

NEWSFLASH

JANUARY 2025

Happy New Year



Back (L-R) Fred Holland; Jerry Benware
Front (L-R) Paul Cook; Harry Harris; Roger Brown

The Elders and Staff would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and look forward to see what amazing things happen at Fairway in 2025!



Back row (L-R) Bob Naramore, Maintenance Supervisor; Butch Gastfield, Preaching Minister; Michael Coppock, Worship Minister; David Miller, Unity CC Minister; Jim Jacobs, Teaching Minister; Michael Easter, Asst. Church Administrator; Chris Callahan, Church Administrator
Middle row (L-R) Bob Harris, Pastoral Care Minister; Tom Beckner, Discipleship Minister; Leigh Ann Johnsey, Office Manager; Jeanne Chairez, Administrative Assistant; Lynn Canale, Senior Health & Wellness Coordinator

Front Row (L-R) Mary Fancher, Receptionist; Rebecca Alessandrine, Volunteer Receptionist; Bev Johnsey, Volunteer Receptionist; Gary Gaumer, Security; Bill Jenkins, AV Supervisor

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Michael Coppock

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Bob Harris

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Tom Beckner

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Jim Jacobs

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Chris Callahan

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ELDERS

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Roger Brown

Fred Holland

Paul Cook

Jerry Benware

DEACONS

Chairman: Michael Bolter

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Jerry Maddox

Paul Wertz

Larry Lambert

Mike Waters

Bill McAlister

Tom Ross

Mickey Smith

Billy Simpson

Gerald Raver

Carl Roberts

Paul Bushman

Rick McKinney

Greg Domsic

Lou Delucio

Dave York

John Alessandrine

FAIRWAY SCORE CARD

December Averages

New Members since January 1, 2024 = 80

Avg Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 857

(4 Week Avg. for December 2023 = 987)

Online Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 181

Avg. Offerings Received (4 Wks) = \$ 47,786

Worship Services

Contemporary

Saturdays at 6 pm

Sundays at 8:30 am

Traditional

Sundays at 10:30 am

Adult Sunday Bible Study

Classroom C-D

9:00 am & 10:00 am

Office Hours

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

Friday: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm



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Every Monday, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Classroom C

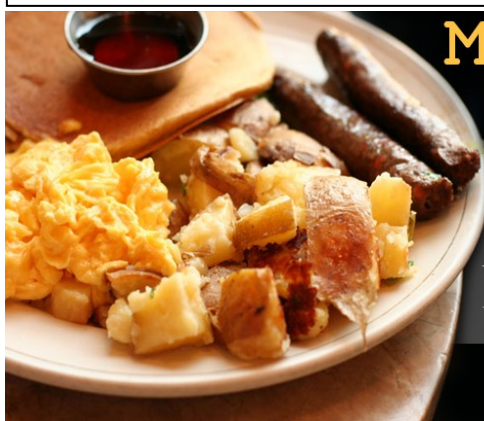
Men's Bible Study



A study of the Book of Acts

Wednesdays
beginning Jan. 8
8:00 - 9:00 AM

How did the church explode from a tiny group to a worldwide force in just a few years? Join us in a study of the Book of Acts and discover the exciting and challenging first few years of the church, the things we have in common with them today, and how that applies to our faith in the modern-day church.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

GET CONNECTED WITH BROTHERS IN CHRIST

Saturday, Jan. 18th, 8:00am

BRING A FRIEND!

Be sure to sign up at one of the kiosks or on our website.

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



Next Pictorial Directory opportunity: January 5
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.

January 29 will be double session, 10:30am - 3:30 pm with Lunch included.

PRAY FOR



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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: January 2, 2025
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.

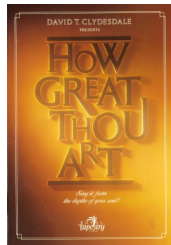


Prayer Warrior Team

Meet in the Library 20 minutes before Services

CHOIR NEWS FROM MICHAEL COPPOCK:

Do you like to sing and you want to have fun doing it? You are invited to join the choir for the 2025 Easter Season! No auditions, no sight reading test, and no ability to read music necessary! You will learn as we go. We meet Wednesdays at 3:30 PM (new time) in the Worship Center to rehearse every Wednesday, beginning January 8. We lead worship every week at the traditional service and sing specials at least twice a month. You can still go to the Contemporary service and stick around to sing with us at the opening 15 minutes of the traditional service. Many choir members do this.



The Easter musical this year will be “How Great Thou Art,” arranged by David Clydesdale. This classic musical features songs such as “Via Dolorosa,” “God So Loved the World,” and of course the title song. The musical will be presented Palm Sunday weekend, April 12 and 13, at 6:00 PM. You will not want to miss becoming a part of this new family.

Note from Jennifer Burch - Healing Journey Ministry

As we approach the national observance of Sanctity of Life Sunday, I am led to remind our fellowship of Fairway’s ministry, Healing Journey. Annually, on the third Sunday in January, many churches nationwide declare human life begins at conception. Isaiah 49:1, Psalm 139:13-16

Fairway Christian Church’s ministry, Healing Journey, helps those of us who have been affected by making or being related to one who has made the irreversible decision to terminate a pregnancy. Through this ministry, I help others to acknowledge and work through the heartbreak, guilt, anger, and even regret that lingers.

I work with small groups and/or one on one. The goal is to create a safe environment for experiencing Biblical guidance and application through love, compassion and understanding. Your heartbreak could be from your own decision or from the loss of a grandchild or a niece/nephew. Whatever your burden, I invite you to consider tapping into this ministry, Healing Journey. I use an excellent Bible study written by Linda Cochran, Forgiven and Set Free, to guide our discussions and lead us through a process of healing.

If you would like to investigate or have any questions regarding the process or evidenced outcomes of Healing Journey, please contact me at (585) 314-5742 or jsburch16@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE JANUARY 2025

Wednesday, Jan. 8th; 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Our mission committee will give an update on the 2024 Mission Trips.

Wednesday, Jan. 15th, 22nd & 29th ; 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Worship Center



Dr. Grady McMurtry, recognized international speaker on the subject of creation vs. evolution, both from biblical viewpoint as well as that of secular science, will be here the last three Wednesday nights in January.

Jan. 15: “It’s a Young Creation After All” Scientific evidences for a young earth/universe.

Jan. 22: “The Waters Cleaved” A 3-D globe shows ample evidence of Noah’s Flood.

Jan. 29: “The Creationist View of Marriage” The role of man and woman as God originally planned it.

Be sure to mark your calendars - you don’t want to miss this!

Sunday Bible Studies January 5 thru February 9

9:00 am
The Prodigal God
Taught by Jim Jacobs

Open your heart to the powerful message of Jesus’ best known and perhaps least understood parable in Luke 15. The Prodigal God is a revelation of the very heart of the gospel: God’s radical love for sinners of every kind. Looking beyond the traditional focus on the wayward younger son, we will look at insights from each of the three characters in the parable: the irreligious younger son, the moralistic older son, and the Father Who lavishes His love on both. The Prodigal God will challenge the devout and skeptic alike to see Christianity in a whole new way.

10:00 am
Hope, Holiness, and Heaven
A Study of 1st Peter
Taught by Kevin White

First Peter gives us a divine perspective on living as strangers in a world that is increasingly hostile to the gospel of Jesus Christ. One of the key themes in Peter’s letter to “God’s elect” is that suffering is often a very real part of the Christian experience. His letter counsels and comforts us in times of adversity and affliction by pointing us to the living hope we have in our relationship with Christ. As people who have the hope of salvation, we are called to a lifestyle of submission and service and are encouraged to see suffering as a part of a growth process as we follow the example of Jesus.

Upcoming Wednesday Night Bible Study *Christian Marriage – Why is it so hard?*

Beginning Feb. 5, 2025; taught by Bob Harris

Christians are often surprised when marriage is hard because we may mistakenly believe that following Christ guarantees a smooth and conflict-free relationship. However, the Bible reminds us that marriage, like any relationship, involves two flawed individuals navigating life together in a broken world. Challenges are not a sign of failure but an opportunity for growth, sanctification, and learning to love as Christ loves—through patience, sacrifice, and forgiveness.

“A marriage study for married couples, singles and those considering marriage”.

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, Feb. 3rd with Preaching Minister Butch Gastfield. Sign up at the kiosk or online!

Meeting Dates:

Feb. 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

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TALENT

You won’t want to miss this extravaganza of skills!


Sunday, Feb. 2,
at 6:00 PM

Welcome New Members

Tom & Donna VanTassel
Water Oak

Ralph Angus
Rio Grande

Brett & Jamie Thomas
Sanibel



Please stop by the Gathering Hall to pick up your 2025 assigned, numbered offering envelopes. If you don't have assigned envelopes and would like them, please contact the office.



Ornaments from the Tree of Faith (Memorial Tree) are boxed and ready for pick up in the Gathering Hall.

Please join us for our **Wednesday Night Dinner & Missions 2024 Review** **January 8, 2025**
5:00 p.m. Dinner
5:45-7:00 p.m. Presentation
The Missions Committee is excited to share their experiences with the 2024 mission trips.

Menu: Pizza, Salad & Dessert



Please sign up on the kiosk or on our website.

WOMEN'S 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? And let's not forget about welcoming back our "Snow Bird Sisters". If so, this is an invitation to join us for an "Ole Fashion Ice Cream Social", **Thurs., January 30, at 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.** in the Fellowship Hall. Let's make time to plant some seeds of friendship and watch how God makes them grow. **Sign up today!**

JOIN US JANUARY 16TH AT 11:00 FOR THE LADIES LUNCHEON

RAGS TO RICHES – It's Fashion Show Time!

Wear your best Thrift Shop Outfit supporting our local thrift shops.
Centsible Furnishings - Supporting Love Inc./H.O.M.E
Bargains and Blessings – Christian Based/ Supports Wildwood Community
Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe – Supporting Villages Hospital

YOU DON'T NEED BLING!

Sign up at the Kiosk or on-line! Space is limited due to construction so be sure to notify the office if you have to cancel.



CHURCH GAME NIGHT

Friday, January 10; 6:30 pm in Room C-D
Bring your favorite game or come learn a new game.
Bring a few snacks to share.

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 17
Refreshments in F. Hall at 6 pm
Movie follows at 6:30 pm
Showing: "Indivisible"



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets Tuesday Mornings, following Ladies Bible Study, at 11:00 am in the Library - Begins January 7th

Visit our website at www.fairwaycc.org



for more information.



MOAMI - Moving On Ministry for Women in Change or Transition



The **Fall 2024 MOAMI** class wrapped up in November with a graduation luncheon celebration for the participants who completed the program. MOAMI leaders, support team, Prayer Angels and former participants were on hand to honor the graduates.

The next MOAMI Class begins on Thursday January 30 and ends on April 10

MOAMI is a program for women from all walks of life, regardless of church membership or background. It offers a space for women to gain tools and advice for managing transitions, connect with others in similar situations, and receive spiritual enrichment.

MOAMI is about meeting new people; and more importantly, it's about forging lasting connections. Each week, participants come together not only to discuss their journeys but to uplift and encourage one another. For many, the relationships formed in MOAMI extend beyond the program, creating a supportive network that lasts long after the ten weeks are over.

If you or someone you know is navigating a life change, Fairway Christian Church invites you to be part of this warm, welcoming community. To participate in the **MOAMI program**, visit the Fairway Christian Church website or contact the church office at (352) 259-9305. For personal inquiries, reach out to Kitty McIntire via email at kittymcintire@aol.com.



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Proudly serving The Villages & Surrounding Communities for over seven years!

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8400 E. CR 466 (corner of 466 & Morse)




Join us and learn from businesses to help you thrive!

- Refreshments (cup of coffee, cookies)
- Conversation (speech bubble)
- Door Prizes (award ribbon)
- Information (letter 'i' in a circle)

MONDAY
January 20, 2025
1 PM - 4 PM

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| Homecare | Rehab & Fitness | Financial | Hospice |
| Research | Pharmacy | Health Ins | Hearing Devices |
| Real Estate | Estate Planning | Caption Phones | And more! |

Sign up on the Kiosk at GUEST SERVICES or at www.fairwaycc.org/upcoming-events



ELDERS

ELDER MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 16, 2024

The December 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.

Chris presented the opening meditation and prayer.

The November minutes were accepted and approved.

Michael presented the Deacon's report. He shared that deacons have fulfilled all requests for the months of January through June 2025. Additionally, he stated that Tom Ross gave an excellent update on the details of the Emergency Response Team for each service and he has begun to recruit volunteers to fill the positions. Michael noted that Gerald Raver provided an update on the parking lot ministry, highlighting that in spite of the substantial number of people attending the Big Band concert, using lots of innovation, the parking challenge was completed without incident. He also noted that a few more members are needed to support the parking lot ministry, especially with the growing number of attendees at all our services. Michael mentioned that the past thirty days were very busy but all requirements were met joyfully by our deacons. They continue to flourish with servant's attitudes and discipleship growth, participating in bible studies and other ministry support.

Chris presented the Administrative report. The November financial report was approved. The discussion of the FORWARD Campaign resulted in agreement that an update should be provided to the congregation in January. In line with that, Chris noted that significant pledges remain to be completed by April to meet the goals reported for PHASE 1 but we expect them to be fulfilled by the end of April. The PHASE 2 funding support remains at 107 formal pledges totaling almost \$320,000, which represents about one-third of our target goal of one million dollars. We continue to pray that 2025 will start with new commitments for this. The congregation approved the 2025 church budget and the elders will evaluate the recap of our budget performance for 2024 during the January Elders Meeting. Chris mentioned that it is evident that much progress is being made on the construction of the church expansion project and so far, the contractor appears to be on schedule and within cost. He further mentioned that updates are regularly posted on the church website.

The Preaching Minister's Report was presented by Butch. The monthly written reports submitted by each of the Associate Ministers were also provided for elder review. Butch noted that Dr. Grady McMurtry will present a variety of Creation topics the last three Wednesday evenings in January, with each class scheduled from 6 – 7:30 PM. Butch also mentioned that the Missions Committee will provide a Wednesday evening overview of their 2024 activities the second week of January. He highlighted the success of all our Christmas concerts and reminded the board of the Unity Christian Church (our church plant) update and children's chorus presentation on the 18th and the Christmas Eve service scheduled for the 24th. He provided an update on the progress of the Connecting Hearts ministry and scheduled planning meetings with the ministry staff on that. Butch mentioned that much activity is coming for 2025 and we are all excited by the wonderful possibilities God has provided in this church.

Under Old Business, the bimonthly Elders and Ministers meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2025. It was noted that the organizational chart update is posted on the website. The draft "Qualifications for Deacon Document" was reviewed and noted that once finalized, should be used for all positions of leadership service throughout the church. More to come on this document. The elders reviewed the feedback provided on the Big Band Concert and the "Agnus Dei" cantata presented this month. Attendance for each was phenomenal and feedback was extremely positive.

Under New Business, the Elders discussed several critical prayer requests and reviewed the staff vacation schedule for the remainder of the year.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Jerry.

The next monthly Elders meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2025.

DEACONS

Thank You Thomas Glapion



Thomas Glapion's culinary talents and dedication have touched the lives of many at Fairway. A long-time volunteer, Thomas has been the cornerstone of the Men's Prayer Breakfast meals for eight years. His example is one of service, passion, and commitment.

Saturday morning the aroma of grilled eggs, hash browns, biscuits and gravy fills the air at Fairway's kitchen. This is when men come together in fellowship, prayer, and to share a breakfast that Thomas has planned the menu, done the shopping, organized and trained a kitchen team to make it all work smoothly. What started as a simple act of volunteering quickly turned into a mission.

Thomas' impact extends beyond serving as the Executive Chef in the kitchen. His calm demeanor and encouraging words create an inviting atmosphere, making the Fellowship Hall a welcoming space for all. Many men look forward to chats with Thomas during breakfast preparation, as he often serves as the chief story teller sharing tales of his military and law enforcement service.

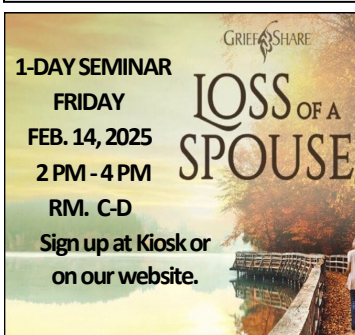
Acts 2:42-47 tells us of believers devoting themselves to fellowship, sharing in meals, and lifting their voices in collective prayer. The Men's Prayer Breakfast continues to grow in attendance, attracting visitors and guests, fostering deeper connections of faith. Thomas also volunteers at the Wednesday Night Bible Study dinners and is the leader of the Back Seater Ministry, a group of members that regularly sit in the back of the sanctuary during the Traditional Sunday morning worship service. Thomas shares news of those with health concerns, offers help, and has organized efforts to support charity needs.

When acts of service sometimes go unnoticed, Thomas' dedication shines brightly. His example of servant leadership is a witness to the profound difference one person can make in the lives of others.

During our retirement years time becomes a precious commodity. Thomas' willingness to give his time so freely is a true blessing and a testament to the power of volunteering. His service has inspired others to volunteer, creating a ripple effect of kindness and service throughout Fairway.

Choose just one of the many ways to inspire others as a volunteer at Fairway. 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 the church office at 352-259-9305.

GRIEF SHARE
1-DAY SEMINAR
FRIDAY
FEB. 14, 2025
2 PM - 4 PM
RM. C-D
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website.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kate Dickerson
- 2 Mike Ross
Elaine Mysliwicz
- 3 Gary Becknell
- 4 Jill Barcus
Bill Jenkins
- 5 Daryl Stender
Carl Hanson
Wanda Lehr
Dennis Gilbert
- 6 Diane Trivett
Lula Reynolds
Don Procter
Cheryl Davis
Bill Vandivier
- 7 Linda LaPerle
Phil Halscheid
Clete Buddelmeyer
Margarita Sprague
Freddi Turcotte
- 8 Brenda Carroll
Linda Simpson
- 9 Sandy Allaire
Linda Garverick
Jim Cranfill
- 10 Andy Gerolemon
Darlene Washko
Lori McLean
- 11 Gloria Taylor
Art Freeman
- 12 Pat Hudy
Fran Cisney
Gladys Montgomery
- 13 Steve Myers
- 14 Brenda Shifflett
Michael Bolter
Jane Rossi
Vickie Harris
- 15 Kay Morris
Connie Iscrupe
Edward Hopkins
Suzonne Kardatzke-Brown
- 16 Glenda White
Kaye Zabel
Jeff Albert
Mary Mounts
Judy Patterson
- 17 Sally Galliers
Maureen Mullen
George Poodiack
- 18 Ida Mae Thayer
Diana Brown
Claudia Aitken
Susie McKaughan
Janet Wright
Carol Campe
- 19 Bonnie Hires
John Morris
- 20 Connie Frechette
- 21 Sheila Beehler
Linda Jones
- 22 Evelyn Boman

- Bob Hutzler
Liz Newman
- 23 Jerry Maddox
Betty Chester
- 24 Key Calhoun
Brenda Paval
- 25 Chrissy Ebmeyer
Gary Tritt
- 26 Pat Wilson
Ginny Reale
Jerry Heller
- 28 Barbara Hanson
Roger Murvin
Marlene Wilkie
- 29 Cathy Gerolemon
Phyllis Booz
B.J. Kellogg
Joe Marone
Gary Raver
- 30 Sandy Krumrine
Tove Hughes
- 31 Doug Hall

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bob & Virginia Brown
Gene & Kay Farmer
Tim & Laurie Snow
- 2 Harv & Bunnie Buckner
John & Lynn Canale
- 3 Roger & Diana Brown
Stewart & Judy Smith
Barbara & Bill* Goldman
- 5 Ron & Janet Stewart
- 7 Carrie and Derrick* Martin
Steve & Carol* Koraly
- 13 John & Sue Malvin
Ron & Carol Frieday
- 18 Rich & Maxine Brocious
- 22 John & Karen Keeler
Andrea & John* Baker
- 24 Bob & Vee Benson
- 26 Joan & Jay* Hunsberger
- 27 Ron & Anne Wolf
Jerry & Elaine Cunningham

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



**Do you enjoy playing Pickleball?
Come play....
Mondays at Moyer Rec. Ctr., 2 pm
Thursdays at Pimlico Rec. Ctr., 3 pm**



**Women's Fellowship Coffee
Next: January 8th
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.

Connecting Hearts weekly activities:

Monday: 1PM Connecting Hearts at Lady Lake Senior Living

Monday: 3PM Connecting Hearts at Cypress Care Assisted Living

Thursday: 1PM Connecting Hearts at The Springs Assisted Living

Sunday: 1:30PM Connecting Hearts at Watercrest Assisted Living

Note from your Church Administrator:

Did you know that you can receive tax benefits through your charitable giving? We encourage you to reach out to your financial advisor and inquire about making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly to the church, using assets such as stocks, dividends, IRAs, and more.

IMPORTANT: When sending your contribution, please ensure it includes both your name and the designated fund (General Fund, Missions, or Forward Initiative Building Campaign). You may inform me personally or via email when such a distribution is in progress.

Should you have any questions regarding this opportunity, feel free to contact me at the church office: 352-259-9305.

We extend our sincere gratitude for your love and support of this ministry. Because of your partnership we are able to spread the message of Christ and fulfill our Go-Sow-Grow discipleship mission.

For more information on gifting stocks please contact Chris Callahan or Michael Easter in the church office, (352) 259-9305.

Blessings,
Chris Callahan

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS DAY 	2 9am-Private Mtg. 10am-Card Ministry 11am-Wm's Friendship Group 1 ⁴⁵ pm-Wm's Feb. Team Mtg.	3 8 ³⁰ am-Private Mtg.	1 ³⁰ pm-Wm's Media Team 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm-Cont. Svc.
5 8am—Son Rise Café 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ³⁰ am—Cont. Svc 9am—Bible Study 9 ⁵⁰ am- Photos 10am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc. 12pm-Private event	6 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 1pm—Mahjongg 1 ⁴⁵ pm-AV Teaching Mtg.	7 8 ³⁰ am-Precept 9am-Wm's Bible Study 11am-Prayer Shawl 11am-Wm's Adv. Team Mtg. 1 ³⁰ pm-Wm's Jan Mtg. 2pm-Ukulele	8 8am—FMS 8am-Men's Bible Study 10am-Wm's Friendship Mtg. 10am-Wm's Coffee 2pm-GriefShare 5pm - Dinner 6pm-Bible Study - Missions Update	9 9am-Private Mtg.	10 8 ³⁰ am-Private Mtg. 1pm-Wm's Feb. Team Mtg. 6pm-Wedding Rehearsal 6 ³⁰ pm - Game Night	11 10am-Wedding 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
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Just a Thought

I was just walking through the church building from the admin offices through the gathering area to the fellowship hall. In the midst of beautiful Christmas decorations in the interior spaces of the church building are dark and bare concrete block walls, many with punched out holes exposing outside elements; open ceilings inside the building exposing dangling lights and electrical infrastructure; welding arcs dripping off elevated work platforms in the new gathering area; construction workers coming and going, climbing up into the recesses of the ceiling; jack-hammers pounding the walls on the other side of our offices and more! Add into that mix, the various ongoing church events and programs that jostle to find meeting spaces amidst all the construction noise each day, and you have a formula ripe for chaos, frustration, short tempers, and conflict!

But what I've seen with our church family and the construction workers is an absence of the above and an amazing spirit of patience, cooperation, and understanding! We are definitely experiencing the pains of what an extensive building expansion project brings with it – but the finished project will be upon us soon enough – July 31st of 2025 – and with that will come a renewed and exciting opportunity to expand ministry opportunities and provide space for our growing church family.

I want to extend a great big thank you to our construction partner Collage, Rick Brewer, Site Manager and Jonathan Barres, Project Manager; to the members of our Building Leadership Team who continue to meet regularly to take care of ongoing details; to the tireless efforts of our Business Administrator Chris Callahan and his assistant Michael Easter who coordinate and manage so many details between Fairway and Collage; to our amazing administrative staff who exhibit patience and efficiency and lovingly “giveth and taketh away” spaces where we can and cannot meet in the midst of the chaos and noise. And a great big thank you goes to our church family who weekly and daily patiently put up with this ongoing expansion project, support it with their prayers and generous finances, and continue serving to help Fairway be the church she is – a family where truth and love connect! We all are so looking forward to July 31st when – hopefully – we will celebrate the end of the chaos of expansion and the exciting beginning of the next chapter in the life of Fairway Christian Church!

With excitement and joy for Christ's sake,

Your preacher, *Butch*