

NEWSFLASH

APRIL 2024



Join us Sunday,
April 7th at 2pm
as we Celebrate
Fairway's
25th Anniversary &
Groundbreaking

Celebrating the Past, Present & Future



*THE
PAST*



*THE
PRESENT*



*THE
FUTURE*

Ministry Staff

PREACHING MINISTER

Butch Gastfield

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Michael Coppock

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Bob Harris

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Tom Beckner

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Chris Callahan

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Bob Naramore

ELDERS

Harry Harris (Chairman)

Roger Brown

Harv Buckner

Fred Holland

Paul Cook

DEACONS

Chairman: Michael Bolter

Vice Chairman: John Keeler

Secretary: Bernie Gattozzi

Jerry Maddox

Paul Wertz

Larry Lambert

Mike Waters

Bill McAlister

Tom Ross

Tom Mansdoerfer

Mickey Smith

Billy Simpson

Jerry Heller

Gerald Raver

Carl Roberts

Paul Bushman

Rick McKinney

Greg Domsic

Lou Delucio

Dave York

John Alessandrine

FAIRWAY SCORE CARD

March Averages

New Members since January 1, 2024 = 27

Avg Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 997

(4 Week Avg. for March 2023 = 793)

Online Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 81

Avg. Offerings Received (4 Wks) = \$ 31,447

WELCOME
new members

Steve & Kim Feller

Judy Spurgeon

Paul & Karen Olsen

Robert Mellwee

Ettore Art Tomassetti



Prayer Shawl



Tuesdays

Classroom E

11am—12pm

Friday, April 12th, 6:30 pm
Classroom C-D

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



GRIEF SHARE
You don't have to grieve alone.

Now—June 12

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 (recommended but not required) at Guest Services or on our website.

Prayer
Warriors

Coming together to pray & intercede

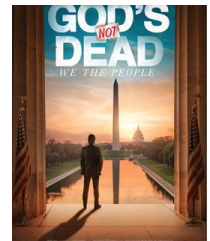
Meet in the Library
20 min before Services

The Library is no longer accepting book donations.



ATTENTION

ALL SIGN-UPS FOR FAIRWAY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE, AND AT THE KIOSKS LOCATED IN THE GATHERING HALL.



MOVIE NIGHT
"God's Not Dead: We The People"
Friday, April 19th

Snacks F. Hall, 6 pm
Movie W. Ctr., 6:30 pm

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 Women's Ministry Table if you plan to attend.

Next: April 4, 2024
Classroom C-D



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

There will not be pictures taken this month.

NEXT: MAY 5



ELDERS

Elders Meeting Minutes March 18, 2024

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

Roger presented the opening meditation and prayer.

The February minutes were accepted and approved.

The Deacon's report was presented by Michael. We now have twenty-one active deacons. Michael shared that Gerald Raver is the Team Captain for the Parking Lot for the Fairway Experience ministry. Gerald currently has 16 volunteers and is hoping to recruit a total of 28. Michael shared that the Deacons covered all the events over the past very busy month. He also mentioned that he, and several other Deacons helped with the brunch for the Women's retreat ministry.

The February Administrative report was presented by Chris. The financial report was approved. Chris shared details regarding the congregational meeting, FORWARD UPDATE, scheduled for Sunday, March 17th, at 4pm, & Thursday, March 21st, at 4 pm. The fly-through animation will be shown as part of this presentation as well as the history, current status, financial details and the path forward. This will be placed on the website in late March. Chris shared that the builder, Collage, will begin work the week of April 1st. Chris shared that he has asked Collage for a time and action plan for construction to ensure we have adequate parking for the weekend services. Harv and Chris shared details regarding the groundbreaking ceremony and 25th Church anniversary event scheduled for April 7th at 2pm.

The Preaching Minister's Report was presented by Butch. He highlighted the successful events in the Men's Ministry in March: the BBQ, Golf Outing and Men's Breakfast. He was involved in a number of important coordination meetings with area Christian Church leaders, planning efforts for the church plant, with great news coming soon and a number of internal projects that are ongoing. He addressed the many ongoing Bible study and class opportunities that are currently available and the planning ongoing for the summer months. He outlined the upcoming Easter musical and services to include the Good Friday service at 5:00 PM. He mentioned that the choir is now up to 48 members. The Isaacs concert was a great success. He also reminded that the Vietnam Veterans Celebration, put together as part of the Military Outreach Ministry, is scheduled for March 26 at 2:00 PM.

Under Old Business, several topics addressing ongoing actions to update information on the website were discussed and updates provided.

Under New Business, administrative support for the church plant, women's ministry newsletter articles and ideas for service changes were discussed. Harry provided the closing prayer.

The next monthly Elders meeting is scheduled for April 22nd.



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

DEACONS

SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH

What's Going On In The Parking Lot?

Where do worship services at Fairway begin? They begin in the parking lot! Our parking lot isn't just a space for cars. It's an opportunity for ministry! It's a place for making visitors feel welcome before they even enter the church.

The parking lot is a welcoming place, a place for outreach, to make a great first impression with a warm smile and helpful assistance that sets the tone for a worship service. For first time visitors, it's not just about finding a spot for their car, it's about finding a spot at Fairway.

The Parking Lot Ministry goes beyond hospitality. As our church renovation project begins, we will see construction trailers, equipment and building supplies staged throughout the parking lot, which will make parking cars much more challenging. Parking Lot Greeters will play an essential role ensuring that we each are able to park our cars safely and smoothly.

Greeters will direct traffic flow to parking spaces, assist worshippers with special needs, provide directions to drop-off zones and reserved spaces, prevent accidents, and ensure the safety of everyone.

The only requirements are thirty minutes of your time before worship service and a sense of humor! The Sheriff's Department will provide training, and you'll be outfitted with a reflective vest and radio.

To become a Parking Lot Greeter, go to www.fairwaycc.org. Click on Events, Upcoming Events, Ministry, Volunteer Sign Up, or simply use the kiosk at the Guest Services Desk. Any questions about the Parking Lot Ministry call the church to get in touch with Gerald Raver.

Happy April!

Wanted to let you know that our prospective church planting candidate has successfully completed all the interviews required by both Fairway and Florida Church Planters (FCP). That being done, both Fairway and FCP are in full agreement to send him and his wife to 'Assessment' in Virginia. Once the couple goes through that process April 16-19, we will receive final confirmation either to move forward with them or to continue our search.

So, if all goes well in 'Assessment', we expect him to help select the site where the church will be planted, begin the process of moving to that area, and initiate the first steps toward getting this new, multi-generational church started.

Please let me know if you have any questions at this time and I would be most grateful if you would continue to pray daily for God to have His hand on this process and on each one of us involved. It's easy to pray at 3:20 pm daily as we remember the power of Ephesians 3:20 'Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.'

By His grace,
Jim Jacobs

Wednesday Evening Discipleship Hour

Beginning April 10th

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Led by Jim Jacobs, Associate Minister

Peter Scazzero learned the hard way: you can't be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature. In his book, *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*, Peter outlines a roadmap for discipleship with Jesus that is powerfully transformative. He unveils what's wrong with our current definition of "spiritual growth" and offers not only a model of spirituality that actually works, but seven steps to change that will help you experience authentic faith and hunger for God. Though Peter was an experienced minister of a growing church, his life and faith remained emotionally unhealthy.

Like so many in the church, he routinely:

- avoided healthy conflict in the name of keeping the peace
- ignored and suppressed emotions
- used work for God as an excuse to run from God
- lived without limits

During this 8-week study, we will unpack core biblical principles to guide us into an experience of lasting, beneath-the-surface transformation in your relationship with Christ. **Join us!**

SPRING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

Beginning April 7

9:00 am: *The Book of Esther*
(Paul Cook, teacher)

10:15 am: *The Fruits of the Spirit*
(Chris Howard, teacher)

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Beginning April 2

9:00 am: *The Armor of God*
(Diane Tucker, Teacher)

Tuesday Women's Precepts Study

Beginning April 16

9:00 am: (Live and Zoom); 1:00 pm
(Zoom)

1,2,3 *John* (Lula Reynolds, Teaching Team Coordinator)

Wednesday Men's Bible Study

Beginning April 3

8:00 am: *The Christian Atheist*
(Donn Swift, Teacher)

Wednesday Discipleship Hour

Beginning April 10

6:00 pm: *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*
(Jim Jacobs, Teacher)

bible studies

Wednesday Night Dinner & Study

April 10, 2024

Dinner starts at 5:00 pm; Study at 6:00 pm



Hot dogs & Hamburgers, French Fries, Coleslaw, and dessert
Sign up on the kiosks or on our website



REMINDER... IF YOU HAVE A MEETING OR EVENT AT FAIRWAY—PLEASE MAKE SURE THE LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF WHEN YOUR MEETING IS OVER.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024
12:00 NOON in the Fellowship Hall
LUNCH AND FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT BINGO
 Sign up at the kiosk or on our website

Grow Where You're Planted



LADIES MINISTRY LUNCHEON

1st Wednesday of Every Month
Women's Fellowship Coffee
Next: April 3, 2024
 Rm. C-D 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.



Be on the look out for those BOGO deals! Our Semi-Annual Food Drive for Wildwood Food Pantry is coming up. They will be collecting the food on the weekend of April 13-14. Please check dates on your donated items, as expired food is not accepted. Items needed: Canned Meats (Chicken, Tuna, Ham, etc.), Jell-O, Cereal, Canned Pasta (SpaghettiOs, Raviolis, etc.), Crackers, Beef Stew, Hash, Canned Fruit, PB & J, Soup, Mac N Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce. Watch bulletin for more info.



AUSTRIA SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP

We are looking for volunteers in mission work to go on a short-term trip to Austria on August 18th—30th. At the TCM International Institute we will be working in the kitchen, dining room, grounds maintenance, hospitality, and library, to offset the operational costs for the students.

Working with and interacting with the students and faculty is very rewarding and humbling experience as you see how God's word is spread throughout Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Volunteers need to be members of Fairway for at least 6 months. If you have any questions, please call TCM mission leader Bob Naramore at 352-259-9305.

MEN'S

Fellowship Breakfast

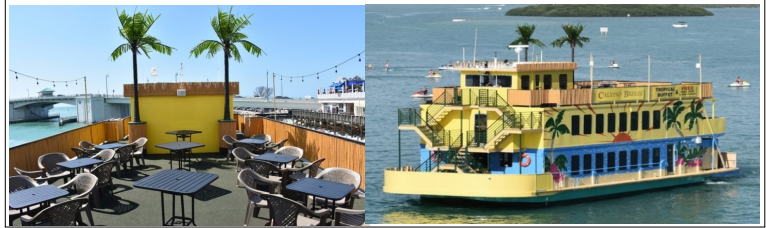
Saturday, April 20th
 Fellowship Hall
 8:00 am



SIGN UP TODAY!

CALYPSO BREEZE DAYTRIP
Thursday, May 2, 2024 | \$97 pp

Have tropical fun on the water aboard the Calypso Breeze! See the beautiful sights of John's Pass and Madeira Beach, on this smooth inland water cruise with captain's live sightseeing narration. Enjoy a delicious tropical island style luncheon and then walk it off by shopping at John's Pass. Full detailed flyers and waivers are available at Guest Services. Also when you sign up, a Fairway waiver will be emailed with your confirmation. AAA also requires a waiver. Reservations aren't confirmed until payment is made to AAA.



Encounters of 1st Impressions Ministry



Working with First Impressions has been very rewarding. One visit to someone may be the first time that a church member has made contact with them. A visit may last 5 minutes or maybe an hour. One visit we made did last an hour and it was a delightful visit. It proved to be a fruitful one. The couple joined the church and have been workers for our Lord. It didn't happen over night but in God's timing.



MAH JONGG EVERY MONDAY
 1:00pm - 3:00pm
 Classroom E
 Janet Suttle, Coordinator

M.O.M.
(Military Outreach Ministry)

Come join us every 2nd Thursday of the month at Harbor Chase at 1 pm and every 4th Friday of the month at Lady Lake Senior Living at 10 am as we celebrate the veterans residing in assisted living facilities. The veterans appreciate and look forward to time together. You may contact the church office about how to get involved or for more information. All are welcome to join us.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Barbara Lowe
- 2 Ginny Bohlen
- 3 Carri Mansdoerfer
- 4 Sandy Reissing
Lorraine Gish
Ruth Palmer
Pat McFarlin
Paul Smith
- 5 Jean Frye
Bud Atchison
- 6 Eileen Manley
- 7 Bill Imhoff
Chris Howard
- 8 Jean Creef
Sue Arvoy
John Cross
- 9 Wayne Masters
Steve Feller
- 10 Nell Still
Bill Raeder
Andrea Rivernider
Richard Moffett
- 11 John Johnson
- 13 Jerry McGraw
Ann Schaum
- 14 Carol Gentil
Virginia Pullen
- 15 Jeannine Armstrong
Hayat Khan
Gene Farmer
Dick Steves
- 16 Dean Moffett
Pat Vandivier
- 17 Barbara Coburn
Mike Eberle
- 18 Richard Kent
Michael Easter
- 19 Merle McConnell
Wes Lindholm
Debbie Martinez
Jim Carbonneau
- 20 Marv Crowley
Jim Comer
Pam Perras
Michael Spano
- 21 Betty O'Conner
Bunny Buckner
Pat Newcombe
- 22 Lois Ottman Howland
Mary Smalley
Eileen Emery
- 23 Joanne Zonker
Bill Joiner
Kathy Cross

- 24 Joyce Henry
Sheri Barker
Bob Brandt
Paul Cook
- 25 Jan Lubbehusen
Annette Hamlett
Sandy Houston
Minnie Bloch
- 26 Sandy Maffitt
Danny Baker
- 27 Norm Liskey
Bonnie Bolter
Sheila Easter
- 28 Linda Dansberger
John Urian
Al Richardson
- 29 Bev Johnsey
Bob O'Brien
- 30 Buddy Appel
Loretta Selby
Jenny Sweat
Ann McCullough
Bob McIlwee



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Frank & Joanne Gregory
Paul & Patty Wertz
Wade & Joan Werry
- 3 Dennis & BJ Hockenberry
- 4 Paul & Jill Barcus
- 5 Dave & Linda DeMars
- 8 Bill & Barb* Pope
- 9 Jim & Ann Longley
- 10 Cindy and James* Lambert
Jerry & Barbara Benware
- 12 Dick & Lois Dirks
- 13 Ken & Linda Riffle
Glenn Kelly & BJ Kellogg
- 14 Rick and Arlene Sutherland
Glenn & Ginny Bohlen
- 15 Anita & Ed* Dougherty
Ted & Jackie (Stuckey) Texer
- 17 Jim & Terri Cranfill
- 18 Bob & Chris Naramore
Bob & Sue Eaton
Bill & Pat Newcombe
- 19 Dan & Phyllis Walters
- 20 Butch & DeDe Gastfield
Lon & Bev Gaumer
- 20 Avery & Jean Creef
Bob & Diane Jacobs
- 23 Malan & Tricia Hepper
- 24 Linda & Bill* Whitney
Margaret & Dennis* Salisbury
- 27 Dennis & Marilyn Leslie

- 28 Lois & Dallas* Kuhn
Gary & Barb Mastny
Karl & Beth Kennaugh
- 29 Joanne & CW* Zonker

FORWARD

INITIATIVE

Please visit our Forward page on the website to view Fairway's "Forward Initiative update" presentation on our plans for the future of our church building.
(Including video flythrough)

<https://www.fairwaycc.org/forward/>

HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR BALANCE, INDEPENDENCE & JOY AS YOU AGE

Monday, April 15, 2024
2:00 – 3:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Don't miss this opportunity to come and learn:

- How staying active helps you maintain your independence as you age!
- Simple exercises to be stronger & more balanced to prevent falls!
- How to be more joyful & grateful!

Rest is RUST but Motion is LOTION... Use it or Lose it!

God made our bodies to keep moving so we can fulfill His purpose for our lives & finish the race well!

Presented by the **Senior Health & Wellness Ministry**

Sign up at the Kiosk or on the website, and please invite a friend or neighbor!



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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 9am—1st Imp. 1pm—Mahjongg 1pm—Kitchen Cleaning 3pm—Deacons Mtg.	2 8 ³⁰ am—Precept 9am—WM Tues. Bible Study 11am—Prayer Shawl 11am—WM Adv. Brd. Mtg. 1pm—Precept 2pm—Ukulele	3 8am—FMS 8am—Men's Bible Study 10am—WM Coffee 2pm—GriefShare 6pm—Bible Study	4 9am—Bolter Mtg. 10am—BLT Mtg. 10am—Creative Card 10am—Private Event 1pm—MOAMI Grad. 3pm—Beckner Group	5 9am—Band Practice	6 1 ³⁰ pm—Private Event 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
7 8am—Coffee Café 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ⁴⁵ am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study NO Directory Photos 10 ¹⁵ am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc. 2pm—25th Anniversary & Ground Breaking Ceremony	8 8am—FMS 9am—1st Imp. 9am—Potluck Committee 1pm—Mahjongg	9 8 ³⁰ am—Precept 9am—WM Tues. Bible Study 11am—Prayer Shawl 11 ¹⁵ am—WM Divine Time 11 ³⁰ pm—MOM Mtg. 1pm—Precept 2pm—Ukulele	10 8am—FMS 8am—Men's Bible Study 2pm—GriefShare 4pm—Choir 5pm—Dinner 6pm—Mission Trip Mtg. 6pm—Bible Study	11 9am—Bolter Mtg. 10am—BLT Mtg. 1pm—Veteran Visitation @ Harbor Chase 2 ³⁰ pm—WM May Team Mtg. 2pm—Retirement Roadmap-SHW 3pm—Visitation	12 6 ³⁰ pm-Game Night	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. 12pm—Private Event	22 8am—FMS 9am—1st Impressions 1pm—Mahjongg	23 8 ³⁰ am—Precept 9am—WM Tues. Bible Study 11am—Prayer Shawl 11 ³⁰ am—WM Sept. Team Mtg. 2pm—Ukulele	24 8am—FMS 8am—Men's Bible Study 2pm—GriefShare 4pm—Choir 6pm—Bible Study	25 9am—Bolter Mtg. 9am—Card Prep 10am—BLT Mtg. 2pm—Retirement Roadmap-SHW 3pm—Beckner Group	26 10am—Veteran Visitation @Lady Lake Senior Living	27 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
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On Easter weekend of 1999 Fairway Christian Church was launched with 157 in attendance and 23 committing themselves to membership in the new church meeting at La Hacienda Conference Center in Spanish Springs.

Fast forward to Easter 2024! Fairway Christian Church recently met on Easter weekend, celebrating the resurrection of our Savior – Jesus Christ! Since I'm writing this article the week before our Easter services so the newsletter can get sent out before the beginning of April, I don't have attendance figures. But I can assure you – our celebration will be joyful, enthusiastic, and welcoming as always – just as it has been for the last twenty-five years!

Speaking of celebrating: please note the emphasis of this month's newsletter – the 25th Anniversary of Fairway and the Ground-breaking ceremony of the *FORWARD Initiative* expansion project! That date is the weekend of April 6 & 7th during our regular worship services followed by the special Anniversary & Ground-breaking celebration at 2 p.m.!

We'll be meeting in the north-east parking lot at the end of classroom C/D for the ground-breaking ceremony, then move to the fellowship hall for fellowship & light refreshments. Be sure that weekend and during the 2 p.m. celebration to see all the memorabilia of the history of Fairway that will be on display! You might catch a glimpse of me when I had hair!

God continues to do amazing work here at Fairway Christian Church! We praise Him for twenty-five years of faithfulness and blessings upon Fairway's ministers, elders, deacons, ministry volunteers, and members! We celebrate twenty-five years of faithfulness to the Bible! We celebrate twenty-five years of presenting a loving, joyful, and welcoming fellowship where truth and love connect! May God continue to lay His hand of blessing on Fairway over the next twenty-five years, as we **GO** into our community, as we **SOW** the gospel, and as we **GROW** disciples who will change the world!

Your Preacher,

Butch Gastfield