

PASTOR'S NOTE

We are still working through our 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting in our discernment process. The prayer guide that went out last month is a great way to reinforce your daily devotions and prayer for the many different ministries of our church. Each day there is a focus on a particular ministry. I would encourage you to keep the prayer guide and use it beyond these 40 days. Actually, it would be a great spiritual exercise to carry with you throughout the year as we continue to pray for our church, the vital ministries and recurring needs.

The instruction of Jesus in the gospels echoes our human dilemma, "Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation. The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mt 26:41). These words of Jesus were spoken in the famous scene of Jesus praying in the Garden before he was arrested and handed over to be crucified. He desired that his disciples watch and pray. But they did something very human. They fell asleep. Jesus' words are echoed by the letters of the New Testament teaching us to be fervent, constant and persevering in our prayers. So, friends I encourage you to follow the instruction and example of Jesus and the believers in the Early Church when they devoted themselves to prayer. This is a season for us to watch and pray as we come to make important decisions in the life of our church.

Blessings, 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 (Wednesday @ 7 a.m. or Thursday at 6 p.m.). For more details, please call the church office at 251-626-1334.

PRAYER MINISTRY | Ongoing | Calling all prayer warriors interested in joining our Congregational Care Prayer Ministry, lifting others up in prayer. If you are interested, please contact Cari LeMaitre at carissal@bellsouth.net or call the church office.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

AGAPE HANDS Puppet Team
AGAPE HANDS PUPPET TEAM INTEREST MEETING
September 10 | 4:00 p.m.
West Campus | WD104, Children's Area | We would love to have you join the Agape Hands Puppet Team for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested and in Grades 7-12, please plan to attend this meeting. For additional information, please visit our website at www.spanishfortumc.org/agape-hands or call the church office at 251-626-1334.

ACOLYTE TRAINING | September 10 | 2:00 PM | Main Camps | Sanctuary | Children (3rd grade and older) and Youth are encouraged to train for this awesome service. For more details, contact Mike Owenby in the church office at worship@spanishfortumc.org.

STUDY



WATERMARK CLASS |
September 10 | 10:00 A.M. | West Campus | WD108, Children's Area Join us for Shaken: "Discovering Your True Identity in the Midst of Life's Storms", a four session study by Tim Tebow. For more details call the church office at 251-626-1334 or email ministries@spanishfortumc.org.

EPHESIANS BIBLE STUDY | Weekly on Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. | West Campus | WD101, Fellowship Hall | It began on August 30, but there is still time to join us. Everyone is welcome to participate in this 12 week Bible Study on Ephesians. Books may be purchased through the office for \$15 each. Please call the office to register, 251-626-1334 or email faye@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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WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY | September 6 | 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 at 251-626-1334 or Gail Yancey at kathouse@att.net.



WATERMARK CLASS | October 8 10:00 a.m. | West Campus | WD108, Children's Area | Join us for "Pathways: From Providence to Purpose", a six session study by Dr. Tony Evans. For more information call the office at 251-626-1334 or email ministries@spanishfortumc.org.



DIVORCECARE | September 13 | 6:00 p.m. Main Campus | MB100, Upper Reed | Divorce is a heartbreaking experience, but God is close to the broken-

hearted. DivorceCare is a support group designed to help you manage the emotions of a painful divorce, through implementation of biblical and foundational healing. A study book is required for this group and the cost is \$20.00. Once you register for the class, the church office will order your study book. If you would like further information, please contact Kitsy Dixon by email at kitsy@spanishfortumc.org or call the church office at 251-626-1334.

SERVE

ALL CHRISTMAS SINGERS WANTED! | Ongoing Tuesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Main Campus | Upper Reed Building | The Sanctuary Choir will present the Christmas Celebration, "The Thrill of Hope", on Sunday morning, December 17. Your voices are needed to expand our choir for this event. Please join us for this great experience.

Rehearsals began recently but there is still plenty of time to join us! For more information contact Mike Owenby in the church office at 251-626-1334 or email worship@spanishfortumc.org.

HANDBELL CHOIRS - RINGERS WANTED! | Handbell Choirs are underway. If you play an instrument and can sub-divide counting rhythm, we are open for a few more ringers. For more information contact Mike Owenby in the church office at 251-626-1334 or email him at worship@spanishfortumc.org.

KID TALK FACILITATORS NEEDED | Starting in September | Offsite at Dumas Wesley Community Center in Mobile | Facilitators Needed - We have been given the opportunity to share "Kid Talk - A faith-based curriculum for grieving children." We will travel there to share this curriculum as part of their after-school program. The program will take place from

4:30-5:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons. If you have any interest in being a part of this program or have questions, please contact Kitsy Dixon by email at kitsy@spanishfortumc.org or call the church office. At 251-626-1334.



KID TALK FACILITATOR TRAINING | September 5 6:00 p.m. | West Campus | WD101, Office Area | For those who have been led to serve the Dumas Wesley Community After School Program on navigating grief and loss, please be prepared to attend these important training dates: 9/5/23 (6 PM) and 9/11/23 (5 PM). For additional information please contact Kitsy Dixon at kitsy@spanishfortumc.org or 251-626-1334.

KIDZ EATZ VOLUNTEER PACK DAY | September 13 10:00 a.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall Join us in the fellowship hall as we pack meals for our needy local school children. The next scheduled date after this one will be October 4th. For more information please call the church office at 251-626-1334.

COMMUNITY

UMM BREAKFAST & MEETING | September 9 | 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.

PRIME TIMERS GAME DAY | 2nd Tuesdays | 3:00 p.m. Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | Games and fellowship for 55+. For more information please email sansandra7425@aol.com.

PRODISEE PANTRY TURKEY TROT | October 28 | 7:30 a.m. | Come out and support the Prodissee Pantry by participating in a 5K Race or 1 Mile Fun Run in the heart of Daphne. Your registration helps them and their volunteers provide a traditional Thanksgiving meal to thousands of Baldwin County families this holiday season. For more information, please go to: <https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Daphne/ProdisseePantryTurkeyTrot>



SARAH SHEPPARD CIRCLE

September 14 (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.

SOLO SENIOR MEN MEETING | Weekly on Mondays | 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.



PRIME TIMERS - FRIDAY NITE OUT | September 29 6:00 p.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | The "Blue Anchor Belles," a 40's & 50's styled singing group will be performing for the PrimeTimers. The group is reminiscent of the Andrew Sisters, performing patriotic and swing music. We will have a covered dish dinner with fried chicken strips provided. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert! Please make reservations by September 26th by calling the church office at 251-626-1334.



DEATHS | Our condolences and prayers are extended to:

Steve Huffaker and family on the death of his mother, Wilma Huffaker. Mrs. Huffaker passed away on August 1, 2023

Pam Fulton Britain and family on the death of her Father, Walter R. Fulton. Mr. Fulton passed away on August 5, 2023

Rita Wright and family on the death of her husband, Steve Wright. Mr. Wright passed away on August 14, 2023.

Alma Bayles and family on the death of her husband, Glenn Bayles. Mr. Bayles passed away on August 23, 2023 .

NEW MEMBERS |

Tom and Barbara Blakeney
Lisa Owenby
Monette Walker



THANKS |

Thanks to everyone for your continued prayers, cards, and visits during my time of recovery. I feel very blessed to have so many friends who have continued to keep me in prayer. May God bless you and Spanish Fort United Methodist Church.

~ **Charlie Green**

Thank you for your help with contributions for the construction cost of the Hands of Joy Mission Trips in Costa Rica. The work would not go on each year without the generosity of your church.

~ **Karen Freeman, Hands of Joy**

We deeply appreciate your continued support and our campers do too! God Bless our friends at Spanish Fort UMC. Your continued support is an incredible blessing!

~ **Pat Newton, Blue Lake Camp**

Thank you so much for your donations. Your kind generosity has helped us to open our doors to serving over 100 homeless women and children each year, offering life skills that will change lives.

~ **Becky Tate, Baldwin Family Village**



BLOOD DRIVE | September 24 | 8:00 a.m. | Main Campus | Sanctuary Parking Lot | For more details, call the church office at 251-626-1334.

MIDWEEK! | Ongoing | Wednesdays Beginning at 5:00 p.m. | Both Campuses | All other activities for adults and children will begin at 6:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise. If you have questions please contact the church office at 251-626-1334 or email ministries@spanishfortumc.org.



SFUMC COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL & 5TH FAMILY SUNDAY | October 29 | Main Campus | Multiple Locations | Starting at 10:00 a.m. | Join our church family as we come together for one service at 10:00 a.m. followed by fellowship with each other by sharing in a family style meal and Fall Festival starting at 11:00 a.m.! The main dish and drinks will be provided by the church. As it gets closer, you will be able to sign up to bring a side dish or to volunteer to assist. Please note in the comment section what you will be bringing. Wear your costumes to the Fall Festival and enjoy games, music, food, and fellowship for all ages. There will be no Coffee Fellowship or Sunday School classes, but there will be Children's Church and Nursery at the 10:00 a.m. service time. For questions call the office at 251-626-1334 or email ministries@spanishfortumc.org.



KAIROS OUTSIDE | A ministry that shares the love of Christ with those impacted by incarceration. It offers prison residents, their families, and those who work with them the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness through faith in Jesus. If you are interested in helping or donating to this ministry in October, please get in touch with Kitsy Dixon in the church office at 251-626-1334 or email kitsy@spanishfortumc.org.





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- 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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