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*FAST TRACK DISCIPLE 1 BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Facilitated by Rev. Laura Parker. Start date in September, TBA. **Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15 pm. Cost of Materials: \$32.** Concurrent Wednesday night programs for youth and children of all ages.

Addition to Fall Offerings!!

BOOK STUDY: SMALL VICTORIES: SPOTTING IMPROBABLE MOMENTS OF GRACE, BY ANNE LAMOTT Begins Wednesday, September 7th, facilitated by Jennifer Galloway. Through these essays, Lamott assures the reader that we can prevail over the pain and suffering in our lives, and that these small victories change us--for the better--along the way. A few books will be offered for purchase at the first meeting or you can purchase your own prior to the study. Location: CLC Parlor, 6-7:30 pm. No need to pre-register, but more information is available from Jennifer at 251-978-0140.

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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost August 14, 2022 ~ 8:30 and 11:00 am

PRELUDE Prelude in G Major (J.S. Bach)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Ministry Spotlight: Blue Lake United Methodist Camp

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song!

We sing a song of peace and hope!

Sing to the Lord a song of strength.

Our strength is in the Lord of hosts!

Sing to the Lord a song of joy!

Our song is a song of service and faithfulness.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's hopes for us, let us come before God with contrite hearts, asking for reconciliation and seeking peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care ...
our doubt of your providence ...
our blindness to signs of your love.
We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life;
we separate ourselves from you and from others
and foster divisions between those you love.
Help us to amend our lives and make us your faithful people
who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Turn again, O people, to the Lord who always loves you. Remember God's loving mercies and faithfulness. **AMEN**.

*PASSING THE PEACE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of Peace, your call, at times, appears to divide us from one another.

Help us to overcome our fears and respond in courage.

Give us faith to trust the unity that is beyond our sight.

Give us your eyes to recognize the signs before us.

We ask this in the confidence of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #580

Lead On, O King Eternal

BAPTISM (11:00)

Lucas Price Broussard

Son of Kristen and Matt Broussard

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY Assurance (Beck)

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DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Wisdom, we eagerly seek your presence in our lives and in the world.

By your Spirit, speak your word to us,

and give us your grace to recognize the abundant signs of your care for us,

so that we might be freed to act in the world with courage and abandon. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #452 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:29-12:2

SERMON "Something Better" Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #555 Forward Through the Ages

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS: Krissy Dermody and Matt Derrenbacher

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE Fugue in G Major (J.S. Bach)

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Peggy Sagan.

Assisting in Worship Today: Dr. Darren M. McClellan

Liturgist: Dr. Gene Lammers Alcolytes: Emma Claire Furlong, Edmond Furlong (11:00)

Music: Tom Hood, Minister of Music; John Richardson, Organist: Chancel Choir Media and Sound: John McClellan, Ann Lyles Tapscott, Wright Tapscott



Coffee With the Pastors

If you are not yet ready to join but would like more information about church membership, contact one of our pastors or attend Coffee with the Pastors today @ 9:45 am, in the parlor. Our next Coffee with the Pastors is scheduled for September 11th @ 9:45 am, Conference room.

Prayers for the People... (Members are in bold)

Medical personnel and first responders, Military Service Men and Women

Sympathies: Linda Pearson in the death of her husband, Jerry.

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OPENING SONG Soul On Fire Shea White, Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We give thanks that there is a spark of God within us.

Kindle that small spark into a flame of love and service.

Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Be gracious to us today our Lord, for we are in need of your mercy.

We are often quick to doubt and slow to pray.

We are tempted to let go of faith when we need to hang on.

We are discouraged by sin and frustrated in our weakness.

We seek you and the encouragement of your Spirit in our worship today!

O God, we are thankful for the strength you give us to trust in you.

Help us to run the race with endurance every day of our lives. Amen.

SINGING OUR PRAISES King of My Heart

God of the Impossible

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 11:29-12:2

"Running for Your Heart"

SERMON

Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

Soul On Fire

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Laura Parker
Music: Shea White and Praise Band
Media and Sound: Jamie Waldhour, Alex Beaman, Nellie Myers

VISITING WITH US TODAY? We want to know! Scan this QR CODE:

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Ushers Needed! Our usher team could also use a few willing hands and smiling faces on Sunday mornings to greet and seat people as they come in and receive the offering. Phil Webb (Head Usher) would love to tell you more about this opportunity: xlphilwebb@gmail.com.



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Invitation to Join the Church ~ Present this to the pastor during the last song.	
Name(s)	
Phone	Email
Joining b	y Transfer of Church Membership
Transferr	ing from:
<u> </u>	y Profession of Faith (have not previously been baptized or a of a church).
, ,	y Reaffirmation of Faith (have been baptized but not sure last here membership was held).
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Stay connected! THE Weekly Newsletter August 14, 2022

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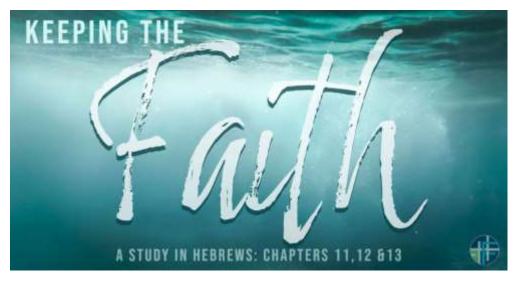
FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF EVENTS - VISIT FAIRHOPEUMC.ORG OR SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR WORSHIP SERVICES, CLASSES , AND ACTIVITIES.











Worship in August:

August 14 and 21:

A Study in Hebrews

August 28:

Celebration of Summer Missions



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Laity Meetings with Bishop Graves

Join Bishop David Graves and leadership from the Alabama-West Florida Conference at a regional meeting in August. Bishop Graves will bring a message to the laity of the conference and answer any questions they might have. These events are specifically focused on laity to help them understand current denominational matters and to provide accurate information. All laity in AWF local churches are invited to attend a meeting that is convenient for their schedule. We look forward to seeing you there! **Sunday, August 21st at 4pm, First UMC Pensacola**

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Welcome!

You are invited to the table...

Meals are full of significance.

Sharing a table—sharing food in companionship with others is a bridge to something so much greater. What begins as fellowship around a table quite often opens the door to friendship. In his book, <u>A Meal with Jesus</u>, Tim Chester says this: "Jesus didn't run projects, establish ministries, create programs, or put on events. He ate meals."

Our church is growing and we want to give our new—and old—friends every opportunity to enjoy the rich experience of what a church community is meant to be. This is why we have established *Four Seasons Supper Clubs*. *Supper Clubs* are a way to cultivate community in the way Jesus demonstrated. We see in Acts 2:42 that as the early church emerged, table fellowship quickly became the norm for community among the first century followers of Jesus.

In the busy-ness of our day-to-day lives, it is easy to miss out on the centuries old ritual of nurturing relationships around a table. *Supper Clubs* are a simple attempt to slow down and experience God's gift of friendship. Over the course of a year – *four seasons* – you can learn a lot about each other and begin to establish meaningful connections.



AUGUST STUDIES:

MEMO FROM GOD

Everyone is welcome to this 3-week study! We will have an opportunity to hear a "Memo from God" and His encouragement for facing all our days. Breakout sessions will discuss the following topics: *Quit Worrying, Put it on the List, Trust Me, Leave it Alone, Talk to Me, Have Faith, Share, Be Patient, Be Kind and Love Yourself.* The class will include reflections on scripture and discovering ways to incorporate each topic into our daily lives. Please register so we can plan for enough handouts. *Facilitated by Dr. Ann Pearson.* Mondays, 1:00 pm. August 15th, 22nd and 29th. No cost. Location: CLC Fellowship Hall

EXPERIENCING GOD

Many people who have taken this study have found it to be life changing; great 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.* Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm. Class begins with orientation August 22nd. Cost of Materials: \$20.

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EPIC OF EDEN - ISAIAH

Often named the fifth gospel, the book of the prophet Isaiah has more to say about Israel's coming Messiah than any other Old Testament book. But too often, when Isaiah speaks today, God's people have trouble hearing. This ten-week study explains Israel's religion and economy, explores the definition and role of the prophets, and helps us to apply the message of this great champion of the faith to our lives today.

Facilitated by Linda Smith,. Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 am. Orientation September 14th.

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. Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15 pm. Begins September 14th. Cost of Materials: \$32. Concurrent Wednesday night programs are offered for youth and children of all ages. *Need a minimum of 8 people to offer this class. Great opportunity for people who have taken all Disciple classes to put themselves back in the place of daily study and group accountability.

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Register through the website (preferred) or call the church office.



Caring Ministry Servant Opportunities:

- We will be assembling gift bags for distribution on Sunday August 21 in B-114, Wesley Hall.
- Drivers are needed for deliveries, **August 22 25**.

Contact Dr. Pearson if you are available for either of these times for service by calling 251-928-1148 or ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org.

Study Opportunity:

"Memo from God" is a 3 week, practical, discussion study in the CLC on Mondays at 1:00 pm. This class begins tomorrow and runs through August 29. Contact the church office to sign up for this class. Handouts will be provided. Bring your Bibles.

Support Groups Meetings:

- Mondays Grief Support, 3:00 to 4:00pm, B-114, Wesley Hall.
- *Monday, August 15, Stephen Ministry Supervision meets at 6:00pm, Room B-114, Wesley Hall.
- *Tuesday, August 16, Caregivers Support Group, meets at 9:30am in the Church Library.

*A Zoom option is available if you cannot meet in person. Contact Dr. Ann Pearson at 251-928-1148 or ann.pearson@fairhopeumc.org to receive a Zoom invite or for more information.



Emergency Need For Area Hospitals

- Lifesouth will be hosting a Blood Drive every Wednesday in August, at the Piggly Wiggly Shopping Center parking lot from 11am 6pm
- The church will be hosting a Blood Drive on Sunday, August 28th, 9am to 1pm, Parking Lot.



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Children's Sunday School (Kicks off TODAY) Sunday Mornings, 9:45am, Pier Hallway, 2nd Floor

3s & 4s – Room B107 ` 1st Floor Kindergarten – Yellow Room 1st Grade – Blue Room 2nd Grade – Green Room 3rd/4th Grades – Aqua Room

5th/6th Grades – Purple Room

This week's lesson: The Armor of God, The Belt of Truth

Children's Church

Sundays, 11am Kids' Church, Pier Room, 2nd Floor

After kids are dismissed to kids church during service, they will join us in the Pier Room for a special video lesson and activities!

This week's lessons: Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Pier Kids and Swift start August 17th Kid's Choir starts August 24th





3rd Grade Biblepalooza
August 26th - 6-7:30pm - Fellowship Hall
3rd grade Bible recipients and their Bible Buddies
are invited to join us for a night of getting to know
your Bible. Dinner provided.
RSVP to Mrs. Jenna

JOB OPENING!!!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSISTANT/INTERN OPENING: We are currently looking for a Children's Ministry Assistant/Intern. This is a part-time position that works with our Children's Minister to love, teach, and reach the children in our church and community. If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please contact Mrs. Jenna at jenna.hood@fairhopeumc.org.





To stay up-to-date, make sure to join our Facebook group, https://facebook/groups/fairhopeumckids & follow us on Instagram @fairhopeumc_childrens_min.

Sign up to receive all the reminders and updates about our activities and events!

Scan the code or <u>CLICK HERE</u> to visit our LINKTREE that contains links to the most current information! Forms, Pier Kids, SWIFT, Kid's Choir registrations, and more.



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Student Ministry

Middle School (7th & 8th grade) High School (9th-12th grade)



*Register for all S.A.L.T. Student Ministry programs through our Linktre.

For more information on Student Ministry, subscribe to our weekly text messages by clicking the link above.

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH begins August 14th @ 6:00-8pm (7th-12th grade)

Sunday Night Youth worship will start back on Sunday, August 14 @ 6:00 pm in the CLC. Join the group for the BIG KICK-OFF with games, fun, prizes, open gym, SNACKS & youth worship. Jam-packed with fun & high energy programming followed by a message designed just for students! OPEN GYM-6:00 pm/ PROGRAM-6:30 pm





COMMUNITY GROUPS begin Wed, August 17

@ 6:00-7:30pm

(Grade Level C-Groups)

Community group registration for the '22-'23 school year are now open! C-Groups are small groups divided by grade level that meet weekly with committed and dedicated adult leaders who strive to connect, serve and help our students grow in their faith with God & one another. This mid-week program is the perfect way for students to get-to-know each other and adults who truly care and want to walk with them in their faith journey.

Sign-up on our linktre at the top of the student ministry page. OPEN GYM @ 6 pm/ C GROUPS @ 6:30 pm (NEW ENDING TIME START & ENDING TIMES.)



Library News: An Update on Our Upgrade!

Since our church library has acquired an online database program, our volunteers have been busy with data entry, culling our shelves, adding new books, and creating a new checkout process. So far, we have input over **700 volumes!** Our upgraded system will be able to send emails to members letting you know when your books, CDs and DVDs will be due.

We are looking for a small bookcase, and we need your help. If you have one that is approximately 42" wide by 42" high please call Kimberly at 251-214-5449. You can receive a gift-in-kind donation receipt for tax purposes.

We are also putting old church directories on display for members to take. If you've ever been curious about what our church family looked like 20 plus years ago, now is your chance to peek into the past! They are available on the coffee table in the upstairs elevator lobby by the library.

Many thanks to these ladies who are continuing to make our library a vital part of our religious education and enlightenment: Lynn Askew, Jane Barton, Nancy May, Kimberly McKeough, Lucy Sowell and Lynn White.

Donations are always welcome. You may leave them on the cart next to the library computer or in a box underneath the desk.

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY! COMMUNITY CAFE' IS OPEN FOR LUNCH! 11:00 AM-1:00 PM DONATION ONLY CAFE' VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PROVIDE DESSERTS AND DELIVER MEALS!

