

NEWS FLASH

JULY 2023



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

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:30am-4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am-1pm

Contemporary Service

Saturdays at 6pm &

Sundays at 8:45am

Traditional Service

Sundays at 10:30am

Celebrating
July 4th

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ELDERS

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Roger Brown

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Greg Domsic

FAIRWAY SCORE CARD

June Averages

New Members since Jan. 1, 2023 = 50

Avg Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 612
(4 Week Avg. for June 2022 = 533)

Online Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 62

Offerings Received (4 Wks) = \$ 26,550

WELCOME new members

Barbara
Lowe

Kent & Joy
Anderson

Chelia
Thorpe

Tim & Laurie
Snow

Vaughan & Teresa
Atkins

Pamela
Levy

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

Next photo opportunity:
Sunday, August 6
(9:50am - 10:20am)



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study **Classroom C-D**

Tom Beckner is teaching the "*Book of James*" at 9am
and Jim Jacobs is teaching the "*Book of Titus*" at
10:15am. Classes will swap times on 7/23.



Sunday Morning
Adult Study

RECREATION ACTIVITY: MAH JONGG

Every Monday, 1 - 3pm 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:
July 6, 2023





ESTD 2023

MEN'S MINISTRY

• AS IRON SHARPENS IRON •

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 15th
8:00 am

Sign up at Guest Services
or on the Men's Ministry
page of our website



DEACONS

SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Anyone who did not attend the Men's Fellowship Breakfast on June 17th missed not only a fine breakfast served up by the kitchen team, led by our executive chef Thomas Glapion, but you also missed men of Fairway coming together to share in faith and fellowship.

Our Men's Fellowship Breakfast is a place where men come together to celebrate our Christian faith, pray for each other and our loved ones, build relationships, and lift our needs up to our Heavenly Father. Exciting things are coming to the Fairway's Men's Ministries. Jerry Benware, our Men's Ministry Leader, has several events planned for the near future aimed at growing and strengthening the Men's Ministry.

Our next Men's Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, July 15th at 8:00 am. Make plans to attend, and bring a neighbor, a friend and even a stranger with you. Invite them to come and see what God is doing in the lives of men. Let's draw a crowd of men who are hungry not just for breakfast, but Christian fellowship and spiritual growth. Keep an eye on Fairway's calendar and make plans to get involved.

Any questions concerning The Men's Ministry contact Jerry Benware.

Proverb 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, one man sharpens another."



1st Wednesday of Every Month
Women's Fellowship Coffee
Next: July 5, 2023
Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am

Ladies, come join us for a time of coffee and fellowship. This is a great way to embrace new faces and share the warmth of sisters in Christ here at Fairway. Please sign up at the Women's Table, located in the Gathering Hall.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY JULY LUNCHEON THURSDAY JULY 20TH AT NOON FELLOWSHIP HALL

**Speakers: M.O.M (Military Outreach Ministry)
& the Veteran's Military Village in Ocala**

We are asking all attendees to kindly donate one or more of the items listed for our veterans. You can pick up the list of items needed at the Women's Ministry Table when you sign up to attend the luncheon. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Items Needed (New, Unused, and not expired): Pillows, Twin sheet sets, Twin comforters, 1.7 cu ft refrigerators, Small microwaves, Men's razors, Men's deodorant, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bath soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Lotion, Men's shaving cream, Toilet paper, Canned meats, Canned chili, Ramen Noodles, Mac & Cheese, Microwave rice, Boxed milk, Cereal, Canned fruit, Crackers, Individual snacks such as chips, cookies, jello, etc., Regular coffee, and water

Women's Retreat "WHO SITS AT YOUR TABLE?"
Tues., March 12, & Wed., March 13, 2024
YOU CAN NOW REGISTER
ON-LINE FOR THE WOMEN'S RETREAT
Go to www.fairwaycc.org

There are two areas where you can find the registration information: 1.) At the top of the website page, click on "events" and page down to the date of the Retreat. You will then see the registration form. 2.) At the top click on Ministries and page down to Women's Ministry. Click on it and find the registration form.

Follow the instructions on how to register. In person registration will also be available at each monthly luncheon.

YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATION CONFIRMATION.
Due to limited space availability, first come, first served!

ELDERS

Elders Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2023

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

Harv presented the opening meditation and prayer.

The May minutes were accepted and approved.

Michael presented the Deacon's report. He described a new learning and sharing program entitled "Are You Fishing" designed to continue to mature the deacons on their personal discipleship pathway. He discussed the monthly schedules for the next six months and addressed the support given to the latest Women's Ministry event. A review of lockup procedures was the subject of the deacon's training event this month. Among other topics of interest, Michael closed with a discussion of the process for requesting support from the deacons. Clarification of this process will be provided.

The Administrative report was presented by Chris. The May financial report was approved after the overview was completed. Chris shared that our communications partner has made significant improvements for our webpage and encouraged everyone to review and provide feedback. Chris mentioned that the Building Leadership Team will meet with the contractor team this coming week to finalize the conceptual approach given the budget we have to work with as a result of the FORWARD campaign. He envisions a presentation to the Elders in July. Harv mentioned that The Villages has approved our request for updating our signs facing Route 466 and initiation of the contracting effort will commence about mid-July. Bob Marshall has played a critical role in accomplishing the successful conclusion of this complex initiative. With the summer resident reduction in full swing, average worship attendance for the month of May was 738 (including average on-line of 73).

The Preaching Minister's Report was presented by Butch. He shared the plans for continued revision of the basic five discipleship training classes to include a further streamlining of the PLACE class. He also discussed his involvement with the leaders of the Men's Ministry. Jerry Benware has an active team working on plans for the year and they are meeting monthly with Butch. He also discussed the growing number of new members and baptisms conducted this month. The ministry staff and the church leadership continue to communicate well and work together to advance the growth of our members along their discipleship pathway. The ministers will be planning one-day offsite, on the last Tuesday of June. Butch presented the Associate Ministers' reports covering their activities for the month of

May/June.

Under Old Business, final updates to the Church Policies and Procedures are underway and should be ready for review before the end of June. Also addressed was the status of the update by the Missions Committee on policies related to mission trips. Harv stated this was in process.

Chris closed the meeting with prayer.

The next monthly Elders meeting is scheduled for July 17th.

ANOTHER SENIOR HEALTH & WELLNESS

EVENT:

Tuesday, August 15th

2:00 – 4:00pm

Elder Law Panel -

A service of Elder Options

2-4 Elder Law Attorneys on the panel. They will discuss topics that are essential for caregivers and other family members to know about. This includes:

- *Advanced directives
- *Living wills
- *Power of attorney
- *Healthcare surrogacy
- *POLST: Portable Medical Orders
- *DNR: Do Not Resuscitate Order
- *Questions & Answers
- *Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida which assists with providing legal aid for low to moderate income residents of Sumter, Lake, and Marion Counties.

ELDER OPTIONS

Blood Drive
Sunday, July 23, 2023
8:00 am—12:00 pm

The Big Red Bus will be here at Fairway and you can sign up online at Oneblood.org by entering the zip code (32162) and date (July 23). Fairway will come up on the schedule, click on Fairway and schedule your time. Walk-ins are welcome but sign up is preferred. All blood donated will go to save lives in our local area.



A Minute with Michael

From Generation to Generation

I love Fairway! Fairway is different from most successful churches in America due to its unique demographic. According to church growth experts, a church like Fairway should never work. But it does work, beautifully, because of God. God is not limited by the short-sighted view of man or the statistics that man creates. What a joy that we don't struggle with the age discrimination that is so rampant in churches around the country.

Think about this: Unless Jesus returns soon, one out of one will die. Even though we appear to be about the same age, Fairway will gradually grow younger while simultaneously maintaining our folks who are living longer. With that consideration, how will our programming look? How will our Worship look? How will our needs change?

My demographic (55-65) is moving to the Villages at an alarming rate. Working from home allows those who have not yet retired to enjoy a semi-retired lifestyle. My point (and I do have one) is this: Fairway must continue to expand the Gospel message while meeting the relevant needs of those moving into our community and those who continue to live and serve here. It's a big job, but God can do it if we make ourselves available to Him.

Mary, the young, future mother of Jesus, recognized the extent of the Gospel when she said, "for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation (Luke 1:49-50). Fairway will continue to grow and change as long as we put God first.

In Him, Michael Coppock

A Note from Jim Jacobs:

As we celebrate our country's freedom on July 4th----and I believe we should----may we always be grateful for our freedom in Christ. When we stop to consider the blessings of salvation, comfort, assurance, forgiveness, hope, victory, joy, faith, peace.....and much more....that should give us great incentive to share the gospel by planting a new church in or near Middleton.

There is a lot happening in this new community-----some have already moved into their new home, the Villages Charter School will be open in Middleton next month, and construction continues on all the businesses that will open soon. You probably saw the news that Church of the Springs has started on their new campus there as well. We at Fairway knew that The Springs was going in and we pray that God uses them to reach people for Christ----there will be lots of opportunities for us to reach people as well.

If you have gone with us on one of our prayer journeys to Middleton, you've been able to see what's happening just a few miles south of us. Maybe you have driven down there yourself and been amazed at how fast things are going. Please continue praying for God to send a lead planter to us so that we can kick this effort into a higher gear. Our next corporate prayer time is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 19 at Fairway from 6-7 pm in the worship center**. No signup needed, just come ready to get any updates we have and then simply pray-----asking God to work in mighty ways for our church planting effort.

Thank you for all your words of encouragement as we seek God's favor in Middleton!



A Time of Prayer
Fairway Christian Church
Worship Center
Wednesday, July 19
6:00-7:00 pm

The purpose of Fairway Christian Church's "**Feed My Sheep**" ministry is to show the LOVE of Christ to church members by offering soup/meals when they can use extra love and care.



Celebrating 9 years

July 2014 - July 2023

6,505 Meals

9,964 Soups

5,801 Deliveries

1,101 Members/Attendees Served



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Georgia Beck
Judi Lyons
Robert Van Winkle
- 4 Harold Ritchie
Bob Kopp
Linda LaFrance
John Malvin
Elaine Notte
- 5 Eleanor Bussa
Janet Suttle
Donna Beishuizen
- 6 Nancy Bortone
Jon Wittig
Lon Gaumer
Richard Knutson
Bob Fletcher
- 7 Donna Renna
Stephen Callahan
- 8 Jerry Benware
Louise Greene
Sharon Starr
Diane Cadd
Dennis Black
- 9 Betty Walters
Sheri Callahan
Jim Crouch
- 10 Jean Ann York
Shirley Green
Cheryl Vanderheiden
- 11 Doug Cates
Joy Didelot
Ken Zarse
Richard Grabowski
- 12 Joyce Daanen
Sheila Thornburg
Dave York
Kathy Kaminski
Bill Kelly
Dianne Frankel
- 13 Phyllis Baker
Fred Holland
- 14 Carl Baker
Jim German
- 15 Cliff Lowrance
Jeannie Twaddell
Beverly Comer
Ellen Kempen
Craig Minnich
Laurie Snow
- 16 Ken Riffle
Roger Brown
Chuck Robinson
Jim Rossi

- Barbara Barden
- 17 Bear Galliers
Curtis Ostrander
Shari Bedson
Teri McArthur
- 18 Gary Gray
Barbara Healy
Darlene Harbeck
Carl Wolff
- 19 Mandy Gastfield Howard
Tom Kroener
Sam Cassara
Willie Weist
- 21 George Downs
Don Schroeder
- 22 Bob Eaton
- 23 Sue Waller
Deb Miller
Paula J Smith
Darwin Woods
- 24 Elmer Henderson
Bill Newcombe
Loretta Danford
- 25 Sherry Parsons
Kathleen Miller
Debbie Raver
- 26 Moira Hutzler
Joyce Ricci Gilette
- 27 Maryann Rockwell
Sandy Wiersma
Wyatt Dragstrem
- 28 Pat Shaffer
Frank Sarver
Richard Pullen
- 29 Gary Thurmond
Terri Cranfill
Beth Kennaugh
Beverley Mitchell
- 30 Dorothy Imhoff
Donna Gall
Diane Blythe
Sue Jorg
Edith Glapion
Jim Schimming
Kent Anderson
Pamela Levy
- 31 Tom Walsh



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Hugh & Louise Snow
Dick & LaVonne Steves
Paul & Mary Cook
- 2 Allen & Pam Elliff



- Rob & Moira Hutzler
Denny & Fran Cisney
Vaughan & Teresa Atkins
- 3 Phil & Jan Martin
Ed & Chris Martin
- 5 Mike & Deb Eberle
- 6 Gary & Barbara Thurmond
- 7 Jim & Cheryl Vanderheiden
- 8 Ken & Sharon Zarse
- 11 Ron & Susan Stauffer
Bernie & Pat Gattozzi
- 12 Joe & Diane Boisvert
- 14 Larry & Karen Sanders
- 15 Don & Sue Jorg
- 17 Marge & Bill Nims
- 18 Keith & Sandy Maffitt
Charles & Jane Shatzer
- 19 Jim & Beverly Comer
- 20 Sheila & Bruce* Beehler
Don & Mary Royston
Chuck & Evelyn Hustig
- 22 Don & Dorothy Warren
- 23 Laura & Gale* Gleason-Knull
- 24 Richard and Margo Cammeron
- 25 Don & Kathleen Miller
- 26 David & Sherry Parsons
Buddy & Gail Appel
- 28 Dave & Sue Agnew
Rick & Peggy McKinney
Jim & Carol Watson
- 29 Thomas & Doris* Glapion
Jim & Marla Wicht
- 30 Karla & John* Coley
Darwin & Diana Woods
- 31 Herb & Liz Lutz

Encounters of 1st Impressions Ministry

The 1st Impressions Team visited a couple a few months ago who just moved to The Villages from out of state. The lady told us that while they were unloading the truck in their driveway which was filled with boxes and stuff from their previous home. A guy pulled up in a golf cart and asked if he could help them in anyway. He was a member of Fairway. While there he told them about our church. They came to worship with us.



July 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FMS = Feed My Sheep SH&W = Senior Health & Well-ness	<p>Whether you go on the Mission Trip to MEXICO or not, you can be a VITAL part of the success of this mission. One of the most important parts of our mission is to help provide more security in daily needs and health. The following items are most needed: Tooth brushes, Toothpaste, Adult vitamins, Childrens vitamins (prefer Gummies), Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Naproxen, Tums, Triple antibiotic ointment cream, Band-Aids, Girls Underwear (All sizes), Boys Underwear (All sizes)</p> <p>All of these items will be collected at Guest Services and must be turned in by July 16th</p>  <p>Saltillo, Mexico</p>					1 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
2 8am—Coffee Café 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ⁴⁵ am—Cont. Svc. 9 & 10 ¹⁵ am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc.	3 9am—1st Impressions OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 1 PM	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE IS CLOSED 	5 8am—FMS 10am—WM Coffee 12pm—Lib Attnd 2pm—GriefShare	6 9am— BLT Mtg. 9am—Bolter Mtg. 10am—Card Min. 2pm— SH&W Savvy Caregivers	7	8 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
9 8am—Coffee Café 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ⁴⁵ am—Cont. Svc 9am—Bible Study 11 ⁴⁵ Missions Mtg. 10 ¹⁵ am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc.	10 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 1pm—Mahjongg 3pm—Deacons	11 11am—WM Adv. Brd. Mtg. 11 ³⁰ am—MOM Mtg. 1pm—Ukulele	12 8am—FMS 12pm—Lib Attnd 2pm—GriefShare	13 9am— BLT Mtg. 9am—Bolter Mtg. 2pm— SH&W Savvy Caregivers 3pm—Visitation	14 10am—SH&W Sudden Death 1 ³⁰ —WM July Mtg.	15 8am - Men's Breakfast 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
16 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.	17 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 9am—Elder Mtg. 1pm—Mahjongg	18 1pm—Ukulele	19 8am—FMS 12pm—Lib Attnd 2pm—GriefShare 2pm—WM July Mtg 6pm—Prayer Time	20 9am— BLT Mtg. 9am—Bolter Mtg. 12pm—WM Luncheon 2pm— SH&W Savvy Caregivers	21 10am—SH&W Sudden Death	22 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
23 Only— 8am Blood Bus 23 & 30 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	24 & 31 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 1pm—Mahjongg	25 10am-WM Oct. Team Mtg. 1pm—Ukulele	26 8am—FMS 12pm—Lib Attnd 2pm—GriefShare	27 9am— BLT Mtg. 9am—Bolter Mtg. 9am—Card Prep	28 10am—SH&W Sudden Death	29 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.



Remember when we launched the FORWARD Initiative this past February? The elders and ministry staff were so excited that so many enthusiastically embraced the vision presented earlier that previous year centering on more intentional disciple-making. That vision included expanding our facility to accommodate future growth and ministry opportunities and the planting of a new family church in or near the new Middleton community being built south of the turnpike.

So many of you embraced the FORWARD Initiative designed to fund the vision! At the conclusion of our FORWARD Initiative on the weekend of March 12th, do you recall what was committed? We established a “Challenge” Goal of \$1.5 million dollars and a “Dream” goal of \$3.0 million dollars and Fairway, proving to be the generous church she has always been, along with her friends, committed \$3.8 million dollars! Wow! Double wow! God is good!

This month we’re coming up on the three-month mark into this 25-month initiative, and it seems God is moving powerfully to help people remain faithful to their commitments! That means less money to borrow when building begins which translates into more opportunities to fund ministry to reach people in order to make more disciples!

Thanks so much Fairway! You know, when we are generous with our resources, God blesses! Did you know that in 2 Corinthians 8:6, Paul calls giving an “act of grace” and then urges the Corinthian church to “excel in this act of grace?” Well, let me tell you – Fairway Christian Church is also a church that “excels at this “act of grace!” Grace is all about giving – just like God gave to us! I get excited thinking about the opportunities that lie ahead for Fairway to be a premier disciple-making church in The Villages! And to be the kind of church that embraces the vision of reaching more people and making more disciples through church planting! Keep up the great work Fairway!

By the way, just a note: The 501 (c)(3) Dads for a Day, Inc. ministry that Fairway helped birth and has financially supported since its inception seven years ago has been terminated. No further financial support is needed. Thank you to all who gave and all who volunteered to make a difference in the lives of the fatherless young men who benefitted from the program.

Your preacher - Butch

