

NEWSFLASH MAY 2025

Happy Officers Day

"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

Proverbs 31:25-26

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

ASST. ADMINISTRATOR - Michael Easter

Office Staff

OFF MGR/FIN SEC. - Leigh Ann Johnsey **ADMIN. ASSISTANT** - Jeanne Chairez

RECEPTIONIST - Mary Fancher

MAINT. SUPERVISOR - Bob Naramore **VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONISTS:** Rebecca Alessandrine(Mon.) & Bev Johnsey(Fri.)

ELDERS

Harry Harris (Chairman)

Roger Brown Fred Holland

Paul Cook

Jerry Benware

DEACONS

Chairman: Michael Bolter Vice Chairman: John Keeler Secretary: Bernie Gattozzi

Bill McAlister Billy Simpson Dave York Carl Roberts Duane Gipe Gerald Raver Glenn Kelly **Greg Domsic** John Alessandrine John Kase Jerry Maddox Larry Lambert Lou Delucio Mickey Smith Mike Waters Paul Bushman Paul Wertz Richard Parker Rick Langford Rick McKinney Tom Baggerly Tom Ross

FAIRWAY SCORE CARD April Averages

New Members since January 1, 2025 = 36

Avg Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 908

(4 Week Avg. for April 2024 = 915)

Online Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 451 Avg. Offerings Received (4 Wks) = \$30,249

Worship Services

Contemporary

Saturdays at 6 pm Sundays at 8:30 am

Traditional

Sundays at 10:30 am

Adult Sunday Bible Study

Fellowship Hall

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 Fellowship Hall



Lou Benasutti Calumet Grove

Diedre Manzari Silver Lake

Carol Schwarzmann Rio Grande

Lois Hafner Stonecrest

Gerry Dietrich Oxford

Peter Steinberg St. Charles

Due to the construction, we will not have a Nursery available for May, June & July. We are sorry for any inconvenience.



BREAKFAST

Get connected with Brothers in Christ Saturday, May 17, 8:00am

BRING A FRIEND Guest Speaker: George Poodiak

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: June 1 9:50-10:20AM



Upcoming Session: June 11 - Aug. 27

Wednesdays, 2pm—4pm,
If you, a friend, or neighbor have lost a loved one,
GriefShare is open to all who are grieving.

Register online at Fairwaycc.org or at a Kiosk in the Gathering Area.

Note: Aug 27 will be double session, 10:30am - 3:30 pm with Lunch included.

Prayer Warrior

Team

Meet in the
Gathering Area
20 minutes
before
Services

We are requesting (if possible) that you please carpool or come in your golf cart and park in the grass. This will help with parking during our remodeling.



We are going into the final months of construction and will soon have a beautiful building and parking area with plenty of room for everyone. We appreciate your patience during this process.



The Elders hold their first meeting in the new
Conference Room

We've Moved!!!







Michael Coppock's New Office

Proverbs 16:3

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

Counseling Room



Thank you to everyone for the support to make this new office complex a reality!

We are so excited to be in our new offices!





The Building Leadership Team hold their first meeting in the new Conference Room.



Please join us for our

Wednesday Night Dinner & Discipleship Hour May 14, 2025 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Study

Menu: Baked Ziti, Garlic Bread, Salad, and Ice Cream



CHURCH GAME NIGHT

Friday, May 9; 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall Bring your favorite game or come learn a new game. Bring a few snacks to share.

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, May 16
Refreshments at 6 pm; Movie at 6:30pm
"Reggie's Prayer"
No charge - Bring a friend



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets Tuesday Mornings, May 6 - June 17 following Ladies Bible Study, at 11:00 am in the Choir Room

Volunteers Needed



First Impression Ministry has a few openings. If you would be interested in personally greeting first time worshipers

(by phone or visitation) and telling them about Fairway, please contact Dean Moffett at 352-259-9305.

1st Impressions Encounter

Last week I made a home visit for 1st Impressions Ministry to a couple that filled out the card as first-time worshipers at Fairway. They were not home. Later that evening I called them by phone and talked to a gentleman. When I asked him where they were from, he replied "north of Indy". We had a pleasant chat, and he said they like the service and would be back.

Last Sunday I was a little later than usual for the 10:30am Service and found my "regular" seat was taken. I moved to the next section and found a seat next to a couple I did not recognize. After I was seated, I asked the gentleman beside me if this was their first time at Fairway.

"No, this is our second," he said. I asked them where they were from... "north of Indy," he said. I immediately recognized him and called him by name. With a surprised look on his face, he asked "how in the world did you know that?". I explained that I had talked to him earlier in the week. We had a pleasant chat and I'm sure they will return to Fairway. Was all of this a coincidence? I don't think so!

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 (ccallahan@fairwaycc.org) or Leigh Ann (leighann@fairwaycc.org), personally or via email when such a distribution is in progress.

Should you have any questions regarding this opportunity, feel free to contact Leigh Ann or 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.

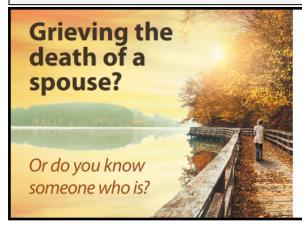
CONSTRUCTION ZONE AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We know everyone is getting excited and wanting to see the new areas that are being built. But for your safety, we ask that you please refrain from entering any of the construction areas unless you are being escorted by Chris Callahan or Michael Easter.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.





LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear.

Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar.



Friday, June 6, 2025 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall Register on Kiosk, or online @fairwaycc.org

Elders Meeting Notes April 21, 2025

The April Elder's meeting was called to order with the following elders present: Harry Harris, Fred Holland, Paul Cook and Jerry Benware. Presenters attending: Preaching Minister, Butch Gastfield; Associate Minister of Pastoral Care, Bob Harris; Associate Minister of Discipleship, Tom Beckner; and Chairman of the Deacons, Michael Bolter.

Harry presented the opening meditation and prayer.

The March minutes were accepted and approved.

Michael presented the Deacon's report. Michael highlighted that six new deacons have been ordained and they are motivated and enthusiastic, already serving. Fairway now has twenty-five deacons. Paul Wertz was recognized as deacon of the month. It was noted that events scheduled through June have assigned support. Michael noted that April was an exceptionally busy month having several special events. In closing the deacon update segment, Michael was recognized by the elders and ministerial staff for his leadership behind the scenes, and he continues to contribute greatly to the successful operations of our church.

The ministerial staff provided a concept presentation addressing the future of Fairway. The focus is to position Fairway to respond to the rapid growth in the younger communities near Fairway and to prepare for the overall future of our church given the population explosion the area is experiencing. Butch noted that we have been blessed in that we have been able to take steps to increase the versatility of our building so we can accommodate larger groups, more events, and additional classes/meetings. This displays the work of the Holy Spirit leading us and preparing us for new opportunities. All this has been made possible through the response of our loving and generous members reacting positively to the call of the Holy Spirit. Butch noted that he is working on initial planning and has a vision group and a publicity group working preliminary concepts.

The administrative report was prepared in advance by the Church Administrator, as he was on vacation. The financial report was reviewed and approved. The Church Administrator noted that the Phase 1 pledge period of the FORWARD Campaign ended April 30th. An assessment of the final contribution numbers is ongoing and will be available for the May Elders Meeting. Construction activities are ramping up throughout the entire facility and will cause disruption to the availability of many of our meeting spaces for the next two months. We continue to stress the importance of everyone being on the lookout for tripping hazards in the areas affected by the construction. The contractor is still on schedule and within cost. Updates are available on the church website.

The monthly ministers' written reports, to include the Preaching Minister's Report and each of the Associate Ministers' reports, were provided for elder review. Butch is now on sabbatical and while he is away Bob Harris will be the ministerial point of contact in Butch's absence.

Under Old Business, Steeple Accounting provided the results of the yearly audit report, which was classified as outstanding with no problems noted. In support of the Women's Ministry Retreat scheduled for February 19th, 2026, approval was provided to use our facility to host and hold the retreat, to have a paid speaker and to charge a fee for participation. This event will provide the opportunity for multiple churches/groups to participate. Church Directory is in the process of being updated.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Fred. The next monthly Elders meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2025.



Come and hear how some of our ministries shower God's children with love in their time of need.

Women's Ministry Luncheon "April Showers Bring May Flowers" Thursday, May 15th

11am—1pm in the Fellowship Hall Sign up online or at the kiosk



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: June 5, 2025 Fellowship Hall

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a critical need for parking lot guide volunteers. This is so important during our construction period. We are trying to find the best ways to combat the challenges of construction and we know that parking lot guides are at the top of the list. We need to ensure everyone can come to Worship Services in the safest manner possible. If you would like to volunteer. Please sign up at the kiosk or online and someone will reach out to you very soon.





FAIRWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH LADIES LUNCH & SHOPPING TRIP June 5, 2025, Thu. **\$65.00** per person

Grab a buddy and it's time for shopping at IKEA/ Mall at Millenia, the Prime Outlets or the Florida Mall. Choose which places you would like to shop at. You will be given a bus schedule to follow for

pickup and drop off times.

Fairway Christian Church - Depart 8:30am Return Approx. 6:30

SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE DROP OFF/PICK UP TIMES

IKEA 10:00AM 12:00PM 2:00PM

(Drop off in front of store)

MALL AT MILLENNIA 10:15AM 12:15PM 2:15PM 4:15PM (Drop off at Johnny Rockets in food court)

PRIME OUTLETS 10:30AM 12:30PM 2:30PM 4:30PM (Drop off at Guest Services)

FLORIDA MALL 10:45AM 12:45PM 2:45PM 5:00PM (Drop off by M & M's store)



You must sign up at the Kiosk at Fairway Christian Church, sign waiver in email confirmation, then call Senior Adventures at 352-753-5404 to make reservation. Send payment to PO Box 292, Lady Lake, FL 32158. Write in

check memo box the trip name & date of trip. (Add 4% for credit card payments.)



Happy Birthday and Anniversary to ...

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- Tricia Masters
 - Ray Kuzemchak
- Bob Reid Doris Hill

Sue Heller Barb Masten

Dawn Roccanti

- 3 Dottie Henriksen
 - Bill Coderre
 - BJ Patterson
 - Mary Koepke
- Bill Heller
 - Vicky Gaumer
 - Fred Supry
 - Jill Dexter
 - Adriana Schimming
- Rich Barrett
 - Gail Appel
 - Jim Longley
 - Vallie Strednak
- Randy Martinez **Bob Patterson**
 - Al Parko
- LaVonne Steves
- Myra Yates
- Rita Taylor
- Marilyn Ervin Larry Lambert
 - Helen Supry
 - Ray Morrison
- Suzanne Sears
- - Sharon Zarse Claudia Becknell
 - Becky Knapek
- 12 Jay Miglore
- Dawn Kammer
 - Marjorie Wrenne
 - Anita Dougherty
 - Kevin White
- 14 Abie Olambiwonnu Helve Massakas Norma Shafer
- 15 Frank Philipovich Denny Wright
- 16 John Sears
- Jennifer (Burch) Marshall
 - Ted Texer
- Shari Lowrance Susan Prince
- 18 Jackie Stuckey Texer David Roth
- 19 Tillie Kleckner Art Meyers Rachael Marshall
- 20 Elaine Cunningham Greg Stewart Vaughan Atkins
- 22 Tina Marie Lutz
- Lynn Kuschmann Joanie Hutchinson
- Kim Hanscom

- Barb Mastny Paul Olsen
- Ann Vogel Karl Schramm
- 26 Fred Keller Carol Blakely
- William Rogers
- 28 Dee Watson Bea Howell Malan Hepper
- 29 Peggy Hunt Roger Ignatius Sandi Houdeshell Gary Jennings **Bob Butcher**
- Bettie Kroener Carl Roberts David Trumbull Dan Beauchamp
- 31 Yvonne Fagin

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

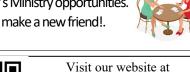
- Don & Beth Gott Roger & Susan Ignatius
- Karen & Bruce* Doran
- Jim & Juanita Gable
- Gary & Debbie Gray Doug & Gerri Gunderson Mark & Karen Skirpan
- Larry & Kate Dickerson
- Andy & Cathy Gerolemon Gary & Lorinda Tritt John & Rebecca Alessandrine
- Gary & Sandy Krumrine
- Gil & Monika Mendoza
- 11 Marlene & Bill Wilkie BJ & Ginny Patterson
- 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 Budd & Debbie Clifford Dave & Kyra Reed
- 24 Dick & Bonna Dohler Duane & Cathy Gipe Charlie & Karen Breitzke
- 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

May your special day be filled with Love, Blessings & Joy

GOT COFFEE?

All new ladies and familiar faces are invited for coffee, fun and fellowship on May 14 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. Information will be presented about Fairway

Women's Ministry opportunities. Join us a make a new friend!.





fairwaycc.org for more information.

SUNDAY MORNING CARD MINISTRY

Please be sure and stop by the Card Ministry table in the Gathering Hall and sign the beautiful cards that are made each week for those who are ill, grieving, etc. Even though you may not know the person, the cards mean so much to those that receive them knowing their church family is thinking of them.





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

Lady Lake Senior Living

Monday: 3PM

Cypress Care Assisted Living

Wednesday: 1PM

The Springs Assisted Living

Wednesday: 2PM Bible Study at Watercrest Assisted Living

Sunday: 1:30PM

Watercrest Assisted Living

Contact Lissa Cline for more information



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

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

MAY 2025

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm Friday 8:30am - 1:00pm Worship Services Contemporary Saturdays at 6pm Sundays at 8:45am Traditional Sundays at 10:30am	FMS= Feed My Sheep WM=Women's Ministry MM=Men's Ministry Pickleball Mondays: 2pm Moyer Thursdays: 3pm Pimlico			1 9am—Private Mtg. 10am—Creative Card 10am-Wm's Christ- mas Mtg.	2 8 ³⁰ am—Private Mtg. 1 ³⁰ pm-Wm's Feb. Team Mtg. 5 ³⁰ pm-DayTrip	3 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
4 8am—Coffee Café 8 ²⁵ &10am—Prayer 8 ⁴⁵ am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 9 ⁵⁰ am—Directory Photos 10am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc.	5 8am—FMS 9am-Elders Mtg. 9am—1st Imp. 10am—SH&W Elder Options 1pm—Mahjongg 2pm-Deacon Training 3pm-Deacons Mtg.	6 9am—Precept 9am—WM Tues. Bible Study 11am—Prayer Shawl 2pm—Ukulele	7 8am—FMS 8am—Men's Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am-GriefShare 4pm—Choir 6pm—Bible Study	8 9am—Private Mtg. 3pm—Visitation Mtg	9 8 ³⁰ am—Private Mtg. 2 ²⁰ pm-Wm's Media Mtg. 6 ³⁰ pm-Game Night	10 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
11 8am—Coffee Café 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ⁴⁵ am—Cont. Svc 9am—Bible Study 10am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc.	12 8am—FMS 9am—1st Imp. 10am—SH&W Elder Options 1pm—Mahjongg 1pm—M.O.M. @ the Springs	9am—WM Tues. Bible Study 11am—Prayer Shawl	14 8am—FMS 8am—Men's Bible Study 10am-Wm's Coffee 4pm-Choir 5pm—Dinner 6pm—Bible Study 7pm-Wm's May Luncheon prep	15 9am—Private Mtg. 11am-Wm's Luncheon	16 8 ³⁰ am—Private Mtg. 10 ³⁰ am-Jim Meyer Memorial 6pm-Movie Snacks 6 ³⁰ pm-Movie	17 8am - Men's Breakfast 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
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25 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.	ZE WILL BE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	9am—WM Tues. Bible Study 11am—Prayer Shawl 2pm—Ukulele	28 8am—FMS	29 9am—Private Mtg. 9am-Card Prep	30 8 ³⁰ am—Private Mtg.	31 5 ⁴⁰ pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.

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By the time you read this, DeDe and I will be on our first ever Sabbatical. So let me say first, how grateful we both are to Fairway's elders for giving me this opportunity to take the month of May off and get some rest and relaxation with DeDe; to take some focused time to pray; to read a couple of books I've been wanting to read; to plan out my sermons; and to take time to seek God's direction for this new chapter in Fairway's life with the expansion of our building moving towards completion and our first church plant taking off.

Fairway has been blessed with elders who truly are a blessing to work with. They are supportive and encouraging to me and the rest of the ministry team and the administrative staff. They serve and work and lead as elders should. They love this church family and show it by their involvement on so many levels and seek to do what is best for this flock. If you're here during the weekend services and happen to see one of our elders: Harry Harris, Roger Brown, Jerry Benware, Fred Holland, and Paul Cook, - please let them know how much you appreciate them. To oversee, guard and shepherd the flock of God is not always an easy task. Pray for them often – I know they would appreciate it.

I would ask that you also keep DeDe and myself in your prayers during my Sabbatical. I usually find that it takes three or four days into my vacation to wind down and let go of the "work" mentality. Once I get beyond that, I know I'll begin to enjoy time with family, and time to get to some of the things that always get put on the back burner at work because of the urgency of the day to day business. The preaching will be handled by our very capable ministers Tom Beckner and Bob Harris.

I sincerely believe Fairway's best and most exciting days are ahead! I am humbled at the way God has chosen to bless us in so many ways! May He continue to bless us and may we continue to give Him glory by lifting up His Son and our Savior Jesus Christ! See you in a month!

Your preacher - Butch