

NEWSFLASH

MAY 2023



Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:30am - 4:30pm
Friday
8:30am - 1:00pm

Worship Service Times

Contemporary
Saturdays at 6pm
Sundays at 8:45am

Traditional
Sundays at 10:30am



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

Portrait of a Bride

THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

History of Women in the Wedding Gown

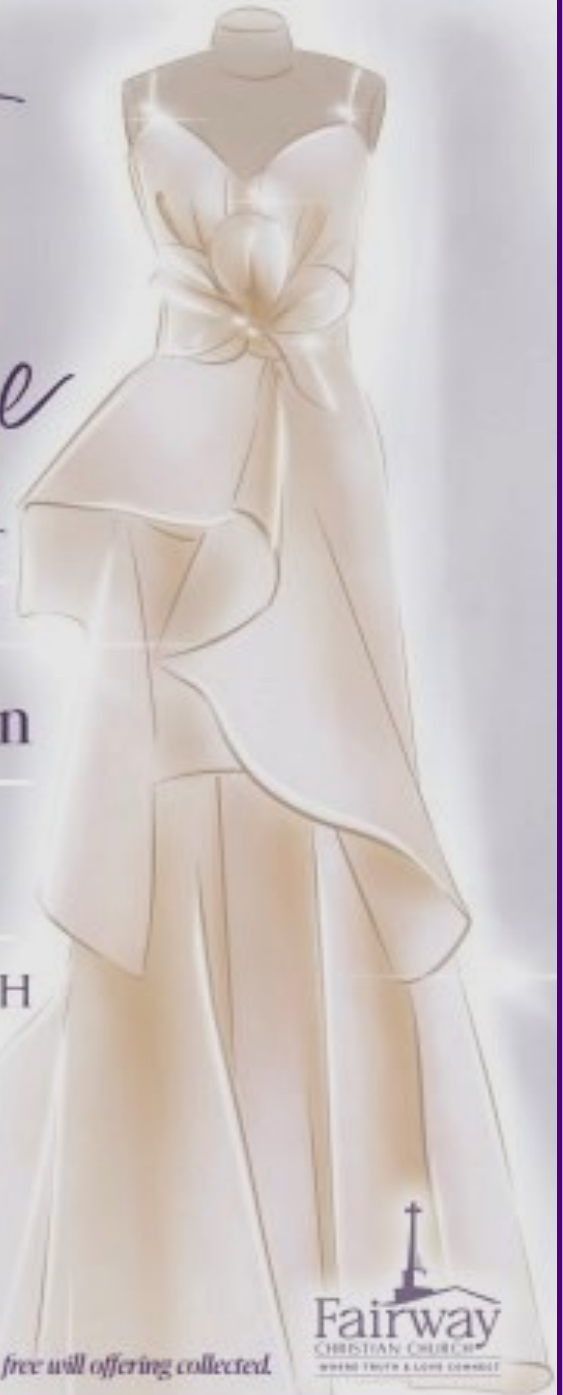
SPECIAL SPEAKER
Leigh Ann Brown

THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH
10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

*Chicken Salad Chic Box Lunch
Wedding Reception Cake & Punch*

Free tickets available through Eventbrite. There will be a free will offering collected.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT



Ministry Staff

PREACHING MINISTER

Butch Gastfield

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Michael Coppock

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Bob Harris

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Tom Beckner

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Jim Jacobs

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Chris Callahan

Office Staff

OFFICE MANAGER: Leigh Ann Johnsey

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Pat Hudy

ADMIN. ASSISTANT: Jeanne Chairez

RECEPTIONIST: Mary Fancher

MAINT/GROUNDS SUPERVISOR:

Bob Naramore

ELDERS

Harry Harris (Chairman)

Roger Brown

Harv Buckner

Ken Zarse

DEACONS

Chairman: Michael Bolter

Vice Chairman: John Keeler

Secretary: Bernie Gattozzi

Jerry Maddox

Larry Lambert

Bill McAlister

Tom Mansdoerfer

Billy Simpson

Gerald Raver

Paul Bushman

Bob Lacey

Fred Holland

Mike Waters

Tom Ross

Mickey Smith

Jerry Heller

Carl Roberts

Rick McKinney

Greg Domsic

FAIRWAY SCORE CARD

April Averages

New Members since Jan. 1, 2023 = 32

Avg Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 1026
(4 Week Avg. for April 2022 = 970)

Online Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 88

Offerings Received (4 Wks) = \$ 28,970

WELCOME new members

Jean Beard
High Point at
Stonecrest

Barbara Parello
Mira Mesa

Doug Hall
Mallory Square

Pete, Jule, Wyatt Dragstem
Lady Lake

Denny & Fran Cisney
Osceola Hills

Photos for the Online Church Directory will be taken the First Sunday of every month from 9:50-10:20 am in the lobby of Door D. Occasionally Saturdays will be available as well.

Next photo opportunity:
Saturday, May 6 (5:30pm - 6pm)
Sunday, May 7 (9:50am - 10:20am)



Sunday Morning
Adult Study

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Classroom C-D

9:00 & 10:15 AM

Tom Beckner teaching
"Sermon on the Mount"

RECREATION ACTIVITY: MAH JONGG

Every Monday, 1 - 3 PM

In the Fellowship Hall,
(Janet Suttle, Coordinator)



GriefShare

May 24th—August 9th

Wednesdays,

2pm—4pm, Classroom C-D

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



**Women's Creative
Card Ministry**
**1st Thursday of
every month**
10 am - 12 pm
Fellowship Hall

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

Sign up at the
Women's Ministry
Table if you plan
to attend.

Next:
May 4, 2023



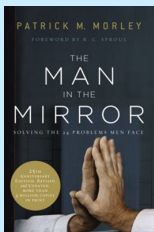


FAIRWAY >>>>
MEN'S MINISTRY

ALL MEN WELCOME
MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD x FELLOWSHIP x FAITH

Saturday, May 20th
Fellowship Hall, 8 am
Sign up at Guest Services



MEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

March 15 - May 24; 8 - 9 am;
Classroom C-D

"The Man in the Mirror: Solving the 24 Problems Men Face"

By Patrick Morley
Jim Jacobs teaching

Our Website has a new look!



Encounters of
1st Impressions Ministry



When the 1st Impressions Ministry makes a visit on Monday mornings a question they always ask is; "What brought you to visit Fairway"? The answers are sometimes surprising. One morning on a visit, the question was asked and the 1st. Impression visitor was surprised by the answer. The couple had been on a camping trip in Pennsylvania. They met another couple camping nearby. The couple they met had just returned from The Villages. By coincidence this couple was on their way to the Villages. Their newfound friends suggested, "If you do make it to The Villages, you must visit Fairway Christian Church. It is a great church". So, they did, and enjoyed it very much.



Fairway Women have a Friday executive golf group. If you would like to join us please sign up at the Women's Ministry Table and 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.

Newcomers
Coffee
for WOMEN

WOMEN'S
NEWCOMERS COFFEE

Wednesday, May 10th
10:00 am
Fellowship Hall

This will be a great way to meet ladies and learn about our many Women's Ministries. Coffee and treats will be available, and it will be great to see new faces and meet with ladies from our church. Please sign up at the Women's Table in the Gathering Hall, if you are interested in attending.

Ladies Luncheon
"God's Garden of Mothers"
Thursday, May 18th
11:30 am, Fellowship Hall

All women are invited to come for fun, food, and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Please don't forget to register at the Women's Table in the Gathering Hall.

Sisters in Christ



WHO SITS AT "YOUR" TABLE?
WOMEN'S RETREAT - SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 12TH & 13TH 2024

Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center

The greatest war of our life centers around the battle of the mind! Be ready to know the Gospel ammunition needed to win the "battle of your mind". This Retreat will give you the depth and accessibility needed to hold the line for the Glory of God in the war zone of our minds.

There is a crowd. Who sits at your table?
REGISTRATION CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE
ON THE WEBSITE.

ELDERS

Elder Meeting Minutes April 17, 2023

The April Elder's meeting was called to order with the following elders present: Harry Harris, Harv Buckner and Roger Brown. Ken Zarse was absent. Presenters attending: the Preaching Minister, Butch Gastfield; Church Administrator, Chris Callahan; and Chairman of the Deacons, Michael Bolter.

Roger presented the opening meditation and prayer.

The March minutes were accepted and approved.

Michael presented the Deacon's report. He reemphasized the importance of meeting and greeting everyone with a warm and friendly welcome at every service. This continues to be a very busy time of year for the deacons, but they have been able to handle the demands very well, but there is still a need to add candidates to serve as deacons. The elders passed on their thanks and appreciation for their positive leadership and collective cooperative contributions toward the smooth operation of the church. Regarding security initiatives, Harry is going to pursue several avenues available to us, so the deacons can table their efforts in this area until we clarify the next steps forward. Michael said that volunteers, in addition to deacons, have been stepping up to assist Marv with classroom and sanctuary seating rearrangements during the week.

Chris presented the Administrative report. The March financial report was approved after the overview was completed by Chris. It was mentioned that we need to keep a close review on contributions to ensure that General Fund giving has not inadvertently been offset by FORWARD commitments which are to be above and beyond normal giving habits. Last month, general funds contributions were below monthly operating expenses, so we will need to carefully manage operational expenses. Steeple accounting will perform the 2022 Compilation/Audit report during the last week of April. Chris gave a very brief update for the Building Leadership Team (BLT) in that they are meeting with the architectural firm next week to work on project sequencing and projection of soft-cost analyses. Chris shared that our new church webpage should be up and running during the end of April or the first week of May. We are still awaiting approval from The Villages to proceed with our entrance sign upgrades. Average worship attendance for the month of March was 873 (including an average on-line of 80).

Butch presented the Preaching Minister's Report. He addressed the successes of the Celebration Weekend, the monthly Men's Breakfast, New Member reception and the Easter seasonal services. He also presented the Associate Ministers' Reports. In summary, we have a lot going on to include growth of the Senior Health and

Wellness Ministry, led by Lynn Canale, the Men's Ministry to be led by Jerry Benware, as well as new Bible classes. A presentation on the Church Plant efforts will be given by Jim Jacobs on Sunday the 23rd of April. Preparations for the Men's Retreat were also presented.

Under New Business, Roger presented a request from the Senior Health and Wellness Ministry to provide limited recovery support efforts for a special case in the church family. The request was approved and appropriate actions will be initiated by the ministry. Harry is reviewing our Safety and Security Policy in an effort to identify sources, specifically to provide training in reaction to emergency situations.

Harv closed the meeting with prayer.

The next monthly Elders meeting is scheduled for May 15th.

DEACONS

SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH

Don't Wait For The Perfect Time

Some of us feel that we are not ready to serve until the situation is exactly right and we learn all there is to know about a ministry. When we have this mindset, we will never serve God because it is simply not realistic to wait for completely perfect conditions. But, when we jump in and just get involved, we learn so many things that we did not even think of before, and we just begin.

Still, others may feel that we are just too busy to serve because they have too many things to do in life. We find in Ephesians 2:10 that we are created to serve God, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do". If we are too busy with golf, pickleball, clubs, or music at the town squares, we are in fact TOO busy. The number of activities we have to choose from in The Villages can be overwhelming. If we cut down on just a little of our activities, we can find time for what should be one of our main objectives in life – to serve God.

Now, we may think "If I don't wait for the perfect situation, won't that mean I could choose the wrong thing?" Surely the perfect ministry for you is out there somewhere! The only wrong choice is just not being involved. Don't wait for the perfect situation or to gather every small detail to get started. There are many ministries at Fairway that require only a small amount of your time. But you won't know if you don't get involved.

One hour a week of your time can make an impact. Contact Michael Bolter or the church office at 352-259-9305 to get going.

On Monday May 8th, you are invited to come to Fairway for a time of focused prayer dedicated to the church plant. This will not be a service, but rather a time when we can provide you with a prayer guide and you will be able to spend as much time as you would like in prayer. We are asking God to move as we seek to plant a church in or near the community of Middleton.

**Dedicated Prayer Time
For Church Plant
Worship Center
Monday, May 8th
Any time between 9am - 12 noon**

Prayer



**Wednesday Night
Dinner**

May 10, 2023

Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Study at 6:00 p.m.

Hot Dogs & Hamburgers

Dessert too!

Sign up at Guest Services



MOVIE NIGHT

"A Promise to Astrid"

BASED ON A TRUE STORY

Friday, May 19th

Refreshments F. Hall, 6 pm

Movie W. Ctr., 6:30 pm



GAME NIGHT

**Game night will break until September.
Watch announcements for start up date!**

Just a few Reminders:

Please remember you must fill out an Event Form and submit it to Leigh Ann before your event will go on the calendar. You can pick up an Event Form from the brochure racks in the office OR you can submit a form from the Website. Also, if you have a meeting/event scheduled and it cancels, please notify the office so we don't run the A/C, unlock doors, etc. If you do attend your meeting/event, please be sure to turn out the lights when your meeting is over.



**Do you enjoy playing Pickleball?
Come play....**

**Mondays at Moyer Rec. Ctr., 2 pm
Thursdays at Pimlico Rec. Ctr., 3 pm**

A Note from Jim Jacobs

We had almost 40 people at the first Church Plant meeting this past Sunday, April 23!!! There were several questions at the meeting, and we were able to answer some of them----so much of this initiative we simply don't have answers for yet.

You have responded very well to the Forward Initiative, which will provide much needed funds for this work of faith. Many have expressed interest in serving on the PRAYER team for the church plant while others want to be part of the SERVING team. This serving team will connect with the Villages Charter School, which will be moved to Middleton for the new school year beginning in August.

If you are not receiving emails from me related to the Church Plant, please email me at jjacobs@fairwaycc.org and I will take care of that for you.

Heads up----on Monday, May 8th, Butch and I will spend all day meeting with Jeff Swearingin with Florida Church Planters praying, discussing, and planning for this plant. To emphasize our need for prayer, we are inviting our church family to come to the worship center that day to have a time of focused prayer for God to guide and direct our church plant.

Please plan to come to Fairway on Monday, May 8th any time from 9 am to 12 noon in the worship center. We will provide a prayer sheet to help as we seek God's wisdom and guidance. This will not be a service, but rather an opportunity for you to come and stay as long as you want.

Let's pray and serve and watch God work!!

Jim

1 DAY SEMINAR

FRIDAY

MAY 19, 2023

2 PM - 4 PM

RM. C-D

**SIGN UP AT
GUEST SERVICES**

GRIEF SHARE

**LOSS OF A
SPOUSE**





MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tricia Masters
Ray Kuzemchak
- 2 Bob Reid
Doris Hill
Sue Heller
Barb Masten
Dawn Roccant
- 3 Dottie Henriksen
Bill Coderre
BJ Patterson
Mary Koepke
- 4 Bill Heller
Vicky Gaumer
Fred Supry
Jill Dexter
Adriana Schimming
- 6 Rich Barrett
Gail Appel
Jim Longley
- 7 Randy Martinez
Bob Patterson
Al Parko
LaVonne Steves
- 8 Myra Yates
Carol Hall
- 9 Marilyn Ervin
Larry Lambert
Helen Supry
Ray Morrison
- 11 Suzanne Sears
Sharon Zarse
- 12 Jay Miglore
Dawn Kammer
Marjorie Wrenne
Anita Dougherty
- 14 Abie Olambiwonnu
Helve Massakas
Norma Shafer
- 15 Frank Philipovich
Denny Wright
- 16 John Sears
Jennifer (Burch) Marshall
- 17 Shari Lowrance
- 18 Jackie Stuckey
- 19 Tillie Kleckner
Art Meyers
Rachael Marshall
- 20 Elaine Cunningham
Greg Stewart
- 23 Lynn Kuschmann
Joanie Hutchinson

- 24 Kim Hanscom
Barb Mastny
- 25 Ann Vogel
Karl Schramm
- 26 Fred Keller
- 28 Bea Howell
Malan Hepper
- 29 Peggy Hunt
Roger Ignatius
Sandi Houdeshell
Gary Jennings
- 30 Bettie Kroener
Carl Roberts
- 31 Yvonne Fagin



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Don & Beth Gott
Roger & Susan Ignatius
- 2 Joe & Jan Lubbehusen
Karen & Bruce* Doran
- 4 Jim & Juanita Gable
- 5 Gary & Debbie Gray
Doug & Gerri Gunderson
Mark & Karen Skirpan
- 6 Larry & Kate Dickerson
- 7 Andy & Cathy Gerolemon
Gary & Lorinda Tritt
John & Rebecca Alessandrine
- 8 Gary & Sandy Krumrine
- 11 Marlene & Bill Wilkie
BJ & Ginny Patterson
- 13 Paul & Melissa Martin
- 15 Ken & Lisa Hesche
- 16 Pat & Glenda White
Jim & Cindy Jacobs
- 17 John & Arlene Urian
- 18 Andy & Sue Molnar
- 19 Michael & Bonnie Bolter
- 20 Michael & Linda Spano
- 21 Jay & Judy Miglore
Tom & Chrissy Ebmeyer
Linda & Bruce* Mazur
Keith & Jan Robinson
- 24 Dick & Bonna Dohler
Duane & Cathy Gipe
- 25 Mandy & Matthew* Howard
- 26 Ron & Carri Mansdoerfer
Gene & Jeanne Boitnott
Kenny & Nancy Griffin
- 28 John & Kay Morris
Archie & Connie Iscrupe
- 30 Doug & Marilyn Cates
Lorraine & Frank* DeGenova

**Considering if or when
you or a loved one may need
Independent Living/Assisted
Living Memory Care/Home Care/
Respite Care??**

You don't have to do it alone!

***There's a wonderful FREE service to
walk you through this overwhelming
and confusing process!***

**SENIOR HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY
Presents**



***Tues, May 23rd—3:00pm
Fellowship Hall***

**Don't miss this informative presentation!
Learn how CarePatrol:**

- Partners with you to find the right care solution for your loved ones
- Reviews the care history, service offerings and reputation of every care provider they recommend
- Accompanies you on tours of facilities and coaches you on questions to ask.

Sign up TODAY at Guest Services!

**Do you take care of someone
with Dementia or Alzheimer's?**

**Join the
SAVVY CAREGIVER CLASS**

**FREE 7-week class
June 1st – July 20th
(No class June 15th)
Thursdays, 2:00 – 4:00pm
Classroom CD**

Class is designed for caregivers who assist family members or friends with Dementia or Alzheimer's Disease.




***SIGN UP TODAY—
SPACE is limited to 15!***

***Presented by
SENIOR HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY
and***



Sign up TODAY at Guest Services!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 9am—Elder Mtg. 1pm—Mahjongg 2pm—PB@Moyer 3pm—Deacons	2 9am—Precept 11am—WM May Mtg. 11am—WM Adv. Brd. 1pm—Ukulele 1pm—Precept 1pm—Love Inc cooking	3 8am—FMS 8am—Mens Bible 12pm—Lib Attnd 10 ³⁰ am—GriefShare 2pm—WM Retreat Mtg. 4pm - Choir 6pm—Bible Study	4 9am— BLT Mtg 9:30am - WM July Mtg. 10am—WM Retreat Mtg. 10am—Card Min. 1pm- MOAMI 3pm—PB@Pimlico 4pm - Mens Min. Mtg.	5	6 5 ³⁰ pm—Directory Pic 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
7 8am—Coffee Café 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ⁴⁵ am—Cont. Svc. 9 ⁵⁰ am—Directory Pic 9 & 10 ¹⁵ am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc. 11 ⁴⁵ am—Missions Mtg.	8 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 9am—Pray for Church Plenting 1pm—Mahjongg 2pm—PB@Moyer	9 9am—Precept 11 ³⁰ am—MOM Mtg. 1pm—Ukulele 1pm—Precept	10 8am—FMS 8am—Mens Bible 10am—WM Newcomers Coffee 12pm—Lib Attnd 4pm - Choir 5pm—Dinner 6pm—Bible Study	11 9am— BLT Mtg 1pm- MOAMI 3pm—Visitation 3pm—PB@Pimlico	12	13 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
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21 8am—Coffee Café 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ⁴⁵ am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 10 ¹⁵ am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc.	22 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 1pm—Mahjongg 2pm—PB@Moyer	23 1pm—Ukulele 3pm—SH&W CarePatrol Mtg.	24 8am—FMS 8am—Mens Bible 12pm—Lib Attnd 12pm—MOAMI Prep 2pm—GriefShare 4pm - Choir 6pm—Bible Study	25 9am— BLT Mtg 9am—Card Prep 12pm- MOAMI 3pm—PB@Pimlico	26	27 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
28 8am—Coffee Café 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ⁴⁵ am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 10 ¹⁵ am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc	29 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED 	30 1pm—Ukulele 1pm—Love Inc cooking	31 8am—FMS 8am—Mens Bible 12pm—Lib Attnd 2pm—GriefShare 4pm - Choir 6pm—Bible Study	FMS = Feed My Sheep AAF = All About Fairway Class PB = Pickleball SH&W = Senior Health & Wellness		

Thirty-five men.

Thirty-five men of God.

Thirty-five men of God on mission.

That describes the men of Fairway who were part of the very first Men's Retreat on the lovely grounds of the Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center April 18th and 19th. We arrived on a Tuesday afternoon uncertain of what was in store for us over the next twenty-four hours. But when we left on Wednesday, we were absolutely certain that God had begun a special work in us.

I have been to a number of retreats in my life and ministry, but this one has to be one of the best. We feasted on the great food from the Lake Yale staff and also on the spiritual food served by Dr. David Roadcup. David has long been a prominent leader in the Restoration movement as a preacher, professor, author, and passionate follower of Jesus.

David led us in several fun exercises---(think 'Have you ever') that helped us to get to know each other. He also led us in several spiritual exercises that caused us to reflect deeply on our personal relationship with God and with His church.

One of the many highlights of our time together was introducing Jerry Benware as the new Men's Ministry Leader at Fairway. Having worked with Jerry in the Forward Initiative, I can say with confidence that God will use him to challenge us as men to be the leaders in our homes, communities, and church that God has called us to be. I can't wait to see how God will bless the men of Fairway as we follow Jesus and 'step up to the plate'!

Jim Jacobs