

PASTOR'S NOTE

My "old school" experience has me recalling when the school year started after Labor Day. Hard to believe that we are almost a month into the school year now! September starts the Fall season! As I was thinking about Fall season I was reminded of the military term, "Fall in!". It is a directive for a soldier to find their place in line or in the specific formation. From a spiritual perspective we would like for everyone to "fall in" to a place where you are connecting in the formation of what God is doing in the church and community and in your own personal life. "Fall in" to worship! Both personal worship in your own devotional life and into the corporate worship of the larger church. "Fall in" to a Bible study or Sunday Class or small group. "Fall in" to some place of service within the walls of the church or in the greater community. This Fall we have generated several places where you can participate and "fall in" to experience greater spiritual formation in your own life and seek in greater ways to follow Jesus.

Interestingly, another understanding of "fall in" is to give way or break down. Like when you have a ceiling "fall in" or a structural wall "fall in". I think there is a rather obvious connection wherein we might say, "Fall in" to worship, study and serving so that your life does not "fall in". Or when the ceiling does seem to "fall in", your life does not "fall apart". The Fall activities all surround our key mission to worship, study and serve and are designed to help us all "fall in" behind our Savior and seek to follow Him in greater ways.

"Falling in" behind our Savior,
Pastor Bill

WORSHIP

OPEN PRAYER | Ongoing | Main Campus | Sanctuary
You may come to pray in the Sanctuary during this very informal time for the church and its leadership, especially our own church. You can come pray and leave as you desire. The Sanctuary will be open each Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. and each Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call the church office at 251-626-1334.



ONE BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE | September 4 | 10:00 a.m. | Main Campus | Sanctuary | There will be one combined, blended service on this date. There will be no Sunday School, Nursery, Coffee Fellowship, Children's Church, or Remedy.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

CATAPULT | Ongoing | 6:30 p.m. | West Campus | Youth Area | Grades 6-8 are welcome to join us on Wednesday nights for fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, please email youth@spanishfortumc.org.

KIDZ UNIVERSITY | Ongoing | 6:30 p.m. | West Campus | Children's Area | Pre K - 5th grade children are welcome to participate in age level programs that study God's word through the stories in the Bible, play games, make crafts, learn worship songs, and grow in fellowship with one another and in relationship to Christ. If you have any question, please email Kellie Isbell at children@spanishfortumc.org.



ACOLYTE TRAINING | September 11 | 1:30 p.m. | Main Campus | Sanctuary | All 3rd - 8th graders are invited to serve as acolytes during our 8:45 a.m.

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Regular Schedule

Traditional Worship - 8:45 AM (Sanctuary, Main Campus)

Discipleship Hour - 10:00 AM (In Person & Zoom)

Contemporary Worship - 11:00 AM (Sanctuary, Main Campus)

CHURCH INFORMATION

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Friday 8 a.m. - Noon

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Traditional Worship Services. Please join us for this interest meeting and training opportunity. For more details contact Bonnie Hariel in the church office at 251-626-1334 or email bonnie@spanishfortumc.org.



AGAPE HANDS PUPPET TEAM INTEREST MEETING

September 11 | 4:00 p.m. | We would love to have you join the Agape

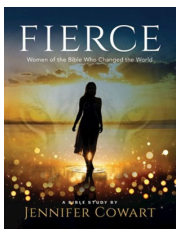
Hands Puppet Team for the 2022-2023 school year! If you are interested and in grades 7-12, please plan to attend this meeting. For more information call the church office or email elizabeth@spanishfortumc.org.

STUDY

ART OF PARENTING | Ongoing | 6:30 p.m. | West Campus | WD101, Office Area | Please join Teri Smith and Jason Lober as they lead this 8 week study of parenting. For more information, please contact the church office at 251-626-1334 or email ministries@spanishfortumc.org.



PHILIPPIANS BIBLE STUDY | Ongoing | 6:30 p.m. | West Campus | WD105, Children's Area | Stand and strive in the Faith of the Gospel as we explore Paul's letter to the Philippians. Topics will include: humility, hardship, love, service, and God's glory. Join Rev. Dr. Kity Dixon for this new study through October 5, 2022. For more information please call the church office at 251-626-1334 or email kity@spanishfortumc.org.



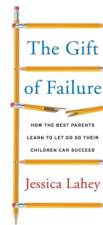
WOW BIBLE STUDY (WOMEN OF THE WORD) | Ongoing | 6:30 p.m. | West Campus | WD102, Office Area | We are a faith based study for women of all ages. This study will be "Fierce" by Jennifer Cowart for 6 weeks. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 251-626-1331.

GRIEF SHARE | Ongoing | Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m. | Main Campus | MB100, Upper Reed



We invite you to join our group where we will journey with you through the deep hurt and loss of your loved ones. We will provide a supportive community to help you navigate from mourning to joy. Grief Share is a 13 week interactive group, with sessions being led by compassionate leaders of our church family. For more info or to register call the office at 251-626-1334.

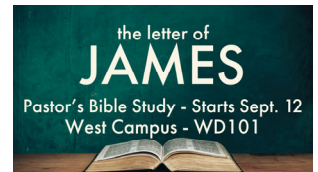
GRIZZLY BEARS BOOK CLUB | Ongoing Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | West Campus WD103, Office Area | Men will meet to discuss a book read during the week. The book for the Fall Semester will be "Wild at Heart." For more info contact Caleb Reeves at mandycreeves@gmail.com.



MAMA BEARS BOOK CLUB | Ongoing | Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | West Campus | WD109, Children's Area | Women will discuss a book read during the week. The book for the Fall semester will be, "The Gift of Failure." For more information please contact Mandy Reeves at mandycreeves@gmail.com.

THIRSTY THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY | September 1 | 1:00 p.m. | Main Campus | MC100, Parlor | Join this group of ladies as they study and explore God's Word a little deeper by using a Topic Study Guide Book. For more information please contact the office, 251-626-1334 or Cari LeMaitre at carissal@bellsouth.net.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: JAMES | September 12 | 2:00 p.m. | West Campus | WD101, Office Area | Join Pastor Bill as he leads an eight week study based on the book, "The Letter of James" by Abson Joseph. The study book is \$16 and you may register for the class and purchase your study book through the church office. For additional information please contact the office at 251-626-1334.



WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY | September 7 | 9:00 a.m. | West Campus | WD101, Office Area | Join this group of eager Bible studiers as they gather each Wednesday morning to study various books each semester. For more information please contact the church office at 251-626-1334 or email Gail Yance at kathouse@att.net.

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John and Lisa Hamilton; OMS International (Uruguay)
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Monica Maxwell; IMB Connecting (Southern India)
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COMMUNITY



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP | Ongoing | 9:45 a.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | Join us for coffee between services. If you or your class would like to help out with this weekly event, please contact the church office at 251-626-1334.

SARAH SHEPPARD CIRCLE

September 8 | 10:00 a.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | Join this group of ladies of the United Methodist Women's organization of service, each second Thursday of the month. You will enjoy a time of sharing, hearing from occasional speakers, Bible study and missional focus. For more details, please contact Debbie Wallace at mwwal@bellsouth.net.



PRIME TIMERS (55+) FELLOWSHIP HOUR |

September 1 | 10:00 a.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | This is an informal opportunity to meet and chat. For more information, call the church office.

SOLO SENIOR MEN | Mondays | 10:00 a.m. | Back Patio of the Spanish Fort Municipal Building | You are invited to join this group of men for a time of fellowship. For questions, please call the office at 251-626-1334.

PRIME TIMERS GAME DAY | September 14 (2nd Wednesdays) | 3:00 p.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | We had so much fun at our first Game Day, we are going to have them monthly now for games and fellowship. For more details, please email Asher Carmichael at accarmic985@aol.com or call the church office at 251-626-1334.

UMM MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP |



September 10 (2nd Saturdays) | 8:00 a.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | Men of the church please join us as we enjoy an

outstanding breakfast with a healthy mix of fellowship, prayer, and the Word of God. We would love to see you then and bring someone with you. For more details about this meeting or the United Methodist Men, contact Ken Coale by email at gk.coale@gmail.com.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT | September 17 | 7:00 p.m. | Main Campus | Back Parking Lot | Join us in the back



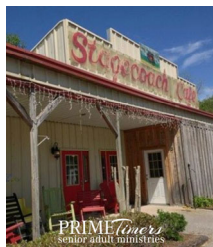
parking lot for Family Movie Night! Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets. Snacks, drinks, and candy will be provided. Watch our social media accounts to check out

what film we will watch. For more information please email children@spanishfortumc.org or call Kellie Isbell at 251-753-8650.

SFUMC VETERANS SERVICE MINISTRY | Sept 21 (3rd Wednesdays) | 6:00 p.m. Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | Join us for a gathering of all veterans for support, information, connections, and growth. For more details, contact the church office.

PRIME TIMERS STOCKTON TRIP |

September 23 | 10:30 a.m. | We will leave the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. by bus to enjoy lunch at the Stagecoach Restaurant and afterward tour the surrounding area and visit Fort Mims. The lunch will be \$13 plus tip and taxes. Please register by calling the office at 251-626-1334 or emailing ministries@spanishfortumc.org by the end of the day Tuesday, September 20, 2022.



PRIME TIMERS BLUE ANGELS TRIP

| October 19 | 8:15 a.m. | Pensacola | Prime Timers will depart the

sanctuary parking lot at 8:15 a.m. to Pensacola and board the Pensacola Bay Ferry to watch the Blue Angels practice their routine. After, we will eat at Englewood All-in-One Restaurant (approx. \$15/each). Reservations and ferry fee (\$25/person) must be made and paid at the church office by September 16, 2022. For more information, please contact Sandra or Asher Carmichael at acarmic985@aol.com.



PRIME TIMERS LAKE GUNTERSVILLE TRIP |

November 10 | Lake Guntersville State Park | We are planning a two night stay at Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge. The price of the rooms

for 2 nights will be approximately \$307. This amount does not include meals. Rooms need to be reserved **no later than September 1, 2022** by calling 256-571-5440, ext. 0 and using our group code #9699 and name Prime Timers. Online reservations may also be made at alapark.com, using the same group code above.

After making reservations please call Christi in the church office to let her know that you have made your reservations and whether or not you would like to ride the church bus (limit 28). Others may provide their own transportation and/or carpool with others. For more details, please call Sandra Carmichael at 251-751-3928.

BAPTISMS |

Braden Phillip Robbins, son of Ben and Kristy Robbins on August 21, 2022.

DEATHS | Our condolences and prayers are extended to:

The family of Susan Jennings. Mrs. Jennings passed away on August 3, 2022.

Julie Scott and family on the death of her father, James Robert Key. Mr. Key passed away on August 15, 2022.

Shannon Brown and family on the death of her mother, Judy Cave Boucher. Mrs. Boucher passed away on August 16, 2022.

SEPTEMBER 18 - 6 PM

MAIN CAMPUS | SANCTUARY

CHURCH

INFORMATION MEETING

CHURCH INFORMATION MEETING | September 18 | 6:00 p.m. | Main Campus | Sanctuary | This will be an information meeting regarding issues affecting our denomination and how this impacts the local church. For more information, please contact the church office.



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- Log into the Realm Connect app on your phone
- Set up a regularly scheduled automatic withdrawal from your bank account, contact Faye in the church office or at faye@spanishfortumc.org.
- Mail check designated as offering to 6530 Spanish Fort Blvd., Suite D, Spanish Fort, AL 36527
- Drop in mail slot by the church office front door.



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