

PASTOR'S NOTE

"Behold, I make all things new." ~ Revelation 21:5 (KJV)

We are entering a New Year - 2024. For some, this past year was difficult. Personal losses, loved ones passing, job losses, financial failures, and marriage difficulties (and the list goes on) deeply impacted your lives. As with every New Year, we are hopeful that 2024 holds new possibilities and new opportunities that will bring better circumstances and positive change. Hence, we continue with the common greeting, "Happy New Year!" But even if there is no positive change, perhaps our attitude or mindset might be renewed as we face similar challenges in 2024. If you are a sports fan, you know that momentum can change in a play or quarter or between the first and second half of ball games. The New Year is a great time to start with a "clean slate" to break from past habits, mistakes, and failures. As others have indicated, a New Year can become like a "new lease" on life.

Yet we know that a New Year cannot change our vulnerability or remove risks or diminish our mortality. Last January, I had a personal loss of my brother and niece separately. I certainly hope this January has more positive events. But there are so many events and experiences that are not within our control or ability to change. Such things must be left in the hands of Almighty God. But whatever 2024 might hold, we are trusting in One who stands above time and without limits of time or space. The New Year should serve as a greater reminder that the old is passing and the new is coming and already here. But even further, we live in the certain hope that God will make all things new. As we recently sang in the wonderful Christmas carol, "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight". Our hope remains in the Christ who makes all things new! So we can still say...Happy New Year!

Blessings for the New Year,

Bill

HAPPY
new year

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.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

COME GO TO SCHOOL WITH US! 2024-2025 SFUMP REGISTRATION



01/22/24 - current SFUMP families
01/23/24 - current SFUMP families
01/24/24 - SFUMC families & current waitlist families
01/25/24 - Open to the public

Call or email for more information:
preschool@spanishfortumc.org
251-626-1380



SFUMP REGISTRATION | Jan 22 & 23; Registration will be open for all current students. | January 24; 9:30 a.m., Main Campus, Fellowship Hall - Registration will be open for members and those on the wait list. | January 25; 9:30 a.m., Main Campus, Fellowship Hall - Registration will be open to the public. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email preschool@spanishfortumc.org.

CATAPULT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP |

Resumes on January 10 | Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. | West Campus | WC112, Youth Area | Join us each Wednesday night in the Youth Area for a time of worship, praise, study, fun and fellowship. (Grades 6th - 8th). For more information please contact Zack McCraw at 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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CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION 2024 - INFO MEETING | January 7 10:00 a.m. | West Campus | WC112, Youth Area | If your child is in the 6th - 12th grade, we invite you to prayerfully consider the next step of your child's faith journey - Confirmation. The first class for Confirmands and parents begins on January 21, 2024. The cost is \$50. For more details or to register, please go to www.spanishfortumc.org/confirmation, call the church office, use the QR code to the right or email Kitsy Dixon at kitsy@spanishfortumc.org.



CONFIRMATION 2024 CONFIRMAND CLASSES | January 21 | 10:00 a.m. | West Campus | WC112, Youth Area | Families if you have a child in 6th - 12th grade, we invite you to prayerfully consider the next step of your child's faith journey - confirmation. Confirmation classes for Confirmands will start on January 21 and go through April 7. The cost for books/class/event is \$50.00 and is payable upon registration. Please see Pastor Kitsy Dixon for more information, email her at kitsy@spanishfortumc.org or call the church office at 251-626-1334.

CONFIRMATION 2024 PARENT CLASSES | January 21 | 10:00 a.m. | West Campus | WD102, Children's Area | Confirmation: What's A Parent to Do? Pastor Bill will teach a parent's course on Confirmation to help support and encourage parents whose children are preparing to be Confirmands at SFUMC. For more information please contact the office at 251-626-1334.



BLUE LAKE CHILDREN'S WINTER RETREAT
February 2 Blue Lake
Parents of 3rd - 6th graders, it's time to register your child.
Register at: [https://](https://bluelakecamp.com/retreats-events/)

bluelakecamp.com/retreats-events/ When registering, be sure to indicate that your child is part of the SFUMC. For questions, please contact Kitsy Dixon or Elizabeth DeRocher in the office by calling 251-626-1334 or emailing kitsy@spanishfortumc.org.

WINTER REVIVE | January 12
Off-Site | Text Zack if you have questions.



KIDZ UNIVERSITY | Resumes on January 10 | Wednesdays | 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 children@spanishfortumc.org.



REMEDY YOUTH | Resumes on January 7 | 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.

inspire. equip. unleash.

remedy youth  High School Ministry

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CONFIRMATION MENTORS NEEDED | Adults, come be a part of our Confirmation Mentor Team for 2024. As our confirmands walk the journey of faith, they will need spiritual guidance and leadership to help assist them. If your calling is spiritual development for youth, then we have a welcoming space for you here. Please see Pastor Kitsy Dixon for more information or by email at kitsy@spanishfortumc.org or call 251-626-1334.



WEDNESDAY SUPPER TEAM & VOLUNTEERS MEETING

January 3 | 2:30 p.m. | West Campus | WD101, Office Area | Whether you are already a member of the team or would like to help with the Wednesday Night Suppers, this meeting is for you! We will be discussing some changes and future menu items. If you have any questions, please contact Christi in the office at 251-626-1334 or by email at ministries@spanishfortumc.org.

STUDY

WOW BIBLE STUDY - NEW STUDY | West Campus | WD102, Office Area | Women of the Word (WOW) will be starting a new study, She Hears, by Rachael Groll on Wednesday nights starting January 10th at 6:30 p.m. For more information please contact Laura Maxwell at lauramax@gmail.com.

Women of the Word

"She Hears" Bible Study

Begins January 10
@ 6:30 PM

www.spanishfortumc.org/info



**Begins
Jan 17**

**led by
Pastor
Kitsy Dixon**

**GOD ALSO HAS
QUESTIONS
TO ASK YOU**

Adult Bible Study

www.spanishfortumc.org/info

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: GOD ALSO HAS QUESTIONS TO ASK YOU... | January 17 | 6:30 p.m. | West Campus | WD101, Office Area | Join Pastor Dixon in a reflective study on the biblical understanding on how and why God questions us. This study: God Also Has Questions To Ask You will invite us to go deeper into personal reflection, and to humbly approach God so that we can become stronger vessels of His Word. Cost of the lesson book is \$15 each and can be picked up in the church office after the first of the year. For more information, please contact Kitsy Dixon by email at kitsy@spanishfortumc.org or call the church office at 251-626-1334.

MIDWEEK! | Resumes January 10 | 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.



PRIME *Timers* senior adult ministries

PRIME TIMERS – SPECIAL EDITION FELLOWSHIP

January 4 | 10:00 a.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | During our normal fellowship on the first Thursdays of the month, we will have a special guest, Petite Byrd, from the Spanish Fort Senior Center. They will be speaking on senior activities available at the Spanish Fort Town Hall Center. For more details email sansandra7425@aol.com or call the office.



PRIME TIMERS FRIDAY NIGHT OUT

January 26 | 6:00 p.m. | Main Campus MC101, Fellowship Hall | Join the Prime Timers in the Fellowship Hall for chili and a movie, "Welcome to Paradise." No need to bring anything other than a cushion or comfy chair if needed. Please make reservations through the church office by January 22nd. For more information please contact the SALT team at 251-751-3928.



DIVORCE CARE | Main Campus MB100, Upper Reed | Our SFUMC DivorceCare Group is open to anyone going through complications and struggles of a divorce. DivorceCare is a

Christian based program that helps foster community, and biblical insight, for the broken-hearted. A study book is required for this group and 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 in the church office at kitsy@spanishfortumc.org or 251-626-1334.

AIRBUS

PRIME TIMERS AIR BUS/ FLIGHT WORKS ALABAMA

TOUR | January 18 | Leaving Main Campus | Sanctuary Parking Lot | 12:00 p.m. | We will tour Flight Works Alabama and the Airbus Assembly Line. You must ride the bus for this event and it is limited to the first 28 people who sign up. The bus will leave promptly at 12:30 p.m. so you will need to arrive by Noon in the Sanctuary Parking Lot. Airbus requires a photo ID for each visitor to be submitted at least 1 week prior to the tour. To register, you must go into the church office and have a copy of your state/federal issued photo id AND pay for the tour (\$24) no later than January 8, 2024. There will be at least 30 minutes of standing involved on this trip. If you have questions, please call Sandra Carmichael at 251-751-3928 or email her at sansandra7425@aol.com.

NEW MEMBERS |

Victoria Hartley

BAPTISM |

Zelda Ruth Hartley

OFFICE CLOSED | The church office will be closed January 1, 2024. Our staff prays you have a safe and Happy New Years.

CONTRIBUTIONS | Statements for 2023 will be sent out between January 15 - 31, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Faye Childers in the church office at 251-626-1334 or by email at faye@spanishfortumc.org.

Missed Worship?

Check out 103.3 FM or 840 AM

*Sundays
at Noon*

www.spanishfortumc.org/info





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ONLINE *Giving*

GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE |

- 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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