

NEWSFLASH

NOVEMBER 2024

Have a Happy &
Blessed Thanksgiving

*"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for
he is good; for his steadfast love
endures forever!"*

1 Chronicles 16:34

Ministry Staff

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Butch Gastfield

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Michael Coppock

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Bob Harris

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Tom Beckner

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

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Chairman: Michael Bolter

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Tom Ross

Mickey Smith

Billy Simpson

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Paul Bushman

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Greg Domsic

Lou Delucio

Dave York

John Alessandrine

FAIRWAY SCORE CARD

October Averages

New Members since January 1, 2024 = 64

Avg Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 686

(4 Week Avg. for October 2023 = 690)

Online Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 66

Avg. Offerings Received (4 Wks) = \$ 31,285

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

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am - 1:00pm

Be sure to visit our

website at

www.fairwaycc.org for

more information.



The church office

will be closed

Nov. 28th & 29th

Are you wondering how to get through the holidays following the loss of a loved one? Join us for this informative seminar to help guide you through the season.

Surviving the Holidays

Friday, November 8, 2024

2:00 - 4:00 PM



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



**Next Pictorial Directory opportunity: Nov. 3
9:50-10:20AM**

GRIEF SHARE

You don't have to grieve alone.

Current Session: Oct 23-Jan 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.

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.)



**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: November 7, 2024
Fellowship Hall**

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

**Friday,
December 13
at 6:00 PM**

**Fairway Christian
Church
8400 E. CR 466
The Villages, FL**



Big Band Christmas

**Sounds of the Seasons
with a 20 piece Big Band**

**Featuring:
Julia Coppock &
Michael Coppock on vocals**

A Reason for Hope

Peter tells us in 1 Peter 3:15 to “...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.”

Join us each Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m. on November 6 for *A Reason for Hope* - a six week class that will help *prepare you* to defend your faith and explain to others why you can have confident hope in Jesus Christ.

November 9-10, 2024



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

VETERANS DAY

Veterans: Don't forget to wear your military uniforms to Worship services Nov. 9-10th if you have them. We will be recognizing all military veterans.

FAIRWAY DAY TRIPPERS & SENIOR ADVENTURES PRESENTS

CLYDESDALE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TOUR DAY TRIP

Thursday, Nov. 21—\$114 pp

Full detailed flyers are available at Guest Services. Please sign up on our kiosks or our website and a Fairway waiver will be emailed, along with further directions on how to complete your reservation.

*Save
the
Date*

Fairway Senior Health & Wellness
Ministry & Elder Options
present

CAREGIVER CONFERENCE

November 13th; 10am-2pm

SIGN UP TODAY!

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

ELDER OPTIONS

Connecting Hearts Christmas

Spread a little Christmas cheer into the assisted living residents of The Springs and Cypress Care. These facilities are Medicaid based and the residents must provide all of their own essentials but this Christmas let's get together and make them feel special and loved, while also being able to help them by making care package gifts.

Items Needed for 251 Care Package Gifts:

Toothpaste	Toothbrushes	Shampoo
Deodorant	Hair Combs/ Brushes	Socks
Socks with Gripper Bottoms	Body wash	
Small Packets of Kleenex	Body Lotion	

*All of these items are needed for men and women. However, the need for women is greater, as there are 80% more women than men.

**ITEMS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO GUEST SERVICES
BY NOVEMBER 17TH**

Good Food, Games,
Fellowship and Fun!

BBQ

MEN'S

SIGN UP TODAY!
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8
11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M



MEN'S BREAKFAST

GET CONNECTED WITH BROTHERS IN CHRIST
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH;
F. HALL; 8:00 AM
BRING A FRIEND!

BE SURE TO SIGN UP!

ELECTION DAY

Election Day is Tuesday,
November 5th!
We have made the
Sanctuary available from
12:00pm-4:30pm
so that you may pray for
this upcoming election
and our country.

Are you ready to prove that
Fairway's Got Talent? Show your
complete act on Monday,
November 11 at 10:00 AM in the
Worship Center. Sign up on line
or through the kiosk. Fairway's
Got Talent will be February 2,
2025, at 6:00 PM. Your act must
be prepared by November 11 in
order to participate.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY
PRESENTS
LADIES NOVEMBER
LUNCHEON
*"What's In A
Name"*

Thursday, Nov. 21st
11 am - 1 pm in the F. Hall
Doors open at 10:30 am

Mini concert by Michael Coppock
& Featured Speaker Bob Harris
SPACE LIMITED-SIGN UP TODAY!

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God Born to us

Presented by
The Fairway Christian Church Choir

Saturday, December 7 &
Sunday December 8
at 6:00 PM
Free Admission!

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

Fairway Christian Church
8400 E County Road 466
The Villages, Florida 32162

ADOPT A VETERAN FROM OCALA VETERAN VILLAGE

Sponsored by Fairway's Military Outreach Ministry

STARS are available on the Tree in Gathering/Entrance area. MOM's will provide a backpack for each veteran this year. Please purchase a T-shirt of their service, a ballcap, socks and any additional crossword/puzzle books. They also love candy, cookies, and snacks. You are encouraged to wrap the gifts this year. The names of current veterans housed there will be on the star along with sizes. You will be given the backpack and list of items along with the star at signup. These will be distributed to the veterans at their Christmas party provided by MOM's on December 15th. God Bless you for you help.

DEADLINE TO RETURN BACKPACKS IS DECEMBER 11

Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study
Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 7th - Feb. 11th
"Made For This Moment"
By Max Lucado

How the story of Esther inspires us to step up and stand out for God.

Sign up at Kiosk or online to have a book ordered for you. Deadline to sign up Dec. 22nd.

ELDERS

Elder Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2024

The October 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.

Harry presented the opening meditation and prayer.

The September minutes were accepted and approved.

Michael presented the Deacon's report. He shared that the last Deacon's meeting this month was short as September was a relatively quiet month for activities and all were covered by support as requested. He mentioned that the Deacons continue to be involved with the visitation ministry.

Chris presented the Administrative report. The September financial report was approved. He provided the monthly update on the current status of Phase 1 FORWARD Initiative Campaign pledges noting that receipts remain on track. The Phase 2 funding support currently has 107 formal pledges totaling almost \$320,000. We continue to pray that we will reach the \$1 Million goal for Phase 2 pledges this year. Chris shared details for the revised draft 2025 budget. The Elders will review the final draft for approval in the November Elder's meeting and will present it to the church in December. Chris shared the following Building Leadership Team update which highlighted progress throughout the building, continuing work on new men's restroom, foundation and concrete pads completed for the new gathering area and administration/classroom wing, as well as walls being erected for the next several weeks. Discussion was completed and approval given to replace the flat roof membrane that currently covers the entrance areas to the sanctuary, in conjunction with the construction of the new sections of roof for the new gathering area.

The Preaching Minister's Report was presented by Butch. The monthly written reports submitted by each of the Associate Ministers were also provided. Butch noted that Dr. Grady McMurtry is scheduled to present an exciting series on Creation Emphasis "each evening from 6 - 7:30 PM, Wednesday, Oct 30, Thursday, Oct 31, and Friday, Nov 1. He mentioned that the activities presented during the October "Missions Month" were exceptional and highlighted the broad scope of missions support provided and supported by our church family. Another "First Steps" class for new and prospective members was just completed with a new small group formed and continuing for the next seven weeks being hosted by Carl and Kay Roberts and led by Paul Cook. Tom Beckner, along with members of Lissa Cline's ministry groups provided services at Pebble Springs Retirement Center each Sunday. This ministry continues to expand its outreach. The Choir resumed in September and there are over fifty active members on the roll now. The choir is doing special music every other week and is preparing for the Christmas Concert "Agnus Dei." The various church CARE programs continue to reach out to members in special need and Bible studies are in full swing. David Miller reported that the church plant efforts are making great strides with new blessings every day.

Under Old Business, the Church By-Laws update is still in progress. The organizational chart has been revised and will be posted on the website shortly.

Under New Business, the Elders reviewed a proposal for an Emergency Response Team program and approved the request to go forward to develop a detailed plan.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Jerry.

The next monthly Elders meeting is scheduled for November 18th.

DEACONS

SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH



Thank You Betty Grubbs!

When Fairways construction project began, the parking lot seemed to become something of an obstacle course, a place to just get through as fast as we could.

While the parking lot team helps us find a spot for our cars and keeps us safe, Betty, who has quickly become known as the "Dancing Umbrella Lady", has transformed the parking lot into a place we now look forward to visiting. By sharing a smile, a tip of the umbrella and a fancy step or two, Betty has shown us that the joy and celebration of our worship service truly begins before we even enter the church building.

When Betty heard that the parking lot ministry needed help, and having served as church greeter before, she felt this was something she could do. Betty explains: "The first time I did it the heat and humidity were so strong I knew I needed an umbrella to stay cool. I started using a dance step because I'm not used to standing still, I have to move."

Betty serves at both Sunday services. Seeing the smiles on people faces as they drive by waving is her biggest reward. Some of Betty's fans have given her a rose, candy bars, and other treats. One Fairway member stopped his car and said he refused to move until Betty showed him one of her dance steps.

Betty has been a Fairway member for just a year and is already serving in a way that has created such a huge impact. To anyone who hesitates to get involved in things, Betty's advice is: "If your faith gives you the slightest sense that you should be doing something, don't wait, do it!"

So, the next time you see an umbrella in the parking lot on Sunday morning, exchange a smile with Betty and know all it takes to brighten our day is an umbrella and a gift of happiness.

Find your own joy of serving in one of the many Fairway ministries. Go to www.fairwaycc.org. Click on Events, Upcoming Events, Ministry Interest Sign Up, or simply use the kiosk at the Guest Services Desk. Or call Michael Bolter at the church office 352-259-9305.

We are in need of more volunteers for our parking lot ministry. This is a vital part of our remodeling phase. As this makes the parking experience smoother and more bearable with parking lot attendants. If you're interested in volunteering, please call the church to connect with Gerald Raver or Cliff McKinstry.



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

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Gretchen Perigo
- 2 Ruth Mansdoerfer
- 3 Kathy Gaubatz
Arlene Urian
Joyce Winston
Jim Vanderheiden
Bev Beckner
Steve Ransom
- 4 Billy Simpson
- 5 Ethel Nichols
Jackie Kuzemchak
Diane Carlisle
- 6 Eileen Ciocian
Andy Molnar
Vee Benson
Larry Alfree
Sharon Walsh
- 8 Dolores Shields
Karen Carbonneau
Gary Bedson
Darlene Mankowski
Cliff McKinstry
- 9 Arlene Meyer
Rich Brocious
Kay Miller
- 10 Bev Gaumer
Tom Arvoy
- 11 Janice Halscheid
Dann Perigo
Barbara Adams
- 12 Marge Nims
- 13 Ron Stauffer
Roger Casterline
Brandt Stroope
- 14 Carol Robinson
Beth Gott
Dennis Whatley
Joe Murray
- 16 Carolyn Miller
Mary Mathison
Joe Williams
Peter Larrabee
Christa Kenney
Linda Beauchamp
- 17 Elsie Norman
Jan May
- 18 Pam Bushman
Rick Starr
Charlotta Stewart
- 19 Edith Danner
Rose DiGiulio
Jane McCarthy
- 20 Don Kyser
Gerri Gunderson
Doris Timmons
- 21 Vicki Alkema
Penny Suter
Danielle Kirch-Frieday
- 22 Mickey Smith
Darlene Larrabee
Barry Palmer
Jean Beard

- 23 Cliff Gerich
Steve Hartkop
BJ Hockenberry
Linda Cassara
- 24 Kathy Greer
Paul Mullen
- 25 Carole Horlock
Morgan Jenkins
Mary Jo Walker
- 26 Carol Covey
Liza Adkison
Steve Hartkop
Hollie Buckner
Sandy Bruner
Allen Elliff
Linda Januario
Tim Snow
Marla Wicht
- 27 Mary Joiner
Patty Wertz
Rita Green
- 28 Patty Prost
Ron Wolf
- 29 Shirley Downs
Chris Naramore
Manny Sousa
Susan Musumeci
- 30 Charles Walker

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Larry & Evelyn Boman
Jerry & Linda Maddox
- 3 Wayne & Carolyn Malmros
Bob & Tina Marie Lutz
- 7 Al & Sue Richardson
David & Shirley Gassner
- 10 Lissa & Bill* Cline
Rob & Renee* Hamalainen
- 11 Tom & Lori Hollister
Bill & Sandie Hayes
Tom & Connie Frechette
- 14 Charles & Gene Walker
Sandy & Dennis Bruner
Harry & Karen Shaak
John & Sonia* Constantinides
- 16 Al & Betty Heaney
- 17 Bear & Sally Galliers
Pat & Bill* Heron
- 18 Bill & Sue Heller
Bill & Maria Langley
- 20 John & Lou Hall
Bob & Gail Kopp
- 21 John & Bebe Frantz
- 23 Cliff & Shari Lowrance
- 24 Bob & Kathy Harris
Carol & Mark* Savchitz
- 26 William & Dorothy Imhoff
- 27 Ray & Jackie Kuzemchak
Tom & Claudia Aitken
Dave & Jean Ann York
- 29 Bob & Pam Iserloth
Manny & Dorothy Sousa



Women's Fellowship Coffee
Next: November 6
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, November 8th
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, November 15th
Snacks -F. Hall; 6 pm
Movie-W. Center; 6:30 pm

Wednesday Night Dinner & Study
November 13, 2024
5:00 pm Dinner & 6:00 pm Study
Menu: Turkey, Sweet Potatoes, Veggies, Roll, and Dessert
Sign up for food and fellowship!

Our mission at Fairway Christian Church is to **GO** into our community, **SOW** the gospel, and **GROW** disciples to change the world!

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



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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					1 6pm - Creation Seminar	2 5:40pm - Prayer 6pm - Cont. Svc.
3 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.	4 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 9am - Elders Mtg. 1pm—Mahjongg 1pm-Wm's Feb. Skit Meeting 3pm-Deacons Mtg. 2pm—Big Band Rehearsal	5 8 ³⁰ am- Precept 9am-Wm's Study 11am-Prayer Shawl 11am - Wm Adv. Mtg. 12pm-Election Prayer 1pm - Precept 1pm-Ukulele	6 8am—FMS 8am-Men's Study 10am - Wm's Coffee 2pm-GriefShare 3pm-Choir 6pm-Bible Study	7 9am-Thurs.Bible Study 10am-Creative Card 1pm-MOAMI	8 11 ³⁰ am-Men's BBQ 2pm-Surviving the Holidays 6 ³⁰ pm-Game Night	9 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
10 8am—Coffee Café 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ³⁰ am—Cont. Svc 9am—Bible Study 10am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc. 11 ⁴⁵ am-Missions Mtg. 12pm-Private Event	11 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 1pm—Mahjongg 1pm-Wm's Feb. Skit Mtg. 1pm—Veteran Visitation @The Springs	12 8 ³⁰ am- Precept 9am-Wm's Study 11am-Prayer Shawl 11am-Wm's Nov. Team Mtg. 11 ³⁰ am-MOM Mtg. 1pm-Precept 1pm-Ukulele	13 8am—FMS 8am-Men's Bible Study 10am-Caregiver Conference 2pm-GriefShare 4pm-Choir 5pm-Dinner 6pm-Bible Study	14 9am-Thurs.Bible Study 1pm-MOAMI 3pm—Visitation Mtg	15 6pm-Movie Snacks 6 ³⁰ pm-Movie	16 8am - Men's Breakfast 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
17 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.	18 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 9am-Elders Mtg. 1pm-Big Band Practice 1pm—Mahjongg	19 8:30AM - Precept 11am-Wm. Jan. Team mtg. 1pm-Precept 2pm-Ukulele 4pm-Men's Adv. Board Mtg.	20 8am—FMS 8am-Men's Bible Study 1 ³⁰ pm-Wm's Food Prep 2pm—GriefShare 3pm-Choir 6pm-Bible Study 7pm-Wm's Lunch Prep	21 9am-Thurs.Bible Study 11am-Wm's Lunch 2pm-Day Trip - Clydesdale Christmas Tour	22 (Empty)	23 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
24 8am—Coffee Café 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ³⁰ am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 10am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc.	25 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 1pm—Mahjongg	26 8:30AM - Precept 1pm-Precept 2pm-Ukulele	27 8am—FMS 2pm-GriefShare 4pm-Choir	28 OFFICE CLOSED  Happy Thanksgiving	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.

First, DeDe and I want to extend our thanks to our loving Fairway church family for reaching out with expressions of love and prayers at the recent passing of DeDe's father, James Longley, on Monday, October 21st. We will be having a private family service for Jim the day after Thanksgiving at the home of our daughter, son-in-law, and three grandchildren in Russellville, Arkansas. The whole family will be there to celebrate Jim's life. For those of you who may not know, Jim served as a church planter and minister for over 40 years in churches in Indiana and Florida. Jim and DeDe's mother, Ann, were married for 64 years! For those who may desire to express condolences, DeDe and her mom ask that in leu of flowers a donation be made to Fairway Christian Church and earmarked "Unity Church Plant". Since Jim was a church planter, we know this would please him.

Secondly, I want to encourage you to make plans to attend all three days of our special Creation Seminar with Grady McMurtry of Creation Worldview Ministries at 6 p.m. for three evenings on Wednesday, October 30, Thursday, October 31, and Friday, November 1. Invite your friends to attend as well and come hear Grady speak on "Why I Believe in a Young Earth", "Dinosaurs and People Did Live Together", and "The Ark of Noah"! Dr. McMurtry is a recognized international speaker on the subject of creation vs. evolution, from a Biblical viewpoint and a scientific viewpoint.

Lastly, the expansion of our facility is now moving forward rapidly! Visible progress can be seen daily! These are very exciting times for Fairway! What's even more exciting to me is to think of the increased opportunity we will have to expand our ministry capacity and see people's lives changed for eternity. Remember, the FORWARD expansion project and church plant depends on our prayers, following through with our financial commitments, and our actions in fulfilling our mission: to GO into our community, SOW the gospel, and GROW disciples who will change the world! May God richly bless you

Your preacher, Butch