

*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

Colossians 2:6-7

*...do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you.*

Romans 11:18

The image of a *root* is an effective metaphor that is used frequently in both the Old and New Testaments. In a positive light, it often refers to the depth of God's love or righteousness. In other cases, it describes the cause of a regrettably unfruitful outcome. Whether evoked by the prophets, the apostles, or Jesus himself, a warning against being 'uprooted' or having shallow roots is a matter of grave concern.

The common theme of the Bible is that no one grows without roots; not deep, or tall, or strong. At some point in our spiritual adolescence, we might be able to convince ourselves that our roots are holding us down or keeping us from moving forward. In reality, however, the exact opposite is true. Becoming untethered is not a sign of freedom.

Then again, remaining connected without bearing fruit is no more acceptable. To settle for such a stale existence would be a far cry from the life of abundance to which Jesus calls us. As John the Baptist cautioned those in danger of complacency, "even now the ax is lying at the root of the tree..." (Mt. 3:10)

The ancient church was founded on basic biblical teachings and practices like the Ten Commandments, baptism, the Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Supper, the Lord's Prayers and corporate worship. These basics of the Christian life have sustained and nurtured every generation of the faithful. They apply equally to old and young, men and women, pastors and church members.

Here at Fairhope UMC, we believe that we need the wisdom of the communion of saints. They broaden our perspective beyond our current culture and time. Thus we are excited to begin a new series of preaching and teaching in which we will be 'digging in' to two particular roots of the faith—the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

Our hope in this offering is plain, but nonetheless profound.

Keep us grounded, Lord!

Darren



# FAIRHOPE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering: August 29, 2021

OPENING SONG

*Holy is the Lord*

Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Father in heaven, in your goodness  
you pour out on your people all that they need,  
and satisfy those who persist in prayer.  
Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving,  
tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding,  
that we may always proclaim your coming kingdom  
and do your will on earth as in heaven. Amen.**

SINGING OUR PRAISES

*How Can I Keep From Singing  
What A Beautiful Name*

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Carlisle Margaret O'Neil  
Daughter of Rick and Marjorie O'Neil

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. **Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6:5-15

SERMON

“Our Father”

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

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Music: Shea White and Praise Band Acolyte: Mollie Katen Bishop  
Media and Sound: Robert Hammon, Jamie Waldhour, Amelia Koser



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**In the spirit of *agape*, Fairhope UMC is continuing to refill the snack baskets for the departments at Thomas Hospital to support and encourage the employees. We are collecting prepackaged, individually wrapped snack items. Appropriate items include cookies, crackers, pretzels, granola bars, gum, mints, powdered drink packages. Please bring items to the elevator lobby in the education building. We appreciate your help as we seek to express God's love through our action!**

**Pastor Darren**



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PRELUDE *Prelude and Fughetta* Handel

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

To all who are imprisoned, **God says, "Come out."**

To all who are living in darkness, **God says, "Show yourselves."**

To all who hunger and thirst, **God gives food and springs of water.**

To all who are far away, **God makes smooth the way home.**

**God will not forget us, we are inscribed on the palms of God's hands.**

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God,

who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds and cares for us, too,

help us to cease our worrying and all our strivings.

Add to our lives, day by day, calm trust in you

until we find what we seek above all: your kingdom.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN #89 *Joyful, Joyful*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING *To God Be the Glory* (arr. Pethel)

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Your Word, O God, is too great and marvelous for us,  
yet it occupies us, and in it we find hope.**

**By the gift of your Spirit, calm and quiet our souls**

**that we may hear your Word today and be lifted up to walk with you.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Genesis 1:1-5	
HYMN OF PREPARATION #77	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	
GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 6:25-34	
SERMON	"I Believe In God"	Dr. Darren M. McClellan
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
CLOSING HYMN # 130	<i>God Will Take Care of You</i>	
SENDING FORTH		
POSTLUDE	<i>Fugue in C Major</i>	Handel

**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

**Acolyte:** Hackett Robertson

**Music:** Tom Hood, John Richardson

**Media:** Peyton Phillips **Sound:** Ann Lyles Tapscott, Peyton Phillips



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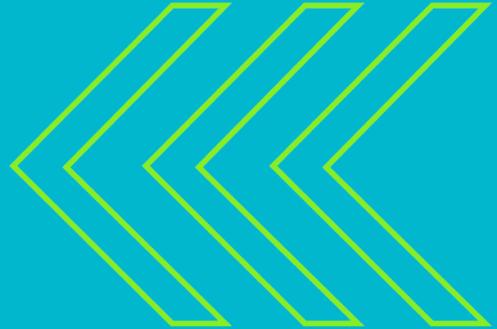
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THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR  
PHONE CAMERA:





**PREACHING SCHEDULE:**

**Traditional (The Apostle’s Creed)**

August 29	Dr. McClellan	“I Believe in God” (Genesis 1, Matthew 6:25-33)
September 5	Dr. McClellan	“Jesus: Suffered, Crucified, Dead & Buried” (Is. 52:13-53:12, I Peter 2:20-25)
September 12	Rev. Christie	“Jesus: Rose on the Third Day” (Ezekiel 37, I Corinthians 15:1-8)
September 19	Rev. Parker	“Holy Spirit...Holy Church” (Ephesians 1:3-14)
September 26	Rev. McClellan	“I Believe In the Resurrection of the Body” (Romans 6:1-11; I Cor. 15)
October 3	Rev. McClellan	“The Life Everlasting” (John 10:10, 11:21-27) <i>World Communion Sunday</i>

**Gathering (The Lord’s Prayer)**

August 29	Rev. Parker	“Our Father in Heaven”
September 5	Rev. Christie	“Thy Kingdom Come”
September 12	Rev. Parker	“Give Us This Day”
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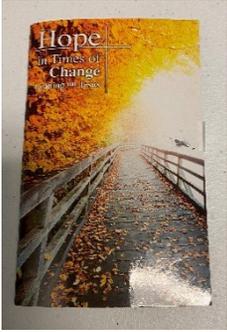
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## Caring Ministries...



**Hope pamphlet is bringing love and comfort to many...**

**A note from one of our members:**

Thank you for the book of Hope. The day we received it our granddaughter was diagnosed with Covid. We were afraid and anxious. She is only nine years old and had returned to school for three days after summer vacation. The following weekend she became very ill. We had heard so many stories about children in the hospital ICU that our anxiety was at a very high level. The words in the book "Hope in Times of Change" were just what we needed to be reminded of, that we can lean on Jesus.

## Treats and Notes for Thomas....

Please continue to bring in the personal notes so we can thank our healthcare workers. You can drop the notes off in the basket of the elevator lobby. We will put them in the snack baskets each time we deliver the snacks.

Our second delivery of snacks is being delivered Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Drop off snacks in the elevator lobby as we continue to bless our healthcare workers for the next few months.

Keep praying for the doctors, nurses and staff at all our hospitals.



Many Notes and Emails have come in from Thomas....

Hospital Employees thanking our Church family for the baskets of snacks.

*"Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and prayers for us during these pandemic days! We appreciate all you do for our community. We love all the treats. God bless you."*

*"I believe that kindness has the power to change the world. Your kind deed will go a long way. Thank you."*

## Durable Medical Equipment Loan Closet...

Our ministry team continues to receive donations of medical equipment that is loaned out to others at no cost. If you have items to donate or need equipment, please contact Dr. Ann Pearson or Hazel Odom in the church office 251-928-1148.



## Prayer Requests and Praises...

We have prayer requests cards in the sanctuary, information desk outside the gym and in the elevator lobby for you to submit your requests. The Email Prayer Chain Team prays over all the concerns and needs. It's a privilege to pray for our church family and community.



Our Wednesday night programs for the 2021-2022 school year 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!**

<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHERE</b>
K-2ND GRADE	CHOIR	4:15 - 5:00 PM	SANCTUARY
	PIER	6:00 - 7:15 PM	ED BLDG. ROOM B217
3RD & 4TH GRADE	CHOIR	4:15 - 5:00 PM	SANCTUARY
	PIER34	6:00 - 7:15 PM	ED BLDG, WESLEY HALL
5TH & 6TH GRADE	CHOIR	4:15 - 5:00 PM	SANCTUARY
	SWIFT	6:00 - 7:30 PM	CLC. ATTIC

*\* Wednesday Night Suppers will be served in the CLC Fellowship Hall from 5:00-6:00pm.*

*\* 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.*

Register online at [www.fairhopeumc.org/wednesdayprograms](http://www.fairhopeumc.org/wednesdayprograms) or scan the QR CODE below with your phone camera to register! 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.



*Every child participating in these children's programs must have a notarized 2021-2022 **EMERGENCY RELEASE FORM** on file. If your child has one on file from our 2021 Rocky Railway VBS or Blue Lake Summer Camp, there is no need to do another one.*

Download the 2021-2022 EMERGENCY RELEASE FORM @ [www.fairhopeumc.org/childrensforms](http://www.fairhopeumc.org/childrensforms)

## 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"**

# Drive-through vaccination clinic



**Friday, September 3, 2021**

**10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Fairhope United Methodist**

**155 South Section Street**

**Fairhope, AL 36532**

**No registration or appointment necessary**

**Everyone 12+ is eligible**

**USA HEALTH**