WHO	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
K-2 nd grade	Choir	4:15-5:00pm	Sanctuary
	Pier	6:00-7:15pm	Ed Bldg, Room B217
3 rd & 4 th Grade	Choir	4:15-5:00pm	Sanctuary
	Pier34	6:00-7:15pm	Ed Bldg, Wesley Hall
5 th & 6 th Grade	Choir	4:15-5:00pm	Sanctuary
	SWIFT	6:00-7:30pm	CLC, Attic (upstairs)

** Nursery available for younger children who have parents/caregivers who are on campus participating in an adult study/ministry or serving in a children/youth program.*

Online registration will be available soon on the church website! Parents will receive an email with the registration link. Contact Tom Hood for questions regarding children's choir and Michelle Graham for questions regarding Pier, Pier34 and SWIFT. Both can be reached at 928-1148.

Student Ministries...



Sunday Night Youth//6:30-8:00pm

(Aug. 22 & 29, No Youth Sept. 5)

7th-12th grade

Sunday Night Youth takes place almost every week and includes: worship, games, free time in the gym, dinner and so much more. We provide an opportunity for every student in grades 7-12 to worship together with one another and we give them space to build relationships. We can't wait to see you there! There's no need to register and you can always bring a friend. We hope to see YOU this Sunday night! Parents, if you'd like to know more about what youth series we are studying. Simply download the PARENT CUE and read the email updates that are sent out at the beginning of every new series. We provide discussion starters and new ideas on how to continue the conversation and growth at home.



Wednesday Nights//6:30-7:45pm

(Registration Now Open)

7th-12th grade

Community Groups are for students in grades 7-12. We provide an opportunity for every person committed to attending C-Groups to grow deeper in their faith with a community of believers their own age to support & pray with them. Every C-Group will have 2 adult leaders committed to walking their faith journey with them. Our C-Groups launch on Wednesday, September 1st @ 6:30-7:45pm. The 10-12 grade C-Groups will meet off campus every Wednesday in a host home with their adult small group leaders. The 7-9 grade C-Groups will meet on-campus upstairs in the CLC. Sign-up is now open for the 2021-22 school year.



A 6-Week Study on Worry & Anxiety for 7th Grade Teen Girls+ Mother

Led by:

Robyn Koser, LPC

Lynette Mattina, Integrative Coaching, Movement & Yoga

Rachael Waldhour, Director of Student Ministry

Study Overview

This fall we will host a 6-week pilot class on Worry & Anxiety for both 7th Grade girls and their respective moms. Each week the class will include a session for both moms and daughters separately on Yoga & Mindful movement then a follow-up discussion on a book written by Sissy Goff. The teen girls will use the book "Brave" and moms will use "Raising Worry Free Girls." **We will begin on Sunday, September 12 and end October 24 and each week the class meets 3:00-5:00 pm.** The cost is \$50 per person which covers a weekly yoga & movement class led by Lynette Mattina. The books for both mom and daughter are available on Amazon.

How to Register

Registration for this course is now open. We have a limited space in our pilot class. We only have space for 10 (7th grade girls and their moms) in our first class. Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email that you are in the class or a notification that you have been placed on the waitlist. We realize that a class like this one is unique and identifies a real need in our community. Therefore, we will be offering this class another time during the year. We completely understand that it could be an incredibly useful tool for teen girls of all ages and we are looking for ways to offer it to that group as well.



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

Facebook: @fhsaltstudents

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

LOVING THE WORLD WHEN THE WORLD IS UPSIDE DOWN

HOW HAVE WE BEEN SERVING 2020-2021



Costa Rica Medical Mission with USA Nursing March 2020
Over 540 patients were seen in 3 days.



OUTREACH 2020-2021



- Raid Your Pantry April 2020- Over 200+ families served
- Caring Ministries- Flower Distribution, Feeding Medical Workers, Sewing Masks for Thomas Hospital
- Letters for the Community and Frontline Workers
- Serving at Prodissee Pantry
- Community Cafe' 250+ Meals for Homebound & Community
- Milk Distribution to Community- 400
- Back to School Bash w/Fairhope Police Department 600+ uniforms
- Bookbags provided to kids in Foster Care & CareHouse
- Hurricane Sally Response- (Ice Distribution, Supplies, Meals Served, 250+ Cleaning Buckets, Point of Distribution, African Universal Church
- Thanksgiving Day Community Meal- Over 300 Meals provided to Law Enforcement, Homebound, Fire



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- Lunch provided for vaccine clinics & COVID testing sites 400+ meals
- Provided meals to Baldwin County EMA
- Back to School Bash- 500+ uniforms given to local children
- VBS Outreach- 500+ Hygiene Bags provided to Waterfront Rescue & Homeless Friend, 150 Activity Buckets for Foster Care, Prodissee Pantry, Lunch for 300+ City Workers, Tough Doug Care Bags
- Continued partnerships with local schools
- Rise Against Hunger- Packed 40,000 meals
- Youth Summer Missions- Senior High replaced 2 roofs in TN
- Youth Summer Missions- Middle School- Served Alzheimers Outreach, Humane Society, Planted Trees, Distributed Fresh Vegetables, Sidewalk Prayers,
- Lord's Pantry continues to serve many families throughout the year
- Community Cafe' serving 200+ meals a week to homebound & cafe'
- Provided Shelter for over 10 families in need
- Tough Dog Chemo Bags Ministry serves hundreds of Chemo patients each year.
- Medical Loan Closet serves on average 3-4 people each week

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING OUR
COMMUNITY & BEYOND

SAVE THE DATE:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

COMMUNITY VACCINE CLINIC

10:00AM

CLC-DRIVE-THRU

PFIZER VACCINE

USA HEALTH
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL