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The Gathering: September 5, 2021

OPENING SONG

*Reckless Love*

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

*Build Your Kingdom Here  
Above All*

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

OFFERING

*Our Father*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:24-33

SERMON

"Thy Kingdom Come"

Rev. Antonio Christie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

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**Music:** Shea White and Praise Band

**Communion Servers:** Mary and Noah Funderburg **Acolyte:** Hackett Robertson

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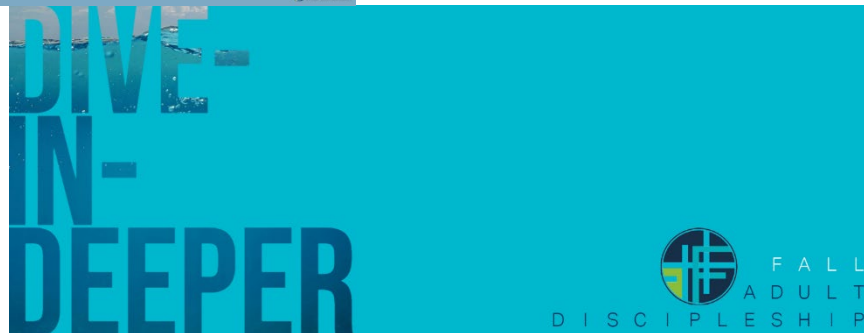
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*This is My Father's World*

(setting by Diane Bish)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us remember Jesus,  
**who, though rich, became poor and dwelt among us;**  
who was mighty indeed, healing the sick and the troubled;  
**who, as a teacher to his disciples, was their companion and servant.**  
May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ  
and what he has done for us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy God, creator of all,  
the risen Christ taught from Scripture  
of his death, resurrection, and ascension into your glorious presence.  
May the living Lord breathe on us his peace,  
that our eyes may be opened to recognize him in breaking bread  
and to follow wherever he leads,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #159

*Lift High the Cross*

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED

\*GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING *Jesus Paid It All* (arr. Kingsmore)

\*DOXOLOGY

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\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Send your Spirit among us, O God, as we meditate on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Prepare our minds to hear your Word. Move our hearts to accept what we hear. Purify our will to obey in joy and faith. This we pray through Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

\*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 52:13-53:12

HYMN OF PREPARATION #294 *Alas and Did My Savior Bleed*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 2:20-25

SERMON "Jesus: Suffered, Crucified, Dead and Buried" Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #12

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN #295 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS (8:30) Bob and Dana Whitfield

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *St. Anne* (setting by Healey Willian)

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor and celebration of the wedding anniversary of Bonnie and Bobby Norton.*

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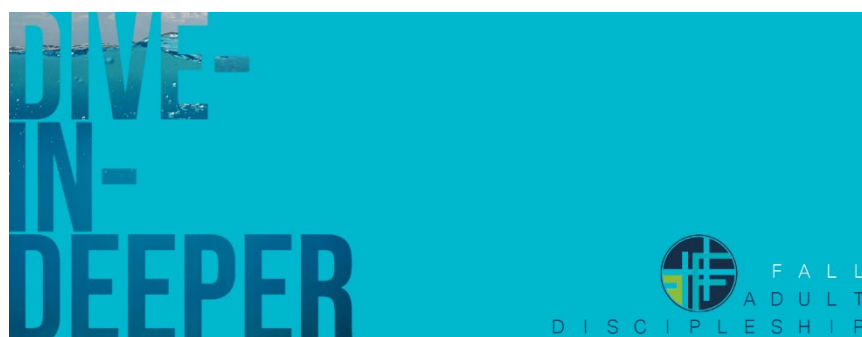
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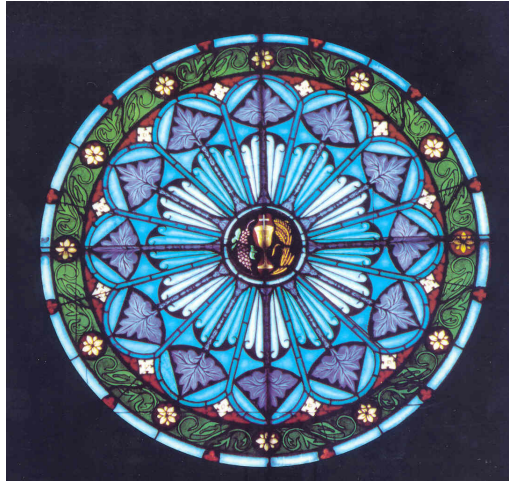
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Robin Enfinger King

**Michelle Graham by**

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Palmer Finger for her birthday

**In honor of the Fairhope SOS (Survivors of Suicide) Group and  
in memory of Wyatt Dearmon**

by his parents, Mont and Shelah Dearmon.

**Thank you...**

To My Church Family,

Please know how very much we appreciate all that you have done for us at a very difficult time. Thank you for the cards, food and visits, and especially your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Marlene Robinson and family



### **Caring Ministries...**

Our FUMC Preschool program designed handwritten cards for the Thomas Hospital staff for our second delivery of snacks. We thank Terry Lowell and the teachers for their guidance they gave to the children in this wonderful outreach. The hospital staff LOVED them! What a great way for all of our ministries to work together.

**Lots of thanks you from Thomas Hospital staff.**

WOW!!!! That is awesome.

Fairhope United Methodist Church Thank you so so much for your thoughtfulness.

We appreciate our Snacks!!!!

Thank you. This act of kindness never gets old.

Thank you so much! We have enjoyed all the snacks and sweet comments 😊 ♥

Such a thoughtful thing to do. Thank you to Fairhope United Methodist Church from the Diabetes Education and Clinical Education Departments for the delicious treat refills and the touching handprint picture, and to the Foundation for helping to make this all happen. 😊

Thank you from Sleep Services / Neuro for the sweet treat refill. We appreciate Fairhope UMC's thoughtfulness and prayers for our teams here at TH.

We love the card from the preschoolers 💖

Thank you from TMC Imaging. The baskets are wonderful and the card was so sweet!



**Our next snack delivery will be September 15.**

## Support Groups Meeting This Week

Grief Group meets each Monday at 3:00 pm in B114 off of Wesley Hall.

Caregivers Support Group meets Tuesday, September 7 at 9:30 am in the Church Library. Contact Dr. Ann Pearson [ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org) for your Zoom invite.

## Bible Study...

Bible Study will be starting again soon. Listen out for the starting date as we join in studying the book of John.



*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!

WHO	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
<b>K-2ND GRADE</b>	<b>CHOIR</b>	<b>4:15 - 5:00 PM</b>	<b>SANCTUARY</b>
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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 @**

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# SERVE HURRICANE IDA HOW CAN YOU HELP? PRAY

Please continue to pray for the emergency responders & those impacted by Hurricane Ida. We are still gathering information on ways we can best serve those impacted by this storm. Our friends in Louisiana are still getting organized to be able to receive assistance. Many parts of Louisiana are without water, gas and they are weeks away from having power restored. At this time, we are waiting to deploy until we know how we can best serve those who are boots on the ground.

## SERVE

Fairhope UMC is coordinating efforts at the District and Conference levels. Currently, we are being asked to Serve by providing specific items that are being requested by those on the ground in Louisiana. We will be sending cook teams and response teams in the days/weeks to come. More info to come!

## GIVE

Donations are being received to help with our response efforts. Support is needed for cleaning buckets, supplies, water & food. Donations can be given to Fairhope UMC- Disaster Response. Donations can be made online or given to the church office.



### Items currently needed:

- Tarps
- Cleaning Buckets- Buckets can be picked up at the church. A list of items needed is provided in each bucket. Buckets will need to be returned to the church office or CLC. Extra items from this list would also be helpful.

Questions? Please contact Jennifer Myrick  
[missions@fairhopeumc.org](mailto:missions@fairhopeumc.org)

## Student Ministries...



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

**(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 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"

## SAVE THE DATE:

### DISCOVERY WEEKEND 2022

**FEB 11-13, 2022**

Discovery is a 43-hour spiritual retreat designed for Middle School students held on our church campus and led by High School students and Adult Mentors. Registration for 7th-8th grade participants & 9th-12th grade High School leadership will open on October 1! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. If you'd like to help in an adult leadership role, please contact our DW Directors, Larry or Megan Smith.

## YOUTH PARENT MEETING

**Sunday, Sept 12 @ 9:45 am**

**CLC/Upstairs Loft**

Parents, please join us for an information meeting on all upcoming events and activities in student ministry. Come hear about the different areas we need your help in ministry and how you can get plugged-in! Want to know more about what we do in our different programs? Make plans to join us for this 45 minute meeting next Sunday, September 12 at 9:45 am in the upstairs loft area of the CLC.