

NEWSFLASH

OCTOBER 2024



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH FROM 3-5 PM IN CLASSROOM C-D

JOIN US TO HEAR OUR MISSION PARTNERS:

CRA—THE CHRISTIAN RESTORATION ASSOCIATION

GNPI—GOOD NEWS PRODUCTION INTERNATIONAL

TCM INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE

EACH MISSION PARTNER WILL DELIVER A 30-MINUTE PRESENTATION.

SIGN UP AT GUEST SERVICES—SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

YOU CAN VISIT THEIR TABLES ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, TO ASK QUESTIONS & GET
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ON OCTOBER 5-6, JOHN MITCHELL FROM CRA-CHRISTIAN RESTORATION ASSOCIATION
WILL BE PRESENTING THE MESSAGE AT ALL SERVICES.



John Mitchell is the Executive Director of the Christian Restoration Association located in Mason, OH. Previous to that, John served as the Preaching Minister for congregations in Virginia, Florida, and Kansas. He was ordained into ministry in 2003 after serving twenty years in the US Navy as a Submarine Officer. He holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from Clemson University and a Master of Applied Science degree from the Naval Postgraduate School. Additionally, he received a Bachelor and Masters degree from Summit Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Renee, have been married for twenty-four years and have one fourteen-year-old daughter, Madison.

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Chairman: Michael Bolter

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FAIRWAY SCORE CARD

September Averages

New Members since January 1, 2024 = 64

Avg Worship Attendance (5 wks) = 666

(5 Week Avg. for September 2024 = 625)

Online Worship Attendance (5 wks) = 70

Avg. Offerings Received (5 Wks) = \$ 24,961

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: October 3, 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: October 13 9:50-10:20AM

Welcome!

New Members

Jeffery Hays
Fenney/Swallowtail

Ben Gregory
Moultrie Creek

David & Kyra Reed
Moultrie Creek

Arlene Viggiano
Caroline

FIRST STEP

BEGIN THE DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

New to Fairway? Would you like to know more about Fairway? We invite you to our **First Step** seminar running four consecutive Monday evenings from 6-7 pm in classroom C/D. Starts Monday, Oct. 7th with Preaching Minister Butch Gastfield. Sign up at the kiosk!

1-DAY SEMINAR

FRIDAY

OCT. 18, 2024

2 PM - 4 PM

LOSS OF A SPOUSE

SIGNUP

RECOMMENDED

GRIEF SHARE
You don't have to grieve alone.

Next Session: October 23-January 22

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.

Women's Precept Bible Study

Beginning November 12th

8:30 am or 1pm for PUP

9 am for In & Out

Precepts study of "Philippians"

Sign up by October 27th on our kiosk or website, to get a book ordered.

PRAY FOR



ISRAEL

To ensure that your giving is properly credited, please make sure to print your first and last name on your offering envelope and notate what you want your donation applied too. (General, Missions, Forward, Forward Phase 2, etc.)

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.



Prayer Warrior Team

Meet in the Library 20 minutes before Services

Creation Emphasis Series

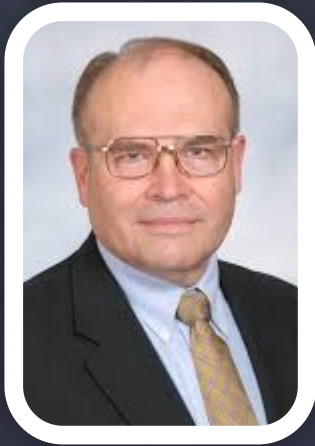
Fairway is pleased to announce that **Dr. Grady S. McMurtry**, Biblical Scientific Creationist, will be speaking on Wednesday through Friday, **October 30, 31, and November 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

Topics:

Wednesday, October 30: *“Why I Believe in a Young Creation”*

Thursday, October 31: *“Dinosaurs and People Did Live Together”*

Friday, November 1: *“The Ark of Noah”*



Dr. McMurtry is a recognized international speaker on the subject of creation vs. evolution, both from biblical viewpoint as well as that of secular science. He has an entertaining and humorous style of presenting scientific fact and Bible truths. His insights into the events of the past will stir your spirit and affirm in your heart the truth about the biblical record of creation, the Flood, and Man.

Be sure to mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this series!

Fairway Women's Ministry Celebrates God's Creation

Thursday, October 24, 2024 11am-1pm

Fellowship Hall (Doors open at 10:30am)



Was there a big bang?



How old is the earth?



Cavemen?



What happened to the dinosaurs



Apes to men?

Dr. Grady McMurtry - of Creation Worldwide Ministries

Get answers to some tough questions!

What does the Bible and Science Say?

Come prepared with your written questions for Dr. McMurtry!

Sign up at the Kiosk or online; Reservation Deadline: October 20 (limited seating)

Good Food, Games,
Fellowship and Fun!

BBQ

M E N S

SIGN UP TODAY!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8
11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19; F. HALL; 8:00 AM

Speaker: Jim Book has been the preaching minister at Kissimmee Christian Church since 2011. He is presently serving on the Board of Directors of the Christian Restoration Association and as the Chairman of the Board at Advance Center for Ministry Training. Jim is a dynamic preacher and keeps a busy schedule speaking at revivals, Men's meetings, and conferences. At the Advance Center, Jim also teaches: God's Word and His Role in America and Positioning the Church for Outreach.

Be sure to sign up!



DAYTRIPPERS

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.

If you have reserved a spot on this trip, please arrive at Fairway no later than 8:15am as the bus will leave promptly at 8:30am.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, November 21
Clydesdales Christmas Holiday Tour
2pm—9:30pm. \$114 per person

This 2-hour tour will be an evening tour that will give you the chance to experience Grandview's Clydesdale Horses, Christmas style! With the farm lit up by beautiful lights and Christmas trees, this is a true crowd favorite. We will make an "on your own" dinner stop at Stumpknocker's on the river, before the tour. Be sure to dress for the weather and the right foot wear for walking.

Sign up at the Kiosk at Fairway, sign waiver, then call Senior Adventures at 352-753-5404 to make the reservation. Send payment to PO Box 292, Lady Lake, FL 32158.

Pick up a flyer for complete information.

Minister Appreciation Month

We here at Fairway are so very fortunate to have the ministry leadership of Butch, Michael, Bob, Tom, Jim and David, even though we appreciate them all through the year, October is especially set aside as "Minister Appreciation Month".

This is a time for you to individually express to them and their families what their ministry means to you. Send them a card, invite them to dinner, bake them some cookies, or just make a point of sharing with them how they have helped you in your spiritual journey.


WE ❤️ OUR MINISTERS!!




CONSTRUCTION UPDATES ARE AVAILABLE UNDER "FORWARD" LOCATED UNDER THE MINISTRIES TAB ON OUR WEBSITE

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

Ladies are you seeking to find a friendship group? Our friendship groups of 5-7 women meet once a month in the home of one of the group and plan an activity or even a day trip. It could be dinner, a game, a craft, picnic, etc. If this interests you, please join us on October 11 at 10am in the F. Hall for an opportunity to form Sisterhood groups. Coffee and cake will be served. Sign up on the Kiosk or online. We look forward to seeing you there!



AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God  born to us

A concert of worship for Christmas featuring the songs of Michael W. Smith

You are invited to the Fairway Choir Kickoff
September 11 at 4:00 PM; Choir Room

Choir is so much fun! You have the opportunity to serve the Lord and enrich your life by being a part of this musical family! There is no audition or previous experience required. The Choir leads worship weekly at the 10:30 AM service and we do special music at least twice a month. This year, we are doing a very special Christmas concert, Agnus Dei, featuring the incredible music of Michael W. Smith! We will do the concert on December 7 and 8 at 6:00 PM. Don't miss all the fun!

ELDERS

Elder Meeting Minutes September 16, 2024

The September 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: Chairman of the Deacons, Michael Bolter; and Church Administrator, Chris Callahan.

Roger presented the meditation and opening prayer.

The August minutes were accepted and approved.

The Deacon's report was presented by Michael. Personal testimonies, training, event scheduling and support as well as visitation ministry involvement are all continuing with excellent results. Michael shared that Lou DeLucio was selected as the Deacon of the month. We currently have nineteen serving deacons.

The August Administrative report was presented by Chris. The financial report was approved. Chris provided his monthly update on the current status of Phase 1 FORWARD Initiative Campaign pledges, with receipts still on track. The Phase 2 funding support currently has one hundred and four formal pledges totaling a little over \$315,000. We continue to pray for reaching the \$1 Million mark in Phase 2 pledges before the end of the first quarter of 2025, with funds received by the end of the calendar year 2025. The overview of ongoing building actions included continued work on new men's restroom, ministry storage rooms, and preparation for pouring the foundations for the expanded exterior additions. The Building Leadership Team is working on reviewing and selecting material samples for carpet, tile, and other interior finish elements. Chris shared that the Ministry Fair was a great success with a large number of attendees, including many first-time attenders to our church. Planning efforts are in process for the development of next year's budget. Ministry leaders are providing input to support a draft for Elder review in October.

The Preaching Minister's Report was provided in writing for update on the ministerial staff activities for the month. Much work continues in support of classes, visitations, outreach, and coordination with tri-county Christian organizations. Planning for holiday activities is ongoing.

Under Old Business, ongoing efforts to update the church by-laws and the organizational chart were discussed.

Under New Business, planning for next year's Valentine Dinner scheduled for February was discussed. Also, the incident with the Mexico Mission Team was discussed and the elders are looking forward to a debrief on this and input from the Missions Committee on future trips to Mexico. Harry provided the closing prayer.

The next monthly Elders meeting is scheduled for October 21st.



Church-wide Fairway Food Drive for the Wildwood Food Pantry

Empty shopping bags will be distributed the weekend of October 19th-20th. A sheet attached to the bag will describe the items that are needed. There will also be a list of needed items included in the bulletin that weekend.

We are asking you to donate items listed and return them the following weekend, October 26-27. There will be someone at the door to collect your bag(s).

You are not limited to one bag or even the brown bags passed out. Please bring as much of the needed items that you would like to bring, in any bags or boxes.

Thank you for your love for others!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."



Faith And Works

When we put our faith into action we create an impact in the lives of others. Our faith is more than simply a belief, it is a call to action. One of the most profound ways we can live out our faith is through our works and deeds in God's house. Acts of service at Fairway are not only a powerful demonstration of our faith, they also build a stronger, more connected church.

Through volunteering, we embody biblical teachings of serving selflessly. Whether serving as a greeter, usher, parking lot, kitchen team, missions or outreach programs, each act of service reflects Christ's love and teachings. Our works reveal the character of our faith.

Volunteering at Fairway is a beautiful expression of our faith. It allows us to live out the teachings of Jesus, build a stronger church family, grow spiritually, and inspire others. When we serve together, we strengthen the bonds within our church and create a welcoming environment for newcomers. As we serve, we not only demonstrate our faith but also experience the joy and fulfillment that comes from helping others. Let us embrace the call to serve and make a difference at Fairway and in our community.

Noah built an ark, Moses parted the sea, Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem. Deborah led Israelite warriors into battle and defeated the Canaanites. Mary of Bethany supported Jesus' ministry with her talents and all she had. Her example teaches that a church needs the support and involvement of believers to carry on the mission of Christ. What can each of us do?

Celebrate the joy of serving others, become part of even one of the many ministries that need you, go to www.fairwaycc.org. Click on Events, Upcoming Events, Ministry Interest Sign Up, or simply use the kiosk at the Guest Services Desk. Call Michael Bolter or the church office at 352-259-9305 with any questions.

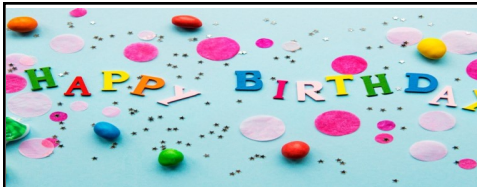
Save
the
Date

Fairway Senior Health & Wellness
Ministry & Elder Options
present

CAREGIVER CONFERENCE
November 13th; 10am-2pm

A free event for family caregivers
including informative presentations,
lunch, and networking.





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mike Czerwonky
- 2 Doug Gunderson
Lynn Canale
Sarah Ransom
- 3 Peggy Alfree
- 4 Don Gott
- 5 Karen Skaggs
Jim Stein
Pat Crouch
Carol Savchitz
- 6 LeArda Day
- 7 Patricia Keller
Dee Meyers
- 8 Louise Snow
Edgar Amador
June Howard
- 9 MaryLou Salerno
Richard Cammeron
Judy Perry
- 10 Eileen Martin
Art Tomassetti
- 11 Shirley Gassner
Glenn Bohlen
- 12 Thomas Glapion
Flo Blanchard
- 13 Trina Stroope
Duane Gipe
Bob Lutz
- 15 Larry Boman
Bob Anderson
Tyler Tobin
Tom Mansdoerfer
Marilyn Brandt
- 17 Dennis Leslie
Joan Fillman
Lissa Cline
- 18 John Hall
Laura Gleason-Knull
Jeff Barker
Kay Farmer
- 19 Cindy Flowers
- 20 Beth Greene
Susan Sarlo
Kitty McIntire
Roger Weitzel
Dwayne Green
Greg Tucker
- 21 Kathy Shabdue
Leigh Ann Johnsey
Pam Elliff
Carol Watson
Barb Whatley
- 22 Paul Wertz
Sherry Czerwonky
- 23 Delores Olambiwonnu
Rose Ann Marone
Robert Stanziola

- 24 Marcie Bales
Linda Meenach
David Belt
- 25 Jan Sce
Chris Callahan
- 26 Dan Walters
- 27 Pat Hunter
Gail Still
Tom Gibbons
Loretta Otten
Joan Alderman
- 28 Mike Ritchey
Gene Boitnott
Tom Beckner
- 29 Dale Noble
Janet Phillips



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Greg & Kathy Domsic
Tom & Bev Beckner
- 3 Lane & Dyan Fentriss
- 4 Harry & Mary Harris
Joy & Robert* Didelot
Richard & Diane Blythe
Suzanne & Ralph* Graves
- 5 Ray & Kathy Morrison
- 6 Rich & Lula Reynolds
George and Eileen Ciocian
- 7 Susan & Dennis Sarlo
Fred & Helen Supry
Rick & Diane Langford
- 8 Dennis & Barb Whatley
- 9 Don & Vicki Alkema
- 15 Tom & Shirley Jean Baggerly
- 16 David & Margot Amann
- 17 Mike & Betty Ross
Mike & Pat Waters
Chuck & Lori Westlake
Paul & Karen Olsen
- 19 Gary & Vicky Gaumer
Curt & Alice Morman
- 20 Bob & Janet Suttle
John & Kathy Cross
Jim & Pat Crouch
- 21 Joe & Wanda Nedbal
Elias & Jeannie Venegas
- 23 Don & Peggy Kyser
- 25 Gene* & Sandie Kime
Russ & Cindy Flowers
- 26 Peter & Darlene Larrabee
Jack & Loretta Selby
- 27 Donn & Nancy Swift
- 31 Karl & Kim Hanscom

More volunteers needed for our Parking Lot Ministry. This ministry is vital during the construction phase. If interested, please call the church at (352) 259-9305.



Women's Fellowship Coffee Next: October 9th 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, October 11

6:30 pm; Classroom C-D

Bring your favorite game or come learn a new game. Bring a few snacks to share!

MOVIE NIGHT

"Overcomer"

Friday, October 18

Snacks -F. Hall; 6 pm

Movie-W. Center; 6:30 pm



Wednesday Night Dinner & Study

October 9, 2024

5:00 pm Dinner & 6:00 pm Study



Menu: Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Tater Tots, Coleslaw, and Dessert

Sign up for food and fellowship!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets Tuesday Mornings, following Ladies Bible Study, at 11:00 am in Classroom E

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Attention women of Fairway, would you like to get to know your sisters better, to create and build new friendships, and to nurture existing ones? If so, this is an invitation to join us for an **"Ole Fashion Ice Cream Social"**, **Thurs., Oct. 10, at 11am.** Please sign up at the Kiosk or online.





OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FMS= Feed My Sheep WM=Women's Ministry MM=Men's Ministry Pickleball Mon.2pm Moyer Thurs.3pm Pimlico	<u>Worship Services</u> Contemporary Saturdays-6pm Sundays-8:30am Traditional Sundays -10:30am	1 8:30am- Precept 9am-Wm's Study 11am-Prayer Shawl 11am-Adv Tm Mtg 11am- Card Prep 1pm - Precept 2pm - Ukulele	2 8am - FMS 8am - Men's Bible Study 10:30am - Grief-Share Double Session	3 9am - Bolter Mtg. 10am - Creative Card 10am - OAC Mtg. 11:30am- OAC Event & Luncheon 1pm - MOAMI	4 8:30am - Donn Swift Sm. Group Men's Golf - off-site	5 3pm - Missions Presentations 5:40pm - Prayer 6pm - Cont. Svc.
6 8am—Coffee Café 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ³⁰ am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 10am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc.	7 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 9am - Elders Mtg. 1pm—Mahjongg 3pm-Deacons Mtg. 6pm - First Step	8 8:30am- Precept 9am-Wm's Study 11am-Prayer Shawl 11am - Wm Nov Tm Mtg. 11:30am-M.O.M. 1pm - Precept 2pm-Ukulele	9 8am—FMS 8am-Men's Bible Study 10am - Wm's Coffee 5pm-Wed. Dinner 6pm-Bible Study	10 9am—Bolter Mtg. 9am-Thurs. AM Bible Study 11am-Wm's Ice Cream Social 1pm-MOAMI 3pm—Visitation Mtg	11 8:30am - Donn Swift Sm. Group 10am-Wm's Friendship Grp. 6:30pm-Game Night	12 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
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Can you believe that it was reported back in 2020 that 25 million Christians who are registered to vote do not vote in a presidential election (with 15 million more not registered to vote at all), and as many as 65 million Christians do not vote in local elections. Wow! I don't understand that at all! One of our greatest privileges as an American is the freedom to engage in our political process by casting a vote! And as a Christian, when we filter our vote through our Biblical worldview and values, as we should, we are at least attempting to influence our culture for good. Did you know the voter registration deadline to vote in the upcoming General election in Florida is October 7th? If you aren't registered, I would encourage you to do so and exercise your right as an American citizen. If you're registered, please vote your Christian values – together, we can make a difference!

We have such awesome ministries here at Fairway. One of them – Feed My Sheep – led by Gerri Gunderson, has been blessing our shut-ins with meals for years. I want to share a recent thank you note she got from a couple that represents hundreds of the same she has received over the years: “Thank you so much for the delicious meal and even more for your prayers! That means so much to us. We are in ... now while ... is undergoing medical tests. Praying we can return to Florida soon. Signed...” Thank you to Gerri and her ministry team who plan, prepare and deliver meals and pray for our shut-ins!

Another great ministry here at Fairway is the M.O.M. (Military Outreach Ministry). A whole M.O.M. volunteer team recently went to the Veterans Home in Ocala and served a delicious pasta meal to our great veterans at the home. Marlene Wilkie, a part of the ministry team, sent me a note sharing how that event went.

It was a total success (as always), however this time we found all the veterans were new. Some just didn't want to come in because of either PTSD or fear of not knowing what we were doing (just serving and spending time). But the Lord was at work through what we were able to do. We sat and ate during dinner and shared conversations with the veterans. They were all very thankful, made to go plates for their buddies and left by giving us a lovely thank you card. Those are the reasons we continue to spend time and bring Jesus to their hearts.

Amen! God bless our wonderful veterans and God bless our various ministry teams making a difference in people's lives!

Your Preacher - Butch