

# *NEWSFLASH*

*JUNE 2025*

Celebrate

Thank you for your endless support, wisdom, and love.

Today, we honor all the wonderful moments and memories we share

*Father's*



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#### **ASSOCIATE MINISTER**

Tom Beckner

#### **ASSOCIATE MINISTER**

Jim Jacobs

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### ELDERS

Harry Harris (Chairman)

Roger Brown

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Paul Cook

Jerry Benware

### DEACONS

**Chairman:** Michael Bolter

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John Kase

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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**

#### **May Averages**

**New Members since January 1, 2025 = 38**

**Avg Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 721**

(4 Week Avg. for May 2024 = 721)

**Online Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 391**

**Avg. Offerings Received (4 Wks) = \$ 26,500**



#### **Contemporary Services**

Saturdays at 6 pm

Sundays at 8:30 am

#### **Traditional Service**

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

*Welcome!*  
**New Members**

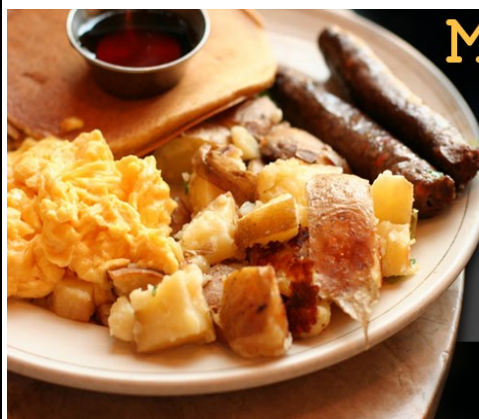
Merle Esdale



**WOMEN'S CREATIVE  
CARD MINISTRY  
WILL NOT MEET  
IN JUNE**

**Next Meeting: July 3, 2025**

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



## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

GET CONNECTED WITH BROTHERS IN CHRIST

Saturday, June 21, 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: July 6  
9:50-10:20AM**

## **GRIEF SHARE**

*You don't have to grieve alone.*

**Upcoming Session: June 11 - Aug. 27**

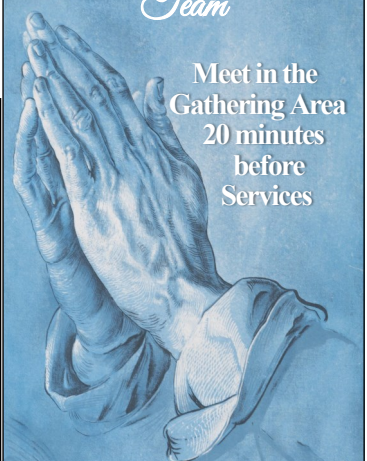
Wednesdays, 2pm—4pm,

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

**Register online at [Fairwaycc.org](http://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.*



# ELDERS

## Elder Meeting Minutes

**MAY 19, 2025**

The May Elder's meeting was called to order with the following elders present: Harry Harris, Roger Brown, Jerry Benware, Fred Holland, and Paul Cook. Presenters attending: Associate Minister of Pastoral Care, Bob Harris; Chairman of the Deacons, Michael Bolter; and Church Administrator, Chris Callahan.

Roger presented the meditation and opening prayer.

The April minutes were accepted and approved.

Michael presented the Deacon's report. He shared his appreciation for the support of the Elders, and that the Deacons are a great working team. He also mentioned that Chris gave a detailed and informative report on the construction at the last deacon's meeting. It was quite helpful for the deacons to understand where changes will be needed. Michael will be away in June and John Keeler will be leading the deacons while he is away. He shared that Tom Ross gave a thorough update regarding the Emergency Response Team. Michael noted that April was an exceptionally busy month with a number of special events.

The Preaching Minister's Report was provided by Bob, as Butch is on sabbatical. The elders noted that the sermon series presented by Tom Beckner was well received, as was the Mother's Day weekend sermon by Bob. The ministerial staff has done a wonderful job in covering all the bases during Butch's absence and the amount of effort and extra load taken on by them was commended by the elders. The individual reports noted that with the summer break coming for some activities until the fall, planning for the coming year will be in full swing. With the completion of our expanded building, events will be planned to help everyone realize the capabilities and potential of our facilities. It was noted that May was filled with many special memorial services and a beautiful wedding!

Chris presented the administrative report. The April financial reports were reviewed and approved. Chris shared that the loan for the additional \$1M is almost complete, which is a part of the original loan amount planned for the construction. For planning purposes, Chris proposed a soft opening of the new facilities in mid-August and the Grand Opening date would be targeted for mid-September, all subject to change. Updates will be provided as we come closer to July. The contractor is still on schedule to complete work by the end of July. Our owners' portion of interior decorating and furniture arrangement will then commence. Chris shared that the staff has moved into the new office area but a number of items on the punch list have yet to be completed.

Under Old Business, Paul inquired as to the status of the update for the church directory database and noted that our system will then be capable of providing us with a more accurate count of membership and participation. Policy and procedures updates have been completed and will be ready for final review this month.

Jerry provided the closing prayer.

The next monthly Elders meeting is scheduled for June 16th.



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 web-site. 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.

## **Women's Ministry Luncheon**

**"Faith, Family, and God"**

**Thursday, June 19**

**11am—1pm**

**In the Fellowship Hall**

**Sign up online or at the kiosk**

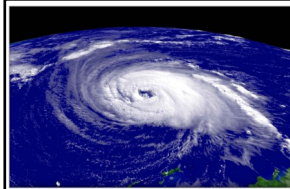


## **GOT COFFEE?**



All new ladies and familiar faces are invited for coffee, fun and fellowship on **July 2 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall**. Information will be presented about Fairway Women's Ministry opportunities. Join us and make a new friend!.

***Don't miss out— sign up now!***



The 2025 Hurricane Season has begun!

The season began on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will end on November 30<sup>th</sup>. August and September are usually the most active months but between now and Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> stay tuned to the weather reports.

If a storm threatens our area, we will do our very best to keep you informed via email should we have to cancel events or close the building for safety reasons.

From the desk of the Administrator:

We are about 60 days to completion of our building/ renovation project. Many thanks to all of our partners who have given to the Forward Phase 1 & Phase 2 projects.

Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the funds to pay off our up and coming loan. Without you this would not happen. May God Bless you richly and abundantly.

**Reminder from the  
Military Outreach Ministry –**  
Military retirees and dependents have until  
**December 31, 2025, to receive a new Next  
Generation USID card. The old format ID  
card with an indefinite expiration date will  
not be accepted after that. If you have  
questions or need help,  
call the church to get in touch with  
Paul Cook.**



**MAH JONGG**  
Every Monday, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

# Prayer Shawl Ministry

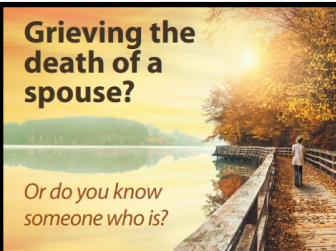
Meets Tuesday Mornings, May 6 - June 10  
following Ladies Bible Study,  
at 11:00 am in the Choir Room



## 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.



**Grieving the  
death of a  
spouse?**

*Or do you know  
someone who is?*

## 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, 2-4 pm  
in Fellowship Hall**

## WORD SEARCH

The words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally

Abel, Abraham, Abram, Adam, Cain, Gabriel, James,  
Jesus, John, Luke, Mark, Mary, Noah, Paul, Seth,  
Silas

J	M	J	A	M	E	S	M
S	N	A	B	E	L	O	A
L	E	I	R	B	A	G	R
S	K	T	A	B	D	P	Y
U	S	R	H	C	A	A	E
S	I	L	A	S	M	U	K
E	E	P	M	M	H	L	U
J	O	H	N	O	A	H	L

## 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.**

The following Bible Studies and Events will break for the summer months.

Wednesday Night Bible Study  
Wednesday Night Bible Study Dinner  
Ladies Precept Bible Study  
Men's Bible Study  
Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study - concludes 6/10/25  
Prayer Shawl - concludes 6/10/25  
Movie Night  
Game Night  
Ukulele

Be sure to watch the bulletin for dates of when these activities will resume.

Just a reminder that Event forms must be submitted and approved before a room can be reserved.

Event forms can be filled out and submitted via our website. If you have questions, please call Leigh Ann in the office at 352-259-9305.



# DEACONS

## **Congratulations Deacons!**

We are thrilled to celebrate the ordination of six new deacons to Fairway. This is an event of great significance and joy for us all as we welcome these dedicated servants of faith who will enrich our spiritual walk together. Stepping into the role of a deacon is a spiritual milestone, marking the beginning of a journey filled with service and devotion.

The Biblical role of deacons is that of a servant, a pillar of service and support, taking care of the physical and material needs of our church, and ensuring the smooth functioning of worship services and events. Deacons give generously of their time and talents supporting our ministers, elders and other church leadership. Deacons handle administrative tasks, physical and logistical duties, assist in worship services, plan and participate in celebrations and special events.

One of the greatest blessings of becoming a deacon is the opportunity to gain a deep sense of fulfillment and spiritual growth through service to our church, and the entire Christian community.

As we welcome Duane Gipe, John Kase, Glen Kelly, Tom Baggerly, Rick Langford, and Richard Parker we also embrace a new chapter in Fairway's story. Our deacons will work closely with our entire congregation, humbly offering service and support, and walk alongside us in our journey in faith.

Let us each offer support and encouragement to our deacons as they settle into their new role by taking a moment to introduce ourselves, and keep deacons in our prayers that they receive wisdom and guidance. Together, Fairway will continue to be a beacon of light and hope in our community, guided by truth and love. Here's to a beautiful journey ahead, filled with blessings and grace.



## **NEW SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES BEGIN JUNE 22**

### **9:00 Studies in Psalms**

**Tom Beckner, teacher**

The Psalms are often called “the heart of the Old Testament,” not only because they are located near the middle of our Bible, but also because it works on our hearts. They express a wide variety of emotions that continue to speak to our hearts thousands of years after they were written.

Yet, few Christians realize that there is an intentional arrangement of the book, that the poems/songs contained within it connect with different eras in Israel's history, or that the book is a part of the larger narrative story of God's revelation to His people.

Join us this Summer as we study the book, identify some of its key themes, learn a bit about how its poetry works, and even read some of your favorite selections. You will leave this study with an increased appreciation for this section of God's word.

### **10:00 Galatians**

**Jim Jacobs, teacher**

In his short letter to the Galatians, Paul outlines the bombshell truth that the gospel is the A to Z in the Christian life. He tells us that it is not only the way to enter the kingdom, but it is the way to live in the kingdom.

We will see Paul telling the Galatians that all they need—all they will ever need—is the gospel of God's unmerited favor through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Paul is going to help them solve their problems, not by telling them to “be better Christians,” but by calling them to live out the implications of the gospel.

We will watch how Paul challenges them, and us, with the simple truth that the gospel is not just the ABCs of Christianity, but that the gospel is the A through Z, and that Christians need the gospel just as much as non-Christians. It transforms our hearts, our thinking, and our worldview.



- 1 Bonnie Grabowski  
Diana Moore
- 2 Janet Mershon
- 3 Jan Bohnstedt  
Maxine Brocius  
Judy Hubbuch  
Carol Frieday  
Carolyn Malmros  
Budd Clifford
- 4 Don Thornburg  
Bonnie Penuel  
Diane Boisvert  
Lee Adams
- 5 Joanne Gregory
- 6 Nancy Decker  
Bill Howard
- 7 Jim Shabdue  
Karen Doran  
Carolyn Pope Howard  
Susan Jaeger  
Charlie Breitcke  
Kim Farmer
- 8 Kenny Griffin  
Karen Breitcke
- 9 Tom Armstrong  
Jo Ann Cole  
John Alessandrine
- 10 Elias Venegas  
Pete Nicholas
- 11 Lyn Langston  
Ann Fessler
- 12 Don Royston
- 13 Trish Atchison  
Peggy Holland
- 14 Joe Nedbal  
Bob Beishuizen  
Jim Druin  
Marianne Sarchino
- 15 ShirleyJean Baggerly
- 16 Jeanne Boitnott  
Carey Beasley  
Rebecca Alessandrine
- 17 Debbie Kline  
Margo Wallo
- 18 Carol Douton  
Bev Coderre  
Debbie Clifford  
Susan Pritchard
- 19 Shirley Tedder  
Dottie Moore
- 20 Evelyn Ritchie  
Donna Robinson  
Sandy (Snipes) Hall
- 21 Karen Drass

- Marlene Stalter  
Bob Harris  
Elaine Tice
- 22 Larry Dickerson  
Debbie Tucker
  - 24 Gene Walker  
Geri Mattocks  
Tom Butzen
  - 25 John Frantz  
June Buddelmeyer  
Greg Domsic  
Gil Mendoza  
Martha Turley
  - 26 Lana Karlen  
Dodie Michel  
Ginny Goodwin
  - 27 Betty Jean Miles  
Jordan Coppock  
Denise Israels
  - 28 Tom Hollister  
Gary Gaumer  
Andrea Baker
  - 29 Paul Hoffstein
  - 30 Dennis Zabel  
Bernie Gattozzi



- 2 Glen & Bonnie Penuel
- 3 Doug & Sandy Hall
- 5 Carol & Gary\* Campe  
Cliff & Peggy McKinstry
- 6 Joe & Darlene Mankowski  
Jim & Adriana Schimming  
Jason & Gladys Montgomery
- 7 Carl & Erlene Hanson  
Bill and Mary Joiner
- 12 Gary & Dottie Henriksen  
Rick & Karen Drass
- 14 Rob & Anne Cink  
Clete & June Buddelmeyer  
Bill & Carolyn Howard
- 16 Ralph & Barbara Angus
- 17 Janet & Don Sandefur  
Jim & Karen Carbonneau  
Bob & Jennifer Marshall  
Christopher & Christina Holliday
- 18 Robert & Denise Van Winkle  
Larry & Karen Gooding
- 19 Craig & Paula\* Minnich
- 20 Jack & Janice Harrington
- 21 Carl & Kay Roberts  
Randy & Liz Newman
- 23 John & Lori McLean  
Yvonne & Tony\* Bargamin
- 24 Billy and Linda Simpson
- 25 Mike & Sherry Czerwonky

- Ken & Sandy Munson
- 26 Carey & Derek\* Beasley
  - 28 Jim & Deb Miller  
Mike & Sharon Yochum
  - 29 Linda & Orlando\* Januario  
Jerry & Rhonda Heller  
David & Letha Roth
  - 30 Bill & Bette Denholm  
Greg & Debbie Tucker  
Michael & Sheila Easter

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

#### 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.



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

#### 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



Visit our website at  
fairwaycc.org for more  
information.



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

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



Happy

# FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 8am—SonRise Café 8 <sup>25</sup> & 10am—Prayer 8 <sup>45</sup> am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 9 <sup>50</sup> am—Directory Photos 10am—Bible Study 10 <sup>30</sup> am—Trad. Svc.	<b>2</b> 9am—Elders Mtg. 9am—1st Imp. 1pm—Mahjongg 2pm—Deacon Training 3pm—Deacons Mtg.	<b>3</b> 9am—WM Tues. Bible Study 11am—Prayer Shawl 9 <sup>30</sup> am - WM Disciple Makers Mtg. 11 <sup>30</sup> am—WM Adv. Team Mtg.	<b>4</b> 8 <sup>30</sup> am - Private Mtg. 9 <sup>15</sup> am - Private Mtg. 10am - WM Fellowship Coffee	<b>5</b> 9am—Private Mtg. 2pm - Connecting Hearts Mtg.	<b>6</b> 8 <sup>30</sup> am—Private Mtg. 2pm - Loss of a Spouse	<b>7</b> 5 <sup>40</sup> pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
<b>8</b> 8am—SonRise Café 8 <sup>25</sup> & 10am—Prayer 8 <sup>45</sup> am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 10am—Bible Study 10 <sup>30</sup> am—Trad. Svc. 11 <sup>45</sup> am - Missions Mtg.	<b>9</b> 9am—1st Imp. 1pm—Mahjongg 1pm - WM July Team Mtg. 1pm—M.O.M. @ the Springs	<b>10</b> 9am—WM Tues. Bible Study 9 <sup>30</sup> am - WM Disciple Makers Mtg. 11am—Prayer Shawl 11 <sup>30</sup> am- MOM Mtg.	<b>11</b> 8am—FMS 8 <sup>30</sup> am - Private Mtg. 9 <sup>15</sup> am - Private Mtg. 2pm - GriefShare	<b>12</b> 9am—Private Mtg. 3pm—Visitation Mtg	<b>13</b> 8 <sup>30</sup> am—Private Mtg.	<b>14</b> 5 <sup>40</sup> pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
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<b>22</b> 8am—SonRise Café 8 <sup>25</sup> & 10am—Prayer 8 <sup>45</sup> am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 10 <sup>15</sup> am—Bible Study 10 <sup>30</sup> am—Trad. Svc.	<b>23</b> 8am—FMS 9am—1st Imp. 1pm—Mahjongg	<b>24</b> 9 <sup>30</sup> am - WM Disciple Makers Mtg.	<b>25</b> 8am—FMS 8 <sup>30</sup> am - Private Mtg. 9 <sup>15</sup> am - Private Mtg. 2pm - GriefShare	<b>26</b> 9am—Private Mtg. 9am - Creative Card Prep	<b>27</b> 8 <sup>30</sup> am—Private Mtg.	<b>28</b> 5 <sup>40</sup> pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
<b>29</b> 8am—SonRise Café 8 <sup>25</sup> & 10am—Prayer 8 <sup>45</sup> am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 10 <sup>15</sup> am—Bible Study 10 <sup>30</sup> am—Trad. Svc.	<b>30</b> 8am—FMS 9am—1st Imp. 1pm—Mahjongg				<b>Office Hours</b> Monday-Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm Friday 8:30am - 1:00pm <b>Worship Services</b> Contemporary Saturdays at 6pm Sundays at 8:45am Traditional Sundays at 10:30am	<b>FMS=</b> Feed My Sheep <b>WM=</b> Women's Ministry <b>MM=</b> Men's Ministry <b>Pickleball</b> <b>Mondays: 2pm</b> <b>Moyer</b> <b>Thursdays: 3pm</b> <b>Pimlico</b>

**REST, RHYTHM, and BALANCE.** These are three words that resonate within my mind as I return from my first ever Sabbatical. DeDe and I have taken the opportunity to reflect and pray these five weeks and have had several conversations about this time as it drew to a close.

**REST** – The elders told me to get some rest. I did that – or I should say my amazing kids saw to it that DeDe and I did that! Beth, Billy, Mandy, and their wonderful spouses all pitched in and flew me and DeDe to Sedona, Arizona! Although DeDe knew about this, it was a total surprise to me! We enjoyed a week in an amazing part of God’s beautiful creation! I hiked trails, talked to God a lot, and we both rested – really, genuinely, rested!

**RHYTHM** – I love what I do and consider myself blessed to serve such a great church. This church, her eldership, the incredible ministry and administrative team I work with have allowed me to be in a “sweet spot” that I dare not take for granted! But, all that being said, ministry in general, leadership and being responsible for developing and preaching a sermon every week can often create a very heavy and unpredictable schedule. I’m not complaining – just saying. And, because I tend to be a type “A” personality – I can easily and quickly exacerbate that by being focused on work to the exclusion of rest. Some of you type “A”s know exactly what I’m talking about! RHYTHM is God’s solution. With my wonderful wife’s help, I’ve come to realize that in a big way over my Sabbatical. Therefore, I intend to work harder at developing more of a Rhythm to my weekly schedule for my own sanity and in order to be more effective here at Fairway. I don’t want to forget to enjoy and delight in my ministry, my wife, my family, and my time away from work.

**BALANCE** – If I do the above, BALANCE will be the result. And BALANCE I believe, will bring me full circle back to the first thing – REST. God incorporated a Sabbath into the creation week not because He needed REST – as if God gets tired. God ceased His creative “work” so He could sit back and enjoy the fruit of His labor! He could delight in the canvas of His creation that lay before Him. Unlike God, we humans do need rest, and God built the Sabbath into the seven day work week for us to rest sure enough! But, along with the rest, we should also take time to enjoy the fruit of our labor, enjoy the people God has placed in our lives, and enjoy His wonderful creation that surrounds us!

Your Preacher, Butch