

NEWSFLASH

SEPTEMBER 2024

*Fall Kick-Off &
Festivities*

*plus
Bible Study
Opportunities*

*See inside for more
information!*

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Chairman: Michael Bolter

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John Alessandrine

FAIRWAY SCORE CARD

August Averages

New Members since January 1, 2024 = 58

Avg Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 653

(4 Week Avg. for August 2023 = 582)

Online Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 83

Avg. Offerings Received (4 Wks) = \$ 30,993

Worship Services

Contemporary

Saturdays at 6pm

Sundays at 8:30am

Traditional

Sundays at 10:30am

Adult Sunday Bible Study

Classroom C-D

9:00 am & 10:00 am



Creative Card Ministry

Women's Creative Card Ministry

1st Thursday of every month
10 am - 12 pm

Supplies needed: Cutter, Scissors, and Adhesive. Supplies are available for newcomers.

Sign up at the Kiosks or website if you plan to attend.

Next: September 5, 2024
Fellowship Hall



Photos for the Online Church Directory will be taken in the lobby of Door D.

Occasionally Saturdays will be announced.

Next Pictorial Directory opportunity:
Sept. 8th

9:50-10:20AM

Welcome!

New Members

Rita Myer
Mallory Square

Peter Nicholas
Pine Hills

Jean Gafford
De La Vista/Villa Valdez



Our mission at Fairway Christian Church is to GO

into our community, SOW the gospel, and GROW disciples to change the world!

Men's 9-hole 4-Man Golf Scramble

Friday, October 4

Tee times starting at 1pm
Eagle Ridge Golf Course

\$25 + tax

Food & Fellowship afterwards!

Invite your friends & neighbors! Sign up at the Kiosk at Guest Services or on our website by Sept. 29

We are requesting (if possible) that you please come to church on Sunday morning in your golf cart and park in the grass. This will help with parking during our remodeling.



GRIEF SHARE

You don't have to grieve alone.

July 10—October 2

Wednesdays, 2pm—4pm,

If you, a friend, or neighbor have lost a loved one, GriefShare is open to all who are grieving. Sign up (recommended but not required) at Guest Services or on our website.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem



Prayer Warriors

Coming together to pray & intercede

Meet in the Library
20 min
before Services

The price of the quarterly Standard Lesson Devotions have increased significantly. If you would like to help offset the cost, envelopes have been placed in the devotion books.



JOIN US
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH
FOR FAIRWAY'S

Fall Kick-Off Ministry Fair

In the Fellowship Hall during the hours of:
8-8:30 am - Coffee & Pastries
9:30 - 10:30 am - Coffee & Pastries
11:30 am - 1:00 pm - Light lunch provided

Come and see what the Ministries of Fairway offer and what you can get involved in.



"Joy Fills Your Cup" Women's Tea Party

Join Fairway Women for an enchanting tea party on **September 19th at 11 AM**. Embrace the elegance of the occasion by dressing in your finest attire and accessorizing with a stylish hat or fascinator. We invite you to bring your favorite teacup to add a personal touch to the event, though we will have some extra teacups on hand if needed. It promises to be a delightful gathering filled with charm, conversation, and, of course, excellent tea. We look forward to sharing this special moment with you!

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Sign up deadline: September 15th

The Military Outreach Ministry is looking for Veterans who are FCC members or regular attenders that would like to be a part of our Veterans Day display. If you have already submitted your name and picture, we do not need you to resubmit. If you have not submitted but would like to do so now, please pick up a flyer at Guest Services and submit by Sept. 30.

Additionally, If you have a friend or loved one that served and has passed, we would love for you to submit their names via our kiosk or our website, so that we may honor them on a scroll.



**New MOAMI class begins
September 12, 2024**

**Moving On Ministry; For Women in
Change or Transition**

**MOAMI will help you LET GO,
START OVER, MOVE FORWARD!**

10-week MOAMI Program Class Schedule:

Thursdays, Sept. 12 - Nov. 14, 2024; 1:00 - 3:30 PM

Registration forms and brochures are available at

1. Women's Table in the Gathering Hall
2. Kiosk at Guest Services

3. Our website at: Fairwaycc.org

Informational brochures are available in the Gathering Hall. You can register on our kiosks or website: Fairwaycc.org.

For more information contact Kitty McIntire:

kittymcintire@aol.com

DAYTRIPPERS NEWS

**DayTrippers - Frank Lloyd Wright History Tour
Thursday, October 17, 2024**

Florida Southern College Lakeland - 90 min. guided tour, that involves a lot of walking & stairs. Learn how Frank Lloyd Wright assembled his vision for the college.

Bus departs Fairway - 8:30am, Returns - 4:30pm

Pick up a flyer at Guest Services with complete details. Sign up at Kiosk or online. Must be booked and paid for by 10/2/24.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, November 21

Clydesdales Christmas Holiday Tour

2pm—9:30pm.

Please save the date and watch for advertisements and sign up 6 weeks prior to the trip.

FALL BIBLE STUDIES

Adult Bible Studies

Sundays, beginning September 8th

9:00 am - *Foundations of the New Testament Church*

10:00 am - *The Letter to the Philippians*

Thursdays, beginning September 12th

9:00 am - *God's Story from Beginning to End*

Women's Bible Studies

Tuesdays, beginning September 10th (Sign up by 8/18)

9:00 am - *Precept Upon Precept: The Book of Job*

(PUP 8:30 - 11 am) (In & Out 9 - 11 am) (PUP 1 - 3 pm)

Tuesdays, beginning September 17th (Sign up by 8/1)

9:00 am - *"Believing Jesus: A Journey Through the Book of Acts"* by Lisa Harper

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays, beginning September 11th

8:00 am - *Practicing the Presence of Jesus*

Discipleship Hour

Wednesdays, beginning September 4th

6:00 pm - *B.L.E.S.S. 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World*

CHOIR

Choir will start back up
Wednesday, September 11th at 4:00 p.m.
No auditions required. Just come.



From The Desk of Your Church Administrator:

On behalf of the Elders and the staff we want to thank you for your partnership. The Forward Initiative program is progressing well.

Please continue to join us in prayer as the Lord provides the funds needed to complete Phase 1 and Phase 2 (Office/Classroom Addition).

As we Go, Sow & Grow we are investing together in the building of the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Proverbs: 16:3 ESV, "commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."*

NEW ELDER: JERRY BENWARE



Jerry grew up in Malone, New York. After graduating from Siena College with a degree in Economics, he was commissioned as a 2LT in United States Air Force in 1972. During his Air Force service, he attained a MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1977. He retired from the Air Force in 1992 as

the Commander of an Air Force Detachment. In the civilian world, he worked for the University of Southern Indiana Continuing Education. Later he entered the private industry as plant manager, and worked with a start-up software company as training manager. In 2005, he purchased a franchise business, SportClips, and settled into entrepreneurship.

He grew up in the Catholic Church and began reading scripture and attending Bible studies in a Christian Church in 1997, when he met Barb, his wife. He gave his life to Christ in 2004 when he was baptized at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY. He became active in life groups, Bible study classes and men's Bible study. In 2015, he sold his business and he and Barb retired. After arriving at The Villages, searching for a Christian church was the first order of business. Our criteria were Bible believing, walking, teaching and growing church. Fairway Christian Church was a perfect match!

Initially, Jerry was active working as an usher and then as lead coordinator for the team in the early service. In 2022, he accepted the role as Director of our Forward Initiative. In early 2023 he was asked to lead the Men's Ministry. It's been deeply rewarding to watch the men at Fairway enjoy new fellowship and increase numbers in fellowship and Bible study. Jerry and Barb have been married over 25 years, have 4 boys, and 6 grandchildren.

They both meet with neighbors weekly to study the Bible. He has met and lead study with 12 men for 2 years in different homes. What a blessing it is to have freedom to reach out to neighbors and ask them to join in a spiritual growth experience.

Happy Birthday From Fairway

Beginning in September, "Key" Calhoun will be calling our church members and attenders to wish them a Happy Birthday!!! This is our church reaching out to you on your special day to say we care about you. So, listen for the call from "Key".

Blessings, Bob Harris



ELDERS

Elder Meeting Minutes August 19, 2024

The August Elder's meeting was called to order with the following elders present: Harry Harris, Fred Holland, Paul Cook, Jerry Benware and Roger Brown. Presenters attending: the Preaching Minister, Butch Gastfield; Church Administrator, Chris Callahan; and Chairman of the Deacons, Michael Bolter. In addition, a guest presenter, Dana Parker (Love, INC) was in attendance.

Paul presented the opening meditation and prayer.

The July minutes were accepted and approved.

At the beginning of the meeting Harry noted that Jerry Benware received a unanimous vote from the congregation to be appointed for a three-year term as an elder of Fairway Christian Church effective August 18th.

The Deacon's report was presented by Michael. He mentioned that Carl Roberts was recognized as the Deacon of the Month. The Deacons are continuing to support the visitation ministry. They are reviewing the Deacons hand book, both for update, and for individual reminders of responsibilities and guidance contained therein. He also shared that the Deacons have covered all the events over the past month. The Deacons continue to strive to provide a cheerful and inviting welcome for our members and guests as they come into our building and worship center. It was noted by Roger that Michael was recognized in the last Deacon's meeting for the excellent example he sets with his involvement in a myriad of ministries throughout the church in addition to his duties as Chairman of the Deacons. The Deacon's leadership encourages all Deacons to be serving in ministries in various areas of the church and they are responding with enthusiasm.

The Administrative report was presented by Chris. The July financial report was approved. Chris provided his monthly update on the current status of Phase 1 FORWARD Initiative Campaign pledges noting that receipts are still on track. The Phase 2 funding support currently has ninety formal pledges totaling a little over \$312,000. We continue to pray that we will reach the \$1 Million goal for Phase 2 pledges this year. Chris shared that we can expect a huge expansion of visible construction work ongoing throughout September. Work will start on the new men's restroom, gathering area wall relocations and ministries storage areas. Selection of final interior flooring and finishing materials is ongoing by the Building Leadership Team as they continue to work hard in support of the overall church renovation project. A new replacement telephone system has been approved and Chris is in the process of finalizing that effort.

The Preaching Minister's Report was presented by Butch. He also submitted the extensive monthly written reports submitted by each of the Associate Ministers. Butch has been meeting with six members to teach the "Doctrines" class in order to qualify them to fill teaching and/or break-out group positions in the fall. He noted that openings for the Fall session of Discipleship Groups will be advertised during the last week of August and the first week of September. There are already two new groups that have leaders in place. Butch noted that October will be "Missions" month and he addressed some of the planning in process for that. He will be starting a new five-part series in September entitled "B.L.E.S.S." – How to "love" your neighbors for Christ. In the Associate Minister's reports several highlights were mentioned: Tom Beckner conducted a coordination meeting for Discipleship Group leaders preparing them for the fall session to start the week of September 8th. Michael Coppick noted the choir will resume September 11th, with fifty members. Bob Harris has vigorous programs ongoing with the Visitation Team and the Senior Health and Wellness Ministry, as well as supporting outreach Sunday services conducted at several local Independent and Assisted Living facilities. Jim Jacobs continues to support the Church Plant efforts in addition to teaching classes and preaching. He is preparing an exciting class

to be presented in the fall.

Under Old Business, discussion centered on the need to update our Church By-Laws. The initial draft of this is in process. With the addition of Jerry Benware as an elder, the organizational chart must be revised, and this action is underway.

Under New Business, Harry Harris welcomed and introduced Dana Parker from Love INC.

Dana shared details regarding the services and programs that Love INC. provides to churches and the communities for those individuals needing assistance. It was noted that our relationship/partnership is strong and vital to ensure success in supporting our community. Paul gave testimony of how Love INC has helped a family in our church. In closing, Dana shared the need for volunteers in two critical Fairway leadership positions at Love INC.: church liaison and a representative to serve on the Board of Directors for Love INC.

The next monthly Elders meeting is scheduled for September 16th.

DEACONS

SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH

Today, we take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to Deacons Jerry Heller and Tom Mansdoerfer, whose service and tireless efforts have profoundly impacted Fairway and our entire congregation.



Jerry Heller



Tom Mansdoerfer

Whether their participation and support at worship services, their presence at church events, supporting the many deacon duties, or their willingness to lend a helping hand whenever needed, they have both consistently demonstrated what it means to be a true servant.

As we reflect on Jerry's and Tom's many contributions to Fairway, we must express our gratitude. They have given their time and energy to the deacons' ministry. Fairway is blessed to have such members whose service and dedication shine brightly. Their examples of service will continue to inspire us for years to come.

Thank you, Jerry and Tom, for being an example of service and faith, and a source of strength for our deacons. Your kindness and humility are qualities that we all admire and strive to emulate.

Although both men are leaving The Board of Deacons, we are incredibly fortunate that they will remain part of Fairway's family. May God continue to bless them abundantly as they continue to serve Him and our church.

If you care to celebrate the joy of serving others, to be part of even one of the many ministries that need your service go to www.fairwaycc.org. Click on Events, Upcoming Events, Special Events, Volunteer Sign Up, or simply use the kiosk at the Guest Services Desk. Call Michael Bolter or the church office at 352-259-9305.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Herb Kessler
Larry Sanders
Sherry Burklow
- 2 Barbara Parello
Steve Koraly
Helen Wildman
- 3 Karen Keeler
Fran Copeland
Yvonne Bargamin
- 4 Elle Belt
Allan Crum
Marshall Ramme
Michael Grubbs
Rob Hamalainen
- 5 Bonnie Westfall
Sue McFarlin
Pat Kent-Murray
Linda Kilgus
William Pope
- 6 Russ Flowers
Cathy Willson
Deborah Beaumont
- 7 Layne Burson
- 8 Dyan Fentriss
George Ciocian
Jim Mattocks
Tim Hoard
- 9 Mark Skirpan
Harry Shaak
Butch Houdeshell
Linda McPherson
Rita Myer
- 10 Monika Mendoza
Maria Langley
- 11 Mel Sweat
Paul Portell
- 12 Ginny Patterson
- 13 Lauren Black
Glen Penuel
Jim Gable
David Amann
- 14 Jim Miller
- 15 Linda Riffle
John Penn
Ben McIntire
Paul Barcus
Dolly McCoy
Curt Morman
- 16 Bill Burson
Debi Ostrander
Bill Boyd
Bill Johnston
Cathy Gipe
- 17 Phyllis Walters
Mike Yochum
John Canale
Claudia Breitenstein
Randy Newman
- 18 Anne Cink
Beverly Martin
Sue Molnar

- Sam Ottenlips
Keith Robinson
Gordon Savage
- 19 Barbara Cooper
Rita Wittig
- 20 Diana Woods
- 21 Sam Skaggs
- 22 Lois Dirks
Kay Roberts
Sharon Brewer
- 23 Conni Henderson
Stewart Smith
Larry Lace
Pat Jarvis
Sue Ramme
Bonna Dohler
Jan Hippe
- 25 Virginia Owen
Judy Smith
Sharon Yochum
- 26 Tom Baggerly
Dorothy Warren
Eileen Bitting
Cindy Jacobs
Kathi Weber
- 27 Dean Nicholson
- 29 Betty Ross
Lori Hollister
Teresa Atkins
- 30 Bill & Langley

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Charlie & Donna Bryant
Bob & Ann McCullough
- 2 Arlona & Garry* Kolb
- 3 John & Marcie Bales
Chris & Sheri Callahan
- 5 Mel & Jenny Sweat
- 6 Dean & Ginny Moffett
Fred & Peggy Holland
- 7 Jim & Geri Mattocks
- 9 Gary & Linda Jennings
- 10 Kent & Joy Anderson
- 11 Vic Chittum & Tammarra Tiffany
- 12 Tom & Ruth Mansdoerfer
Bob & Donna Gall
- 14 Larry & Peggy Alfree
- 15 Bud & Trish Atchison
Tom & Sharon Walsh
Phil & Kathi Weber
- 17 Don & Jo Ann Cole
- 18 Mickey Smith & Carolyn Miller
Bob & Connie Ahlgren
- 19 Butch & Sandi Houdeshell
- 20 Brenda & Russ* Goebel
- 21 Bob Everett & Janet Phillips
- 22 Don & Cindy Wolta
- 23 Jon & Rita Wittig
Michael & Betty Grubbs
- 24 Diane & Dennis* Tucker
- 26 Brandt & Trina Stroope
Bill & Mary Lou Johnston
- 27 Herb & Barb (Wilson) Kessler
- 28 Bill & Chris Raeder
- 29 Tom & Bettie Kroener
Pat & Sue McFarlin
- 30 Cecil & Carol Tomsey
Elmer & Carolyn Henderson



**Women's Fellowship Coffee
Next: September 4
Rm. C-D at 10:00 am**

Ladies, you're invited to a delightful coffee and fellowship gathering! This is the perfect opportunity to meet new friends and experience the warmth of our sisterhood in Christ at Fairway. This is your opportunity to learn about the variety of ministries at Fairway. Don't miss out—sign up now!



Fairway Women have a Friday executive golf group. If you would like to join us please sign up at the Kiosk in the Gathering Hall or on our website. We will contact you in an email each week to determine if you want to play on the following Friday and add you to the golf request.



**Friday, September 13
6:30 pm; Classroom C-D**
Bring your favorite game or come learn a new game. Bring a few snacks to share!

MOVIE NIGHT
"Ordinary Angels "
Friday, Sept. 20th
Snacks -F. Hall; 6 pm
Movie-W. Center; 6:30 pm



Wednesday Night Dinner & Study
September 11, 2024
5:00 pm Dinner & 6:00 pm Study
**Menu: Meatballs, Pasta, Salad,
Garlic Texas Toast, and Dessert**
Sign up for food and fellowship!



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



**Saturday, Sept. 21
F. Hall at 8 a.m.**
Sign up!



SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8am—Coffee Café 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ³⁰ am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 10am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc.	2 Office closed for Labor Day 	3 1:30pm-Wm's Bible Study AV prep. 2pm- Ukulele 4pm- Wm's Feb. Skit Prac.	4 8am-FMS 10am-Wm's Fellowship Coffee 2pm-GriefShare 6pm- Bible Study	5 9am-Bolter Group 10am-Creative Card Ministry 1:30pm-Wm's Feb. Skit Prac. BallGame Day-Trip Bus leaves Fairway at 10am - arrive by 9:45am	6 8:30am - Ministry Fair Set-up 1:30pm - Wm's Feb. Skit Prac.	7 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
8 8am—Coffee Café 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ³⁰ am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 9 ⁵⁰ am—Directory Photos 10am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc. Ministry Fair/Fall Kick-Off	9 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 1pm—Mahjongg 1pm-Saavy Caregivers 3pm-Deacons Mtg.	10 9am-Precept 10am-Tues AM Bible Study facilitators mtg. 11:30am-M.O.M. mtg. 2pm-Ukulele	11 8am—FMS 8am-Men's Bible Study 2pm—GriefShare 4pm-Choir 5pm-Wed. Dinner 6pm-Bible Study	12 9am—Bolter Mtg. 9am-Thurs. AM Bible Study 1pm-MOAMI 3pm—Visitation Mtg	13 10am-Ladies Quartet practice 12:30pm-Wm's Feb. Team Mtg. 6:30pm-Game Night	14 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
15 8am—Coffee Café 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ³⁰ am—Cont. Svc 9am—Bible Study 10am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc. 11:45am—Missions Mtg.	16 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 9am-Elders Mtg. 1pm—Mahjongg 1pm-Savvy Caregiver Seminar	17 9am-Wm's Tues Bible Study 9am-Precept 1pm-Precept 2pm-Ukulele 2pm-Wm Quartet Practice 4pm-Men's Ministry Mtg.	18 8am—FMS 8am-Men's Bible Study 1:30pm-Library Ladies 2pm—GriefShare 2:30pm-Wm's Sept Team mtg. 4pm-Choir 6pm-Bible Study	19 9am—Bolter Mtg. 9am-Thurs. AM Bible Study 11am-Wm's Tea 1pm-MOAMI	20 6pm-Movie Snacks 6:30-Movie	21 8am - Men's Breakfast 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
22 8am—Coffee Café 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ³⁰ am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 10 ⁰⁰ am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc. 12pm-Hospitality Team Mtg.	23 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 1pm—Mahjongg 1pm-Savvy Caregiver Seminar	24 9am-Wm's Tues. Bible Study 9am-Precept 11am-Wm. Oct Team mtg. 1pm-Precept 2pm-Ukulele	25 8am—FMS 8am-Men's Bible Study 2pm—GriefShare 4pm-Choir 6pm-Bible Study	26 9am—Bolter Mtg. 9am-Thurs. AM Bible Study 9am-Card prep 11am-OAC Mtg. 1pm-MOAMI	27	28 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
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Just a Thought

This week (Mon-Thurs, Aug 26-29th) there's been a major increase in "deconstruction" activities around the outside of the building. Notice I said "deconstruction"! Tons of concrete have been separated from the main building, broken up and hauled off. When the heavy equipment begins to drag, drop, crush, and break up the concrete slabs – everybody fe...fe...fe...feels it! It rattles the walls, windows and your teeth! In fact, as I was working on my sermon last week, they were busting up what used to be part of the South portico entrance, and the big claw excavator was crushing huge pieces of concrete just outside my office window! A few days later they were working a jackhammer down the exterior of my office wall.

I love all the activity going on around us! That's because we're seeing the fruit of our prayers, our vision, and our generosity that will position us for increased ministry capacity! As we've been saying all along – the **FORWARD** Initiative is not about buildings – it's about our mission! To expand our capacity to fulfill our mission to **GO**, **SOW**, and **GROW** and become one of the premier disciple-making churches in the tri-county area! God is blessing us!

The new 5 part sermon series - **B.L.E.S.S.** that we've just begun is about challenging us to put feet to our mission to make more disciples - to reach out and love our neighbors and change the world! An exciting component to this series will take place each Wednesday night at 6 p.m. (starting September 4th) as we gather in the fellowship hall. Tom and I will discuss the previous weekend's sermon topic along with Q&A from you and we'll talk about how to apply what we've been challenged to do in the sermon. Also, be sure to take advantage of the other disciple building opportunities in our home discipleship groups, during the Sunday morning Adult Bible study hour and through the week! We give God glory and praise for what He is doing here at Fairway!

Your Preacher, Butch