

## PASTOR'S NOTE

Recently I made a trip to Easley, SC to participate in the funeral for my Uncle Silman. Interestingly, he was the last child born of the 6 children of my mother's family on the last day of the year December 31, 1938. I was reminded how quickly his generation is passing. But for that matter how quickly every generation passes. He had no children. And there were no relatives that lived close to him. I mention this because of his incredible church family that became his caregivers, prayer warriors, personal taxi service and whatever else might be needed. I was amazed at how the church family became family to him in the small community. It was a great picture of the church in action, the church being the church. I was truly humbled to know the sacrifices that were made by people who loved him as if they were blood relatives.

The church has many functions related to our mission. We focus on worship, study and service. And we engage our ongoing mission to fulfill the great commission that Jesus gave us (Mt. 28). But it was a very inspiring experience to personally see the church as the Body of Christ in a time of greatest need. I am thankful for my church family here at Spanish Fort as I see similar things happening for those who have faced personal loss of precious loved ones. I pray we will continue to be the Body of Christ, Jesus' hands and feet in our world, in the most personal ways for others in their time of greatest need.

Thankfully, 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.

## STUDY

**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 email [ministries@spanishfortumc.org](mailto:ministries@spanishfortumc.org) or call the church office at 251-626-1334.

**WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY** | October 4 (Weekly on Wednesdays) | 9:00 a.m. | West Campus | WD101, Office Area | This small group Bible study is open to anyone wanting to join. They study a variety of subjects and books are available through the leader, Gail Yance. If you are interested in learning more about this group of Bible scholars, please email Gail Yance at [kathouse@att.net](mailto:kathouse@att.net) or call the office at 251-626-1334.



**DIVORCECARE** | Ongoing | 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](mailto:kitsy@spanishfortumc.org) or call the church office at 251-626-1334.

## SERVE

**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](mailto:kitsy@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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**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](mailto: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](mailto:worship@spanishfortumc.org).

**KIDZ EATZ VOLUNTEER PACK DAY** | October 4 | 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 dates after this one will be October 18, 25 and November 30. For more information please call the church office at 251-626-1334.

## COMMUNITY

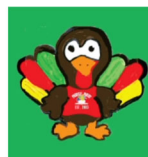


## PRIME TIMERS SENIOR EXPO TRIP

**PRIME TIMERS SENIOR EXPO TRIP** | October 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Baldwin County Coliseum & Fairgrounds | Prime Timers will be attending the Baldwin County Senior Expo at the Baldwin County Coliseum & Fairgrounds in Robertsdale. There will be free medical screenings, vaccinations, entertainment, local vendors, door prizes and giveaways. Free event and all participants receive a free lunch and a tote bag. We will gather and leave from the Main Campus parking lot at 10:00 a.m. by church bus. Please make reservations by calling the church office at 251-626-1334 by October 9th.

**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](mailto:sansandra7425@aol.com).

**PRIME TIMERS LUNCH BUNCH** | October 26 | 10:30 a.m. | Pedro's Mexican Restaurant; Robertsdale, AL PrimeTimers Lunch Bunch is going to Pedro's, which is new to Robertsdale, with a great venue and superb Mexican food! Please make reservations by calling the church office by Monday, October 23 at 251-626-1334.



## Prodisee Pantry Turkey Trot October 28 - 7:30 AM

**PRODISEE PANTRY TURKEY TROT** | October 28 | 7:30 a.m. | Come out and support the Prodisee 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/ProdiseePantryTurkeyTrot>

**UMM BREAKFAST & MEETING** | October 14 | 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 [qk.coale@gmail.com](mailto:qk.coale@gmail.com).

**SARAH SHEPPARD CIRCLE** | October 14 | 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](mailto:mwwal@bellsouth.net).



**SFUMC COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL & 5TH FAMILY SUNDAY** | October 29 | Main Campus | Worship @ 10:00 a.m. & Fall Festival @ 11:00a.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 a Fall Festival starting at 11:00 a.m.! All are welcome at God's table for we are all family! The main dish and drinks will be provided by the church. If you want to show off your costume - we would LOVE it! Signup and comment with what side dish you will be bringing or if you want to volunteer to serve here: <https://bit.ly/FallFest5th>. If you would like to volunteer for the Fall Festival please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/FF5SignUp> Please contact the church office for more information, 251-626-1334 or [ministries@spanishfortumc.org](mailto:ministries@spanishfortumc.org).



## NEW MEMBERS |

Keith Bailey  
Kerry and Peggy Vix



## THANKS |

Thanks to everyone for your September contributions to the Maui relief efforts through UMCOR! If you feel so led, you can still donate through the church office.

~ **Missions & Service Team**

We have appreciated your love, support, and friendship over the years. We pray the Lord will continue to bless you richly. We will also be praying for the church in the days and months ahead as changes and transitions come! Much love and blessings.

~ **The Ellis Family**

Every family that walks through our doors feels the love of your generosity. And thanks to your support, we can help them focus on the health of their sick child. Thank you for helping us meet the daily needs of our families. We could not do this without you.

~ **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mobile**

Our work begins with you. Through your faithful partnership with UMCOR and Global Ministries, our missionaries are equipped for holistic ministry that transforms lives and communities through the love and good news of God.

~ **UMCOR/Global Missions**

I write this full of gratitude for all that has been given, forgiven, accomplished, and learned. I am filled with delight for so many beautiful people in our life like you who care and contribute.

~ **OneMission**

**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](mailto:ministries@spanishfortumc.org).



**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](mailto:251dcm@gmail.com).



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS** | November 5 |  
Remember to set your clocks back before your go to  
bed the night before by 1 hour!



As we continue into the Fall activities, we want to remind everyone of our Communications Policies and Procedures. If you have opted in to receive email communications, you should be receiving an email shortly with a copy of the Communications Policy and Meeting/Class/Event Request Form soon. The Communications Policy and Meeting/Class/Event Request Forms are available in several formats including Word and PDF. Printed, blank event forms can be located in the church office. And finally, there is a link to the fillable PDF form which can be downloaded and used from our website at [www.spanishfortumc.org/info](http://www.spanishfortumc.org/info) (towards the bottom of the page) then emailed to us.

Please *fill in all areas*, even if they are not applicable, to avoid delays in processing. Once completed, please *email your forms* to [faye@spanishfortumc.org](mailto:faye@spanishfortumc.org) AND [jennifer@spanishfortumc.org](mailto:jennifer@spanishfortumc.org). Also, *if you have changes or cancellations* please email Faye and Jennifer to let them know. Our Policies and Procedures apply to ALL staff members and ALL congregation members or guests. Please, do not call the office and request that they fill them out for you. **When in doubt fill it out!**



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- Give ONLINE on our website at [www.spanishfortumc.org/giving](http://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](mailto: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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