

PASTOR'S NOTE

Late last year you received communication that our Council voted to engage a formal discernment process regarding disaffiliation. Much prior and leading up to the Council voting, there were information meetings last year. If you missed the information meetings there is a tab on our church webpage that will give pertinent information from those meetings. Our Council also selected a Discernment Task Group consisting of Jim LaRose (former Council Chair), Pat Kimble (current Council Chair), Jason Lober, Laura White and Pat Shubird. They are working on assembling current information that will hopefully answer further questions about disaffiliation and prospective options moving forward. We anticipate another information meeting to be presented by this Task Group later this month or in early March.

In the formal process of discernment there is a required Town Hall Meeting led by our District Superintendent, Dr. Debora Bishop. Our Town Hall Meeting should be coming up relatively soon and would be held in the Sanctuary. All church members are welcome to be present for this meeting. We will communicate via email, slides, social media, etc. when the actual date is determined.

I continue to call us to pray for the direction of our church in this formal discernment time. We are continuing to be the church and live out the mission of Christ as we worship, study and serve.

Blessings and Prayers, 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. For more information, please call the church office at 251-626-1334.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

BLUE LAKE METHODIST CAMP | February 3 | All current 3rd-5th Graders are invited for a weekend of fun, campfires, and learning about our Lord! You can register at: <https://bit.ly/sfumcblwc>. For questions, email children@spanishfortumc.org or call 251-753-8650.

CHILDREN SINGING IN

WORSHIP | February 12 |
8:45 a.m. | Main Campus |
Sanctuary | Everyone is

welcome to come worship with us each Sunday on our Main Campus in the Sanctuary. This particular Sunday during our 8:45 a.m. worship service our Children's Choir will be singing. For more information please contact Bonnie Hariel at bonnie@spanishfortumc.org.

REMEDY YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY | February 12 |



6:30 p.m. | West Campus |
WC112, Youth Area | 9-12
grade. We will be partying
and watching the Super

Bowl. For more information contact Zack McCraw at youth@spanishfortumc.org or call 850-982-1718.



CATAPULT BOWLING NIGHT

(TENTATIVE) | February 15 |
Eastern Shore Lanes | For more
information call Zack McCraw
at 850-982-1718 or email
youth@spanishfortumc.org.

REMEDY HS RETREAT | February 19 |
1:00 p.m. | Camp Dixie, Elberta | 9th -
12th Graders | \$10-15 each |
Registration required. For more details
contact Zack McCraw at 850-982-1718
or email youth@spanishfortumc.org.



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

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Regular Schedule

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

Discipleship Hour - 10:00 AM (Both Campuses)

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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REMEDY YOUTH | Ongoing | 6:00 p.m. | Sundays | West Campus | WC112 | Remedy (9-12th grades) | This is a time to gather for fellowship that is about being inspired by who God is and striving to grow in our desire to follow Him fully. If you have questions, email youth@spanishfortumc.org.

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

SERVE



MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT SERVING THE LORD | John and Lisa Hamilton; OMS International (Uruguay) Ronnie and Nanny Calvert (Quito, Ecuador) Monica Maxwell; IMB Connecting (Southern India) The Ellis Family (US Currently)



ASH WEDNESDAY SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER | February 22 | 5:00 p.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | Everyone is invited to come for this special "Missions Team Ash Wednesday Dinner." You will enjoy fellowship and delicious homemade spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and desserts. *All donations will go towards the 2023 Costa Rica Mission Trip.* For more information, please contact the church office at 251-626-1334.

KIDZ EATZ PACK DAYS | February 28 | 9:00 a.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | Come help pack meals for 5 local elementary school's children in need. The next scheduled dates after this one are March 22, April 26 and May 8. If you would like more information, please contact Anne Davis at jams4mom@gmail.com.

Kidz EatZ Pack Days
2-28, 3-22, 4-26, 5-8
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STUDY

Bible Studies



1 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY | Ongoing | Weekly on Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | West Campus | WD105, Children's Area | Join pastor Bill as he leads the Bible Study of 1 Corinthians. Study material will be supplied. For additional information, please contact the church office, 251-626-1334.

WATERMARK SS - NEXT STUDIES | February 19 | 10:00 a.m. | West Campus | WD108, Children's Area | Please join the Watermark Adult Sunday School class for one or all of its spring studies: Making Sense of the Bible by Adam Hamilton; February 19 - April 9: Finding God Faithful by Kelly Minter; April 16 - June 4: The Chosen, Season 3: The Way of the Chosen by Amanda Jenkins et al. For more information, please contact Michelle Pennington at pennington.sm5@gmail.com.

ART OF PARENTING | Ongoing | 6:30 p.m. | Weekly on Wednesdays | West Campus | WD105, Children's Area | Please join Teri Smith and Jason Lober as they lead this 8 week study of parenting. This semester's class will be facilitated by Megan Bias and Ashley McKeithan. The study will be on "Spiritual Parenting". We will not meet on 2/22 or 3/29) For more information, please contact the church office, 251-626-1334 or ministries@spanishfortumc.org.

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

GRIZZLY BEARS BOOK CLUB | Ongoing | Weekly on 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 information please contact Caleb Reeves at mandycreeves@gmail.com.

MAMA BEARS BOOK CLUB | Ongoing | Weekly on 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 Reaves at mandycreeves@gmail.com.

THIRSTY THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY | Ongoing | Weekly on Thursdays | 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.

BREAD OF LIFE CHRISTCARE GROUP | Ongoing | Weekly on Wednesdays | 10:00 a.m. | West Campus | WD105 | This group meets weekly for Bible study and exploring ways to be missional servants for Christ. For more information, please contact the church office.

WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY | Ongoing | Weekly on Wednesdays | 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, 251-626-1334 or Gail Yance at kathouse@att.net.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: 1 CORINTHIANS | Ongoing | Weekly on Tuesdays | 2:00 p.m. | West Campus | WD101, Office Area | Join Pastor Bill as he leads a study on 1 Corinthians. You can purchase your book through the church office. For additional information please contact the church office, 251-626-1334.

COMMUNITY

SARAH SHEPPARD CIRCLE | Ongoing | 2nd Thursdays 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 VALENTINE'S DAY DESSERT SOCIAL



February 14 | 2:00 p.m. Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall Join the Prime Timers' as we

celebrate Valentine's Day with a dessert social. Entertainment will be provided by former "Platters" member, Charles "Bo" Grant! You are invited to bring a favorite dessert dish if you desire. Please make reservations by calling the church office at 251-626-1334 by February 10th. For more information please contact Sandra Carmichael at sansandra7425@aol.com.

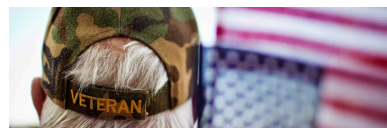


PRIME TIMERS (55+) FELLOWSHIP HOUR | Ongoing | First Thursdays | 10:00 a.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | This is an informal opportunity to meet and chat. For more information, call the church office.

PRIME TIMERS GAME DAY



Ongoing | 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 Game Day once a month! For more details or questions, please email Asher Carmichael at accarmic985@aol.com or call the church office at 251-626-1334.



SFUMC VETERANS SERVICE MINISTRY

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.

GRIEF SHARE | March 1 | 6:00 p.m. | Main Campus MB100, Upper Reed Building | Grief Share is a model of support that helps those grieving do so with comfort and hope. Seeing grief as a journey helps us navigate the course with support and resources. Please join us so we can help you foster community, build relationship, and sit with our compassionate facilitators who are all too familiar with the journey of grief. Grief Share is a 13-week program where you are free to attend when you are able, and still have access to the support and resources needed on this journey. We are praying with you and for you, and we look forward to having you be part of this support group. For more details call the church office at 251-626-1334.



UMM BREAKFAST & MEETING | 2nd Saturdays | 8:00 a.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall All men are invited to attend our monthly (second Saturday) breakfast and meetings. For more information please contact Ken Coale at gk.coale@gmail.com.

SOLO SENIOR MEN | 10:00 a.m. | Off Campus | Spanish Fort Municipal Building | Back Patio | You are invited to join this group of men for a time of fellowship each Monday. For more information please contact David Massey at 251dcm@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER | Weekly | Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | Make plans to join us for Wednesday night supper and fellowship. Following the meal everyone will be dismissed to attend their Wednesday night classes.



Main courses will be published in the weekly calendar in the bulletin. Please make reservations by calling the church office, 251-626-1334 or emailing ministries@spanishfortumc.org by

the Sunday prior to the Wednesday Night Supper. Donations are greatly appreciated! We look forward to seeing you there!

DEATHS | Our condolences and prayers are extended to:

The family of Dr. Mike Williams. Dr. Williams passed away on January 19, 2023.

Ashley Sweetland, MaryLou Garcia and Haynes Atkins on the death of their mother, Sabra Atkins. Mrs. Atkins passed away on January 20, 2023.

Catherine Adkins on the death of her husband, Mr. David Adkins. Mr. Adkins passed away on January 27, 2023.

NEW MEMBERS | Phillip Hess; Sylvia Ensley



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- Give ONLINE on our website at www.spanishfortumc.org/giving
- Scan the QR code with your cell phone/app
- Text SFUMCGIVE to 73256 and follow the link
- 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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