

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Church Family,

This is likely my last Contact article. Mere words can never express our gratitude in serving this great church for 15 years. But more than the length of time, the breadth and depth of events and experiences have generated so many positive and powerful memories. We have witnessed every age and stage of life in a full range of ministry events from newborn babies to the passing of our most senior adults. We have witnessed baptisms, confirmations, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, worship experiences (especially at Christmas Eve and Easter), ordinations, becoming debt free, mission trips, ongoing missional endeavors, VBS, retreats and camps. These are a few of the most significant experiences that remind us that God has done great things.

But beyond our memories, these experiences have eternal significance in lives changed by God's grace, and more personally, our own lives. We have also known trials and storms like stock market/housing market crashes, the Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster, hurricanes, tornados and then the Covid Pandemic. Through the good and bad times, we have witnessed the true church (God's called out people) in action. I am grateful to have witnessed the church being the salt and light and the hands and feet of Christ and to join with you in serving our Lord.

Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us that there is a time for everything. There is a season for every activity under heaven. Our family is very grateful for this incredible season of our lives in shared ministry with our church family here. As Paul wrote to the Philippians church, "I thank God every time I remember you". Our last Sunday will be June 9th. We pray for the transitions ahead and for greater direction on what God has in this next season of our lives. On behalf of my family, I extend our sincere gratitude for your love, support, prayers and many acts of kindness. May we all keep our eyes fixed on the Lord Jesus as we face these days ahead and until the day He calls us home.

Prayerfully and Thankfully, Bill

WORSHIP



Acolyte Ministry **ACOLYTE SIGN UP** | Going on Now | Anyone who is 3rd grade and up who would be interested in becoming an acolyte, please contact Mike Owenby in the church office at 251-626-1334 or email worship@spanishortumc.org. If you are currently an acolyte please sign up at the following link for a time to serve: <https://bit.ly/SFUMCAcolyte2>.

COMMUNION SUNDAY | May 5 | 8:45 & 11 AM | Main Campus | Sanctuary | This Sunday is Communion Sunday so we will not offer a Children's Moment or Children's Church. We invite you and your children to join us in family worship so that your children can partake in communion with their church family. Our children are precious in God's sight, and to their church family. Having them in worship means so much because they are indeed the future of our church. We hope to see you, and all the children of your family, in our worship service on this Sunday. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN'S CHOIR, KIDZ UNIVERSITY, & CATAPULT Ends May 8 | Wednesdays | These three Wednesday night activities will end on May 8 until the Fall Semester starts back. If you have any questions, please email ministries@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

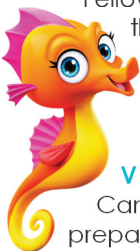
Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Friday 8 a.m. - Noon
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Register now!
Family Night
June 9
Vacation Bible School
June 10-13
Both 5:30-7:30 PM

www.spanishfortumc.org/vbs

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | June 10-13 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Main Campus Various Areas | You can sign up using the qr code above or visiting www.spanishfortumc.org/vbs.

VBS VOLUNTEER MANDATORY MEETING | June 9 | 2:00 p.m. | Main Campus | Sanctuary and MC101, Fellowship Hall | All VBS Volunteers will meet in the sanctuary for a mandatory meeting. Please contact Elizabeth DeRocher in the office for additional information at 251-626-1334 or children@spanishfortumc.org.



VBS PREP DAY | May 6 | 10:00 a.m. | West Campus Children's Area | Join us as we prepare for VBS 2024 - Scuba - Diving Into Friendship with God. For more information please contact Elizabeth DeRocher by phone at 251-626-1334 or by email at elizabeth@spanishfortumc.org.

SCUBA VBS FAMILY KICKOFF | June 9 5:30 p.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | Parents will have the opportunity to pick up their children's t-shirts and confirm registration details. Please bring your family for some VBS fun! For more information, please call Elizabeth DeRocher in the church office, 251-626-1334 or email elizabeth@spanishfortumc.org.



VBS - SCUBA | June 10-13 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Main Campus Various Areas | We will take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! Please register by May 15th to ensure you get a t-shirt! For details and registration click the QR code to the right or go to www.spanishfortumc.org/vbs. If you have questions, contact Elizabeth DeRocher in the church office at 251-626-1334 or email her at elizabeth@spanishfortumc.org.



HS SENIOR BRUNCH | May 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | Our high school graduating seniors will participate in a brunch in the Fellowship Hall during the 10:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour. For more details, email Zack McCraw at youth@spanishfortumc.org.

HS SENIOR RECOGNITION | May 12 | 11:00 a.m. | Main Campus | Sanctuary | Our high school graduating seniors will be recognized during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. For more details, email Zack McCraw at youth@spanishfortumc.org.

Senior Recognition
May 12 - 11 a.m.

For details contact youth@spanishfortumc.org

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.

SPANISH FORT HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE SERVICE | May 12 | 5:00 p.m. Main Campus | Sanctuary | We have been given the opportunity to host this year's Spanish Fort High School Baccalaureate Service in our sanctuary. For more info please email youth@spanishfortumc.org.

Spanish Fort High School

Baccalaureate Service

May 12
5:00 PM

www.spanishfortumc.org/info

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NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

contact children@spanishfortumc.org

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | If you would like to serve in the nursery on Sunday mornings, please email Elizabeth DeRocher at children@spanishfortumc.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS | Wednesdays | 5:00 p.m. | Main Campus | MC101, Fellowship Hall | The last Wednesday night meal until the Fall Semester will be May 8! If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 251-626-1334 or email ministries@spanishfortumc.org.

UMM BREAKFAST & MEETING | May 11 | 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.



United Methodist Men's Meeting & Breakfast

May 11 ~ 8:00 a.m.
Main Campus ~ MC101,
Fellowship Hall

www.spanishfortumc.org/info

PRIME TIMERS PICNIC | May 2 | 11:00 a.m. | Five Rivers Delta Center Pavilion | Prime Timers will meet at and have a picnic under the Pavilion. Bring your own picnic lunch for a few hours of socializing in nature and exploring the Five Rivers Center. Bring your own folding chair. For more information contact Asher or Sandra Carmichael at 251-751-3928.



PRIME Timers

**FIVE RIVERS
DELTA CENTER PICNIC**

MAY 2

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PRIME TIMERS GULFQUEST TRIP | May 17 | 9:30 a.m. GulfQuest National Maritime Museum, 155 Water St, Mobile, AL | Prime Timers will visit the Center and have lunch afterwards at R&R Seafood. Tickets to GulfQuest



PRIME Timers

GULFQUEST

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

MAY 17

DEADLINE TO REGISTER MAY 13

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are \$11 each. You must make reservations by taking your money to the church office by Monday, May 13th. First 28 to ride bus. For more information contact Asher or Sandra Carmichael at 251-751-3928.

PRIME TIMERS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL TRIP | July 13 | 8:30 a.m. | Alabama Shakespeare Festival, 1 Festival Dr., Montgomery, AL | Prime Timers will travel to the Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery to see "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat." We will eat lunch at Full Moon BBQ prior to the play. Tickets are \$45.00 each. You must make reservations by paying for tickets no later than June 3rd. Cancellation must be made by June 13th. First 28 to ride bus. For more information contact Asher or Sandra Carmichael at 251-751-3928.



PRIME Timers

JULY 13

DEADLINE TO REGISTER JUNE 3

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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 the church office at 251-626-1334.

DEATH | Our pastors and staff would like to express our condolences to:

Lamar Miller on the death of his wife, Mrs. Kathy Miller. Mrs. Miller passed away on April 16, 2024.



Missed Worship?

Check out 103.3 FM or 840 AM

Sundays at Noon

www.spanishfortumc.org/info

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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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