

**NEWSFLASH<sup>™</sup> - AUGUST 2025**

# Celebrate

*a new chapter at Fairway!  
Join us for our 1st Family Dinner  
in our new Gathering Hall!*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th  
12:00 pm**

**Please bring the following:  
(Last name beginning with)**

**A-H - Side Dish**

**I-Q - Salad**

**R-Z - Dessert**

**Please bring enough to serve 12 people  
Main dish (Ham & Roast Beef) will be provided by the church  
Disposable dishes preferred and please do not bring serving  
utensils.**

**Please sign up at the Kiosk or  
online at [www.fairwaycc.org](http://www.fairwaycc.org)**



### 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

Carl Roberts

Dave York

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**

#### **July Averages**

**New Members since January 1, 2025 = 42**

**Avg Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 693**

(4 Week Avg. for July 2024 = 653)

**Online Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 385**

**Avg. Offerings Received (4 Wks) = \$ 28,844**



#### **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



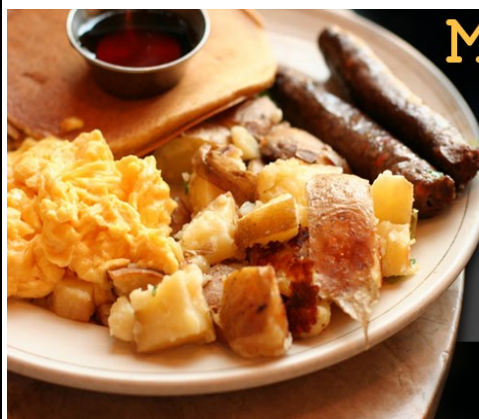
### **Women's Creative Card Ministry**

**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: August 7, 2025 Fellowship Hall**



## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

GET CONNECTED WITH BROTHERS IN CHRIST

Saturday, August 16, 8:00am

**BRING A FRIEND!**  
Showing of Dennis Quaid's Testimony

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: August 3 9:50-10:20AM**

## **GRIEF SHARE**

*You don't have to grieve alone.*

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

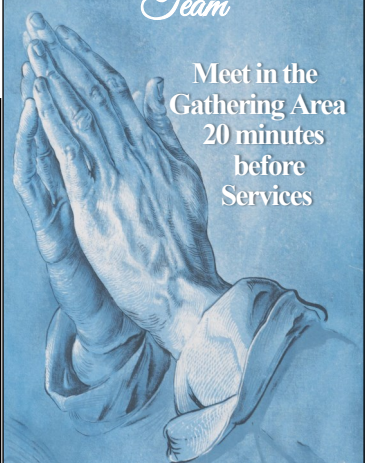
Wednesdays, 2pm—4pm,

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



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

### **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.





You are cordially invited to our

# Grand Opening

Sunday  
September 28th, 2025  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

CATERED FOOD & SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT  
8400 E COUNTY RD 466  
THE VILLAGES, FL 32162

## RSVP

EMAIL: [INFO@FAIRWAYCC.ORG](mailto:INFO@FAIRWAYCC.ORG)  
PHONE: 352.259.9305  
ONLINE: [FAIRWAYCC.ORG/UPCOMING\\_EVENTS/](http://FAIRWAYCC.ORG/UPCOMING_EVENTS/)



### Welcome—Join our Ladies Fellowship Coffee!

All new ladies and familiar faces are invited for coffee, fun and fellowship on August 6th at 10 a.m. 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!

### Here's The Scoop!

Join the Women's Ministry for this  
Summer's Ice Cream Social

"I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM,  
WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM"

AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> • 1 PM

Guest Speaker: Rochelle Rogers  
From Middlesboro Florida Life Credit Union  
Speaking about "Identity Theft"

Sign up online at [www.fairwaycc.org](http://www.fairwaycc.org) or at a Kiosk in the  
Gathering Area

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!!

### Discipleship Hour Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:00pm 10 weeks, beginning September 10 Walking with the Rabbi Facilitator, Tom Beckner

This comprehensive study doesn't just teach biblical facts; it invites you to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, fostering a deeper, more meaningful relationship with God. We will learn how to approach our study of Scripture by understanding how Jesus' early disciples would have heard His teachings.

Each week, we will view a short video. Following the video, we will have a time of discussion focusing on the spiritual insights the video teaching uncovers as we learn how to embody the essence of discipleship by living out Jesus's teachings in our daily lives. Join us as we elevate our discipleship journey and take living like Jesus to new heights!

### Men's Bible study Wednesday mornings, 8:00-9:00am 11 weeks, beginning September 3 The Pursuit of God Teacher, Donn Swift

This study course calls men to a deeper, more intimate relationship with God as they examine what it means to truly seek God, move beyond superficial faith, and cultivate a life of worship, surrender, and spiritual longing.

Each session will focus on a chapter of A. W. Tozer's classic book, *The Pursuit of God*, engaging in guided discussions, personal reflection, and practical applications.

This study is designed for anyone who desires a more profound spiritual life, whether new to the faith or a long-time believer seeking renewed passion for God.

### Adult Bible Study Sunday mornings, 9:00-9:45am 6 weeks, beginning September 14 "What's Love Got to Do With it?" A Study of 1 Corinthians 13 Teacher, Jim Jacobs

Is love just an emotion that comes and goes with the changing circumstances of life? Or is Love something more, something deeper? We face the same challenge in our culture, and as the Corinthians church.

Join us as we explore new understandings of the nature of love, and consider relevant applications to our lives.

### Adult Bible Study Sunday mornings, 10:00-10:45am 6 weeks, beginning September 14 How Majestic is Your Name! Teacher, Dan Smith

What's in a name? Join us as we discuss God's names: Elohim, Jehovah, Adoni as well as at least several other titles that are used with these names. We will examine both the Scriptures and the situations when these names and titles were used.



New to Fairway? Would you like to know more about Fairway? We invite you to our *First Step* seminar running four consecutive **Monday evenings from 6 - 7 pm**. Starts **Monday, August 4** with Preaching Minister Butch Gastfield. Sign up at the kiosk or online!

Meeting Dates: August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th



# ELDERS

## Elder Meeting Minutes

JULY 21, 2025

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

Chris presented the meditation and opening prayer.

The June minutes were accepted and approved.

Michael presented the Deacon's report. Michael shared that the deacons are excited about the additional and expanded responsibilities they will face as we open the new parts of the church.

In light of this, we will need to build and enhance our hospitality teams to cover all doors for all the services. Also, the parking lot ministry will need to grow as well. Michael shared that the Deacon's handbook has been updated and distributed. He noted that Tom Ross provided an update on the Emergency Response Team and more volunteers are stepping up to help. Advertising for that team will be posted in upcoming newsletters and the bulletin to help our congregation know the team is available at each of our services. Michael said that support for the Women's luncheons are covered for the next several months. In closing, he noted that the Men's breakfast was well attended in July.

Chris presented the administrative report. The June financial reports were reviewed and approved. Chris provided details regarding the status of our Forward campaign, Phases one and two. Chris reviewed the financial status of our church plant, Unity Christian Church and stated that they now have the capability to independently manage their funds, which is a great step forward in the development of the church. Chris provided the latest schedule for paving of our parking lot and the date of the "soft opening," August 17th, with the Grand Opening scheduled for September 28th. He stated that we are working on a video for Butch to use in the services that will show the congregation the new layout of the parking lot and the building one week prior to the opening of the facility. We are still on track to complete the major portions of the contract by the end of July, but some construction may continue a bit past this date. He reminded us that our owners portion of interior decorating and furniture arrangement will then commence.

The Preaching Minister's Report was provided by Butch. He is working on numerous projects in support of our wall murals slated to be applied during the months of August/September. He continues to hold meetings with leaders involved in the church plant as well as with local ministers in our fellowship. We had several baptisms, memorial services, and a baby dedication during the month of July in addition to many ministry support actions. Butch continues working with the ministry staff on training, teaching and fellowship opportunities slated to start in the fall, in addition to the many special events we have slated for the next two months leading to the Grand Opening. The associate ministers' reports reflected on the development of educational materials, training for teachers and organizing for new discipleship groups to be ready in late August for early September start. The choir music for the year, choir specials, Christmas Musical, and Easter Musical, 2026 have been decided upon and are ready to be put into practice at the appropriate dates.

A number of home visits, church plant visits, hospital calls, telephone contacts bereavement visits and office appointments were completed by the ministerial staff in addition to Grief Share Sessions and Sunday morning Bible studies. Our ministers remain among the busiest and most caring people in the community. We are blessed to have them.

Under Old Business, Harry noted that our Minister/Elder coordination meeting will be held on August 5th. The elders discussed details regarding outside ministries to ensure those that are being supported are still in line with the policies and practices of FCC. The church directory update is in progress and a report is expected in early August. Butch presented alternatives to our "invitation" process, and we are evaluating this with the possibility of making some changes.

Under New Business, the Elders set up a schedule for the Saturday services so that an Elder would be present at these services. Reaction time to requests made on the Connection Cards and Ministry Interest Forms was discussed with the goal of ensuring quick and accurate response and/or action. Jerry provided the closing prayer.

The next monthly Elders meeting is scheduled for August 18th.

### **Connecting Hearts Weekly Activities:**

**Monday:** 1PM at Lady Lake Senior Living & 3PM at Cypress Care Assisted Living

**Wednesday:** 1PM at The Springs Assisted Living & 2PM Bible Study at Watercrest Assisted Living

**Sunday:** 1:30PM at Watercrest Assisted Living

Contact Lissa Cline for more information

### **Women's Bible Study; Teacher: Sue Agnew**

**Monday mornings, 9:00-11:00am**

**10 weeks, beginning September 8**

**Lord, Teach Me to Pray**

Using the pattern our Lord gave His close followers that day, Kay Arthur shares practical insights into the Lord's Prayer in her book, Lord Teach Me to Pray in 28 Days. In this course, you will view our Savior's teaching through a new lens and learn how to pray, what to pray, and what to expect when you pray. **ADVANCE SIGN-UP REQUIRED; MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT: 10**

### **Women's Bible Study; Team Taught: Lula Reynolds, Coordinator**

**Tuesday mornings, 9:00-11:00am and 12:30-2:30pm**

**11 weeks, beginning September 9**

**Precept Upon Precept: Ephesians**

The Precept Method is similar to an inductive Bible study method, but which adds additional tools to enable a deeper level of Biblical engagement. There are two levels of study: 1) Precept Upon Precept—an intense study of Ephesians that will require approximately 5 or more hours of study time each week; 2) In and Out—a less intense approach that will take 2-3 hours of weekly study outside class.

Class time session consists of a one-hour class discussion, followed by an hour-long video instruction by the Precept Upon Precept instructor. **ADVANCE SIGN-UP REQUIRED**

### **Women's Bible Study; Teacher, Diane Tucker**

**Tuesday mornings, 9:00-10:30am**

**7 weeks, beginning September 9**

**Galatians: Accepted and Free**

This video Bible study based on Jada Edwards's book, Galatians: Accepted and Free, emphasizes the acceptance we have in Christ that the Apostle Paul so passionately wanted us to understand.

Each class session will include both a discussion of the reading assignment as well as a video presentation of new material. Students will also have access to the video for review outside the class time. Join us for a time of sharing and learning as you grow to understand that you are wholly and fully accepted in Christ! **ADVANCE SIGN UP REQUIRED**

# DEACONS

## Share The Joy

The walls of Fairway have witnessed prayers, celebrations, and moments of solace. Now, with our renovation and expansion nearing completion, these walls are ready to welcome many new members. This is not just about bricks and mortar, it's about creating a space that reflects our growing church and our mission.

Along with this growth comes an urgent call for more volunteers to help support our mission. The change in Fairway is more than just physical. It represents our commitment to serving a larger congregation, offering more programs, and reaching out to those in need. New programs mean more coordinators and helpers. Every role, no matter how small it may seem, plays a vital part in fulfilling our mission.

The technological improvements at Fairway are many and impressive including audio visual, sound systems, and big screen TVs. But all the new technology does not replace volunteers, it only increases the need for more.

Volunteers greet newcomers with a warm smile, organize events, and ensure that every worship service runs smoothly. Their contributions create the welcoming and nurturing environment that makes Fairway feel like home.

Volunteering is not just about giving, it's about receiving, too. It's an opportunity to grow in faith, build meaningful relationships, and make a tangible impact on the lives of others. Whether you're setting up chairs for a service, visiting those in need, or simply lending a listening ear, your service reflects God's love in action.

Join a hospitality, worship, or outreach ministry. Help with events, lend a hand with maintenance, serve with the Parking Lot Team or the Emergency Response Team. By volunteering, you're not just filling a role, you're answering a calling to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

So, let us each rise to the occasion and share in the joy of serving. Let's fill our newly expanded Fairway with not just people, but with a spirit of service. Together, we can ensure that Fairway becomes a beacon of hope, love, and faith for generations to come. Will you join us?

Go to [www.fairwaycc.org](http://www.fairwaycc.org). Click on Events, Upcoming Events, Ministry Interest Sign Up, or simply use the kiosk at the Guest Services' Desk. Or just keep it simple and call Michael Bolter at 616-745-9699, or the church office at 352-259-9305.

Welcome,  
New Members

Peter Croden

Jim & Sherri Trice



Fairway Women have a Friday exec. golf group. If you would like to join us please sign up at the Kiosk 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.

## Change to Connection Card Prayer Requests

### I visited today because...

- Someone Invited Me
- Church Website
- Drove By
- Newspaper Ad
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Prayer Request (Please Write Clearly)

- ☐ Publish on Fairway's prayer email  
☐ Do Not Publish

You will begin to see a change on the back of the Connection Card in regards to the Prayer Request section.

When submitting a prayer, you will need to check either **"Publish on Fairway's prayer email"** OR **"Do Not Publish"**.

If neither box is checked, the prayer will not be published.

*If you submit a prayer request for another Fairway member/attender, please note, we must have their permission before it can be published.*



### 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](mailto:ccallahan@fairwaycc.org)) or Leigh Ann ([leighann@fairwaycc.org](mailto: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.**





## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ria Anies
- 2 Nancy Griffin  
Mike Waters  
Pam Trunca  
Cheryl Hoag  
Chelia Thorpe  
Angie Williams
- 3 Joan Miller  
John Bales  
Diane Jacobs
- 4 Mary Lou Johnston
- 5 Ann Longley  
Corina Slattery  
Carolyn Schroeder
- 6 Janice Harrington  
Virginia Brown
- 7 BJ Liles  
Ann Powers  
Sue Eaton  
Tom Aitken  
Carrie Martin
- 8 Howard Young  
John McLean  
Peggy McKinney  
Gina Weitzel
- 9 Sue Malvin  
Lou DeLucio  
Denny Cisney
- 10 Herb Lutz
- 11 Charlotte O'Connor  
Lela Johnson  
John Knapke
- 12 Joy Anderson
- 13 Pat Halliday
- 14 Linda Maddox  
Bob Jacobs  
Nancy Swift  
Mary Cook
- 15 Denny LaFrance  
Diane Langford
- 16 Janet Sandefur
- 17 Ron Stewart  
Bob Barden
- 18 Liz Lutz  
Sarah McAlister  
Chuck Westlake  
Donn Swift  
Valerie Stephens  
Jane Shatzer
- 19 Sue Richardson  
Larry Miller  
Lou Benasutti
- 20 Ellen Pearce
- 21 Mary Fancher  
Heidie Vasko  
Vicki Coppock  
Ping Wang  
Jim Watson
- 22 Brenda Penn

- 25 Shirley Ritchey  
Linda Walker  
Ellis Jackson  
Peter Steinberg
- 26 Gail Kopp  
Linda Whitney  
Tom Ross  
Gary Mastny
- 27 Kathy Domsic
- 28 Barb Bender  
Linda DeMars
- 31 Pam Iserloth  
Wanda Nedbal  
Pat Earl

*Happy Anniversary!*

BLESSINGS BEHIND AND AHEAD

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Alan & Katrina Newman
- 3 Suzonne Kardatzke-Brown  
& Paul\* Brown
- 5 Jim & Sherri Trice
- 7 John & Brenda Penn
- 8 Paul & Maureen Mullen
- 9 Joe & Pam Perras
- 10 Tom & Sue Arvoy
- 11 Willie Weist & Linda  
Governale
- 12 Ann & Richard\* Schaum
- 13 Marty & Dianne Frankel
- 14 Joe & Rose Ann Marone  
Jim & Barb Druin
- 15 Dann & Gretchen Perigo  
Bob & Marilyn Brandt
- 16 Wes & D.J. Lindholm  
Richard & Bonnie  
Grabowski
- 17 Tim & Nance Decker
- 19 Harold & Evelyn Ritchie  
Jeff & Sheri Barker  
Kevin & Bonnie White
- 20 Dwaine & Rita Green  
Gary & Claudia Becknell
- 22 Dennis & Kaye Zabel
- 23 Glenn & Darlene Harbeck  
Martha & Tony\* Pike  
Alison & Bob McIlwee
- 24 David & Elle Belt
- 25 Brian & Pat\* Mahon
- 26 Brenda & Tony\* Paval
- 27 John & Wanda Lehr
- 31 Beth & Jerry\* Greene



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

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



Visit our website at [fairwaycc.org](http://fairwaycc.org)  
for more information.



## MOAMI Moving On Ministry for Women in Change or Transition

**The next MOAMI Class begins on  
Thursday September 11 and ends on  
November 13.**

MOAMI is a program for women from all walks of life, regardless of church membership or background. It offers a space for women to gain tools and advice for managing transitions, connect with others in similar situations, and receive spiritual enrichment.

MOAMI is about meeting new people; and more importantly, it's about forging lasting connections. Each week, participants come together not only to discuss their journeys but to uplift and encourage one another. For many, the relationships formed in MOAMI extend beyond the program, creating a supportive network that lasts long after the ten weeks are over.

If you or someone you know is navigating a life change, Fairway Christian Church invites you to be part of this warm, welcoming community. To participate in the **MOAMI program**, visit the Fairway Christian Church website or contact the church office at (352) 259-9305.

## *Fairway Christian Church 2026 Women's Retreat* *"Embracing Joy"*

Speaker: Susan Miller; Founder of MOAMI  
February 19, 2026  
9:00 am to 4:30 pm

**REGISTRATION STARTS JULY 1, 2025**

Register on the Church Website or at the Retreat table in the Gathering Hall

**Fee: \$65<sup>00</sup> CHECK OR CASH ONLY; \$69<sup>00</sup> CREDIT CARD**  
(includes all materials, continental breakfast, lunch and giveaways)

### IMPORTANT:

### **IN PERSON REGISTRATION :**

**FILL IN EVENT FORM COMPLETELY AND SUBMIT WITH PAYMENT**

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

#### **1. CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

Fill in the registration form, bring to Fairway along with your check payable to Fairway Christian Church OR cash in the amount of \$65<sup>00</sup>. Bring it to the church office during the week and give to the receptionist or drop in the Offering plate during weekend services.

#### **2. CREDIT CARD PAYMENT**

To pay by credit card, go to  
[www.fairwaycc.org/Events-Upcoming-Events/](http://www.fairwaycc.org/Events-Upcoming-Events/)

**REGISTRATION IS NOT SECURE UNTIL  
PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.**

**REGISTRATION ENDS DEC. 31, 2025**





# AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Office Hours</b> Monday-Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm Fri-8:30am - 1:00pm <b>Worship Services</b> <b>Contemporary</b> Saturdays at 6pm Sundays at 8:45am <b>Traditional</b> 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>				<b>1</b> 9am-Precept Ldrs Mtg. 11am-Hosp. Tm. Mtg. 10 <sup>10</sup> am-Retreat Music Mtg.	<b>2</b> 5 <sup>40</sup> pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
<b>3</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>4</b> 8am- FMS 9am—1st Imp. 9am-Elders Mtg. 6pm-First Step Class	<b>5</b> 9 am-Private Mtg. 11am-Wm's Adv. Team Mtg.	<b>6</b> 8am—FMS 8 <sup>30</sup> am-Private Mtg. 9 <sup>15</sup> am - Private Mtg 2pm -GriefShare	<b>7</b> 10am-Creative Card Ministry 12 <sup>30</sup> pm-MOAMI alumni lunch	<b>8</b> 10am-Wm's Nov. Tm. Mtg.	<b>9</b> 5 <sup>40</sup> pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
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<b>17</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. 12pm-FCC Family Dinner Celebration	<b>18</b> 8am—FMS 9am—1st Imp. 10 <sup>30</sup> am-Glenda White Memorial Service 6pm-First Step Class	<b>19</b> 9 am-Private Mtg. 1pm - Private Event 2 <sup>30</sup> pm-Wm's Feb. Team Mtg. 3pm-Men's Ministry Mtg.	<b>20</b> 8am—FMS 8 <sup>30</sup> am - Private Mtg. 9 <sup>15</sup> am - Private Mtg 2pm -GriefShare 4 <sup>15</sup> pm-Wm's Event Decorate	<b>21</b> 1pm-Wm's Ice Cream Social 5 <sup>30</sup> pm-Men's Movie & Pizza	<b>22</b> 8 <sup>30</sup> am—Private Mtg.	<b>23</b> 2pm-Private Event 5 <sup>40</sup> pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
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Below is a picture from a Gastfield family vacation that took place in 1971. We were living in England. I would have been 11 years old. My Dad was stationed at Woodbridge/ Bentwaters AFB (about 70 miles NE of London) while serving out his last three years of a 20-year Air Force career. We took a vacation to Scotland in the little English Ford Anglia shown in the picture. Four kids in the back seat, Mom in the front passenger seat with a new dachshund puppy in between her feet and the spare tire under her feet! This was supposed to be an enjoyable camping trip up into Scotland and back home to Bentwaters AFB in a week and a half. All of our camping gear had been stowed on top of the car and crammed in the trunk. Even though it was early summer/ late spring, just as we got into Scotland and stopped to set camp up for the first night of our adventure, the weather turned nasty with a cold drizzle and stiff winds. It was a chore for dad to get the two tents set up. Since I was the oldest of the three boys it was my job to help. I'm pretty sure I hindered more than helped. The dog certainly wasn't helping – she was just running around confused and barking! But when it came time to cook dinner on the little Coleman camp stove Dad had rented from family services on base, he realized the propane valve didn't work right. Yeah – he should've checked it before renting it! I was going to suggest that - but given the murmuring and visible signs of stress Dad was exhibiting while he worked on the stove, I decided the smart thing to do was leave Dad alone at the moment and hide in the tent with my brothers and sister until dinner was served. Not only did we all go to bed hungry that night – it was the first and last night in a tent the entire vacation.



You see that night in their tent, Mom and Dad must have had a secret meeting and decided to change things up and take advantage of what the English called a “Bed & Breakfast”. The way it worked, to my amazement, was that nice people opened up their homes – or big, beautiful old Scottish farmhouses like the one pictured – and (at a reasonable cost back then) provided guests with a warm bed to sleep in, a big dinner and an even bigger English breakfast. On top of that, we were blessed to meet some of the nicest people! This was Mom & Dad’s choice of accommodation for the rest of the vacation! No more tents, no more faulty camp stoves, cold rain, and crazy dogs running around the campsite! It turned out to be one of the most memorable family vacations we still talk about.

Here at Fairway, we’re building memories. We are fast approaching the completion of our building expansion project. On August 17th we’ll have our “soft opening” and on Sunday, September 28th we’ll have our Grand Opening to the community! What exciting times this has been for our church family! Over the last three years our church family has prayed, planned, given sacrificially of time, talents, and finances; we have dealt with “where does my class meet this week?” moments almost every week; we’ve all been breathing dust, wiping off dust, listening to drills and hammers, walking around scaffolding, walking under scaffolding, eagerly watching the progress each and every week, and continually being amazed at what God is doing through His people.

Although this project has been no vacation – I can assure you this has turned out to be one of the most memorable times in the life of this congregation! And we’ve come through it as one, unified, excited, supportive, enthusiastic church family! We will be talking about this experience for years to come, I’m sure! But the work does not stop with the completion of this project! This work has only been preparation for the work that must now follow – being good stewards of what God has blessed us with and using this new, expanded facility to fulfill our mission to GO into our community, SOW the gospel, and GROW disciples who will change the world! Our community is growing, the need for the gospel is great, and our Lord is asking us to GO! Are you ready to listen and to obey and see what God is going to do next?

Your Preacher, Butch