

**Gathering Music**

\*Music

\*Welcome & Announcements

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed ~ No. 881

\*Music

**Pastoral Prayers**

**Children's Moment**

Following the children's moment, all children will remain in the Sanctuary with their families. There will be no children's church today.

**Offertory Prayer**

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**"Christmas Mourn"**  
Linda Goodman

Offering plates will be located by the doors as you exit the Sanctuary.

\*Scripture **Colossians 3:12-17 ~ New Testament, Pew Bible ~ Pg. 178**

**Message**

**"The Difference Christmas Makes"**  
Rev. Bill Price

\*Closing

You may pray at the altar during the closing song.

**Reception of New Members**

Mike & Lorie Thees

\*Please stand as able.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR & WELCOME!**

As the song goes...fast away the old year passes. Every New Year holds new opportunities and new challenges. It is a time when resolutions are normally made to leave behind negative habits or attitudes and "resolve" toward making positive changes. Or perhaps we might renew commitments we have neglected. It is certainly a time for us to reevaluate or reassess our lives to resolve in greater ways to carry out what we pray every Sunday, that God's will to be done on earth (in us) as it is in heaven. As we begin the New year in just a few days, there is some good news to share:

We are pleased to welcome our new Children's & Nursery Ministries Director, Kellie Isbell, to the SFUMC family. Kellie comes with strong experience in leading children to Christ both in church settings and in the community. Her enthusiasm and passion shine with an authentic heart to serve Christ and God's children through leadership, spiritual guidance, organization, communication, and fervent prayer. Kellie's resume includes successful work in nursery coordination, fundraising, summer camps, children's programming, and volunteer coordination. She resides in Daphne, Alabama with her loving husband and two children.

We pray that our church family will join us in prayer for Kellie as she makes her transition into the calling of this role at SFUMC. May we support her and welcome her with the love of Christ. Welcome to Kellie and the entire Isbell family.

Blessings, Pastor Bill

**REMEDY YOUTH** | January 2 | 6:00 p.m. | West Campus | Youth Area | Our Sunday night Remedy group (grades 9-12) begins again on this date. There will be worship and praise for youth which incorporates fellowship and servitude opportunities. For more details contact [youth@spanishfortumc.org](mailto:youth@spanishfortumc.org).

**CATAPULT YOUTH** | January 5 | 6:00 p.m. | West Campus | Youth Area | Our Wednesday night Catapult group (grades 6-8) begins again on this date. It is a weekly time that involves prayers, worship, fellowship, games, and service opportunities with biblical guidance. For more details contact [youth@spanishfortumc.org](mailto:youth@spanishfortumc.org).

**PRIME TIMERS (55+) FELLOWSHIP HOUR** | January 6 | 10:00 a.m. | Main Campus | Fellowship Hall | It is Coffee Time! This will be a recurring event on the first Thursday of each month. Coffee and water will be provided by the church and if you feel led, bring a snack to share. This will be an informal opportunity to meet and chat. Occasionally, we plan to have speakers and/or programs in conjunction with the coffee and fellowship time. For more details call the office.

**CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION** | January 9 | 1:00 p.m. | Main Campus | Fellowship Hall | Our 2022 Confirmation Class is being prepared to help navigate our teenagers (6<sup>th</sup> grade and up) through exploring their faith, professing their faith, learning about church membership, and becoming active in their faith practices in their church. If you desire to speak to someone about your child being a Confirmand for 2022, please contact Pastor Kitsy Dixon at 251-626-1334 or [kitsy@spanishfortumc.org](mailto:kitsy@spanishfortumc.org).

**KIDZ UNIVERSITY** | January 12 | 6:00 p.m. | West Campus | Children's Area | Our Spring 2022 season of Kidz University (formerly LOL, Extreme, & Jam Kids) will begin on this date. Join us, weekly, for FREE FOOD, games, crafts, music, fun, and study of the word of God. If you are interested in serving as a substitute volunteer or as a teacher, please call Pastor Kitsy Dixon in the main office at 251-626-1334 or email her at [kitsy@spanishfortumc.org](mailto:kitsy@spanishfortumc.org).

**WINTER REVIVE 2022** | January 14-16 | Blue Lake Camp | Be in prayer with our youth as they prepare to attend Winter Revive. They will depart from the church on Friday January 14 at 4:00 p.m. All forms and money owed (\$165) is due by January 2, 2022 at Remedy. Scholarships are available. For more information, and to pick up your registration and consent forms contact Zack McCraw at [youth@spanishfortumc.org](mailto:youth@spanishfortumc.org), or contact our church office at 251-626-1334.

**PRIME TIMERS (55+): VIKINGS BEGIN TOUR** | January 20 | 2:00 p.m. | Offsite @ the History Museum of Mobile | Climb abroad for the Vikings Begin Tour at the History Museum of Mobile. We will depart from the church parking lot at 12:30 p.m. Cost for entry is \$8 and cash will be collected when you arrive at the church parking lot that day. Please call the church office to register by January 13, 2022 at 251-626-1334.

**CONFIRMATION MENTORS & LEADERS** | Confirmation begins in January and we are in need of mentors/leaders to help guide our students through their weekly classes. Each Sunday, our confirmands will meet in small groups with confirmation mentors. The relationship between the confirmation mentors and the confirmands will help to build support in knowledge, mission, prayer, and service. Our mentors provide a willingness to walk alongside our students as they explore their faith. If you are interested in becoming a confirmation mentor, please contact our offices at 251-626-1334 and speak with Pastor Kitsy Dixon.

**CONTRIBUTIONS** | All contributions for the current year, 2021, must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31, 2021 to receive credit for the current year. Statements will be sent via email to the address we have on record between January 15 - 31, 2022. Should you need to have your email updated and/or sent by the US Postal Service, please contact [Faye Childers](mailto:Faye Childers) in the church office.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed this week.

### SUNDAY | December 26

10:00 a.m. Blended Worship Service (Main Campus | Sanctuary)  
12:00 p.m. Pre-Recorded 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Broadcast  
[103.3 FM/840 AM Radio]

### MONDAY | December 27

10:00 a.m. Solo Senior Men Meeting (Offsite | Sp. Fort Municipal Bldg., Back Patio)  
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Main Campus | MB100)

### TUESDAY | December 28

9:00 a.m. Prodissee Pantry Open Until 11:30 a.m. (9315 Spanish Fort Blvd.)  
4:00 p.m. Men's Small Group (Main Campus | MC100)  
7:30 p.m. Men Of St. Joseph (Main Campus | MB102)

### WEDNESDAY | December 29

5:30 a.m. Men's Accountability Group (Main Campus | Fellowship Hall, MC101)

### THURSDAY | December 30

6:00 a.m. Men's Accountability Group (Main Campus | MB100, Upper Reed)  
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Main Campus | MB100)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

01/02 | Remedy Resumes  
01/04 | Uniform Closet Open  
01/05 | Catapult Resumes  
01/06 | Prime Timers Fellowship Hour Begins  
01/06 | Missions Team Meeting  
01/08 | UMM Breakfast & Meeting  
01/09 | Confirmation Orientation  
01/10 | Trustees Meeting  
01/10 | Isaiah II Bible Study Begins  
01/12 | Kidz University (Children's Wednesday Night Ministries) Resume  
01/13 | Worship Team Meetings  
01/14 | Revive Camp Begins  
01/17 | Church Office Closed  
01/20 | SPRC Meeting  
01/20 | Prime Timers: Vikings Begin Trip  
01/23 | Confirmation Classes Begin  
01/24 | Finance Meeting  
01/31 | Church Council Meeting

~see church calendar at [www.spanishfortumc.org](http://www.spanishfortumc.org) for more details~

\*If your classes or Bible studies are being completed via Zoom or other virtual means, each ongoing or new event will receive specific instructions via email.

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## ONLINE Giving



- Give ONLINE on our website at [www.spanishfortumc.org/giving](http://www.spanishfortumc.org/giving)
- Scan the QR code to the left with your cell phone/app
- Text SFUMCGIVE to 73256 and follow the link
- Log into the Realm Connect app on your phone
- To set up a regularly scheduled automatic withdrawal from your bank account, contact Faye Childers in the church office or via email: [faye@spanishfortumc.org](mailto:faye@spanishfortumc.org).
- Mail check to 6530 Spanish Fort Blvd., Suite D, Spanish Fort, AL 36527
- Drop in mail slot by the church office front door.

Thank you for your continued giving, especially during these difficult times.

*\*all gifts are tax-deductible and a year-end giving statement will be prepared for you for tracking and tax purposes.*



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CHRISTMAS

*Welcome*

December 26, 2021