

Missions Emphasis



Month

Mission Partner Presentations • IDES Food Packing Event
Wildwood Food Pantry Grocery Collection

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

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MAINT. SUPERVISOR - Bob Naramore

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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

September Averages

New Members since January 1, 2025 = 70

Avg Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 746

(4 Week Avg. for September 2024 = 625)

Online Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 489

Avg. Offerings Received (4 Wks) = \$ 32,801



Contemporary Services

Saturdays at 6 pm

Sundays at 8:30 am

Traditional Service

Sundays at 10:30 am

Adult Sunday Bible Study

Chapel

9:00 am & 10:00 am

Nursery available on Sundays during Worship Services
(Saturdays by request)

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: October 2, 2025 Fellowship Hall

Invite your friends & neighbors to join us at our

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD × FELLOWSHIP × FAITH

Saturday, October 18, 8:00am

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 leading to the West exit. (Occasionally Saturdays will be announced.)

Next Pictorial Directory opportunity:
October 5; 9:50-10:20AM

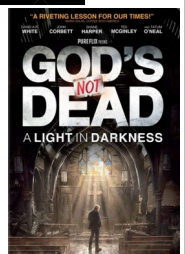


CHURCH GAME NIGHT

Friday, October 10th; 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite snacks and join the fun!



Friday, October 17th
Refreshments at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall;
Movie at 6:30pm in the Worship Center
"God's Not Dead 3: A Light in the Darkness"



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



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

SUNDAY MORNING CARD MINISTRY

Please be sure and stop by the Card Ministry table in the Gathering Area 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.

A Note from our Missions Team:

October is a big month for missions at Fairway. First, on **October 4 and 5**, four of our partners will be joining us: Lake Aurora Christian Camp (a local mission), WWHO (World Wide Hispanic Outreach, Inc., Mexico), Partners in Missions (Odessa, Ukraine), and TCM, Inc. (Vienna, Austria). Each will have a display in the Gathering Hall explaining their work. You are encouraged to meet them before or after service. Also, on **Saturday, Oct 4, at 3:30pm in the Café**, each partner will give a short presentation about their mission. Ice cream and cookies will be provided. **Please sign up on the kiosk for this event.**

The following weekend, **October 11 and 12**, our partner in India, the Kerala Christian Mission will be here. They will be available at each service for you to meet. On **Saturday, Oct 11 at 4:30pm in the Cafe**, they will have a time where they will discuss what it is like to be a Christian missionary in a non-Christian country. **Please sign up for this event on the kiosk.** They will also be available during both Sunday Bible Study hours on Sunday Oct 12 at 9am and 10am, for a similar discussion. Please don't miss this opportunity.

Finally, on October 24 and 25, Fairway will partner with IDES for a food packing event. The details are in a separate article.

Fairway is blessed to have truly dedicated missions' partners who are doing the work Romans 10:14-15 calls all of us to do. Please welcome them during Missions Month.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Welcome! All new ladies and familiar faces are invited for coffee, fun and fellowship on **October 1st at 10 a.m. in the SonRise Cafe**. Information will be presented about Fairway Women's Ministry opportunities. Join us and make a new friend! Don't miss out—**sign up now!**



Bible Study - God's Story from Beginning to End Mondays, Oct. 13 - Dec. 15 @ 10—11:30 am

A survey of both the Old and New Testaments that focuses on making the Bible easier to study and understand. It will provide a "big-picture" understanding of Scripture—how the Bible is structured; its primary themes; and how its different books connect with each other to tell one unified story. Sign up online or at a kiosk. Taught by Tom Beckner.



Wednesdays, Sept. 24-Dec. 17
2-4 pm in the Chapel

GriefShare™

All who are grieving the loss of a loved one is invited to attend.



**SURVIVING
the HOLIDAYS**

holidays and even discover hope for the future.

Join us on **Friday, Nov. 7th, 2:00-4:00 pm**

Sign up at a Kiosk, online at fairwaycc.org or GriefShare.org



Nursery thru Pre-School is now open!!

Available Sunday mornings during both services and Saturday nights by request.

(Call church office if Saturday night nursery is needed)

**ELVIS
PRESLEY
JERRY LEE
LEWIS**

**MILLION
DOLLAR
QUARTET**

CHRISTMAS

**CARL
PERKINS
JOHNNY
CASH**

FAIRWAY DAY TRIPPERS & SENIOR ADVENTURES PRESENT:

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET DAY TRIP

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, \$125PP

FULL DETAILED FLYERS AND WAIVERS ARE AVAILABLE AT GUEST SERVICES. PLEASE SIGN UP ON OUR KIOSKS OR OUR WEBSITE AND A WAIVER WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU, ALONG WITH FURTHER DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR RESERVATION.



YOUR KEY TO
**SENIOR LIVING
OPTIONS**

THE 7 HIDDEN COSTS OF SEARCHING FOR SENIOR LIVING ONLINE

Most families begin their search for senior living on the internet, not realizing that a simple online form can create more problems than solutions. In this eye-opening presentation, we'll uncover the hidden risks of relying on national websites like A Place for Mom - from endless sales calls to costly mistakes that affect both finances and peace of mind.

You'll learn:

- The truth about how online referral sites really work
- The 7 hidden costs families often don't see until it's too late
- How to protect your privacy and avoid overwhelm
- Why working with a local advisor makes all the difference



This talk is designed for seniors, caregivers, and adult children who want clarity, confidence, and control in making one of life's most important decisions.

Don't let a website decide your loved one's future - discover the safer, smarter way to plan.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025 @ 1 PM

FAIRWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

8400 E. CR 466 (corner of 466 & Morse)

Sign up on the Kiosk at GUEST SERVICES or at
www.fairwaycc.org/upcoming-events

Reminder: Event Request Forms must be filled out & turned in to reserve a room. Event Forms are found at www.fairwaycc.org

*Prayer Warrior
Team*



Meet in the
Family Rm.
20 min.
before
Services

ELDERS

Elder Meeting Minutes September 15, 2025

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

Fred presented the meditation and opening prayer.

The August minutes were accepted and approved.

Michael presented the Deacons' report. He said Bob Lutz attended and provided information needed for the deacons to perform as tour guides before and after weekend services as required. He shared that Chris provided a construction update report and Bernie Gattozzi gave an update on the Emergency Response Team. More volunteers are still needed for the parking lot ministry and for a Bible Study held at Water Crest Senior Living Facility led by Bernie.

Chris presented the administrative report. The August financial reports were reviewed and approved. He provided the Building Leadership Team update noting that parking lot issues and the overall punch list is still being worked. He further noted that the furniture for the café and Gathering Area have arrived and are in place. He recapped the soft opening on August 31st, was a big success feeding around 500 members and guests. A follow-up meeting with the hospitality team was held to determine steps to make an event like this even smoother. The Grand Opening date is September 28th. It will include a short Ribbon cutting ceremony, Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall, light hand-held snacks, and facility tours with the focus on visitors and invited guests. This event is designed to showcase our church to the community. Chris mentioned the Tour Guide ministry headed up by Bob & Tina Lutz is up and running. He further noted that classroom training has been completed, with follow-up classes scheduled for our seasonal members as they return. The training classes will be posted on the website.

The Preaching Minister's Report was provided by Butch. He noted the completion of our wall murals enhancing the history and service missions of our church. We have been blessed with a number of baptisms and the addition of new members this month. Several celebration of life services were conducted in addition to preparation activities focusing on the Grand Opening. He noted that our church plant, Unity Christian Church in Leesburg, had its Grand Opening this month. We celebrate with them in this wonderful accomplishment giving glory to God. Detailed reports addressed the many counseling contacts, coordination of ministry study classes, home-hospital-rehab visits, phone calls, cards, training, mentoring, and planning activities completed. The choir has returned from their summer break and many special events are planned for the fall; keep an eye on the church calendar. The behind-the-scenes work performed by our ministry staff echoes the wonderful loving and caring atmosphere created by our brothers and sisters in Christ. Truly, we are blessed.

Under Old Business, the elders discussed enhancements for the Saturday night service experience to identify volunteers to operate the café prior to the service.

Under New Business, the Elders responded positively to an advertisement request for the Women's retreat, and noted that the Church Administrator will coordinate future requests. Paul provided a thorough update on the upcoming October Missions Month and all the activities and Missionary organizations that will be attending during this month. Keep an eye on the calendar as many interesting and informative events are scheduled. Paul shared that the MOM's outreach to the Ocala Veterans Home on Sunday was a great success. Chris shared that Bev Johnsey has agreed to be the Church Historian on a voluntary basis.

Paul provided the closing prayer.

The next monthly Elders meeting is scheduled for October 20th.

Do you want to get to know Fairway's Elders better?
Visit www.fairwaycc.org/elders-and-deacons/
to view their personal testimonies.

SCENES FROM THE GRAND OPENING!

Thank you to our Fairway family for making this night a HUGE success!!



DEACONS

The Price of Time

Time is one of the most precious gifts God has given us. Unlike money or material possessions, our time cannot be stored or replenished.

For many of us, even in retirement, our schedules are often full. We have doctor appointments to schedule, social groups to connect with, golf to play, football to watch, and personal commitments to keep. Yet, above everything else, we each have a need to pause, reflect, and give back a portion of our time to God. Distractions can be many, but dedicating time to Fairway is a profound way to honor God, serve others, and grow spiritually.

When we choose to give our time, more than just one hour a week during a worship service, we are prioritizing Him above all else, acknowledging that He is the source of our lives and blessings.

When we dedicate time to Fairway, through volunteering or supporting ministries, we present ourselves as a living sacrifice, aligning our priorities with His will. Whether it's being part of THE HOSPITALITY TOUR TEAM, PARKING LOT TEAM, EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM, or helping with the many other church ministries. Giving our tithes, talents, and time is an act of worship. God gives us time, and we should use it wisely.

Participate in ministries or outreach programs, support church events by going to www.fairwaycc.org. Click on Events, Upcoming, Events, Ministry Interest Sign Up, or simply use a kiosk in the Gathering Area. Michael Bolter is waiting for your call.

Not sure what to do? You don't even have to sign up, just show up! Chris Callahan always needs help with the many events he has planned.

Fairway thrives when everyone contributes. By giving our time, we ensure the church can fulfill its mission to spread the Gospel and serve the community.



Wednesday Dinner & Study

October 8, 2025

5 pm Dinner & 6 pm Study

Menu: Chili, Corn Bread and Dessert.

Sign up at the Kiosk or Online for food and fellowship!

Enjoy Dinner, Stay for the Bible Study!

Ladies October Luncheon
Thursday, Oct. 16th; 11:00 am



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.

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICE



FAIRWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FOOD PACKING EVENT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 FROM 5PM—8PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 9AM—NOON



The Fairway Christian Church Mission Committee is pleased to invite you to participate in a food packing event to help the hungry around the world. On **Friday, October 24 from 5-8pm or Saturday, October 25 from 9am-12pm**, we will pack 60,000 meals total for IDES to distribute to places like Ukraine, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

We need 80 volunteers to sign up for 3 hours (volunteering is not hourly this time-you will be signing up for all 3 hours) on each day in order to complete the mission which will be held right here in our Fellowship Hall. **Sign up at the Kiosk or online at Fairwaycc.org.**



CPR/AED Training

CPR (Continuous Chest Compression)

& AED (Automatic External Defibrillator)

Heimlich Maneuver (Choking)

Fairway Christian Church: Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23rd 1:00 - 3:30 PM

MUST pre-register to attend. Class size is limited.

For more information & to register EARLY:

Please email Lynn@FairwayCC.org

If anyone has a 4 or 5 ft. simple nativity scene (Mary, Joseph & Jesus) that they would like to donate to the church, please call the church office and let us know. Thank you!



Notice: Now that we are using the new rooms, please make sure all drinks are in closed containers (bottles, tumblers, or cups with lids.) NO drinks in carpeted areas without lids. Help us keep our church clean and looking new.

Thank you for your cooperation!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mike Czerwonky
Pat Zier
- 2 Doug Gunderson
Lynn Canale
Ralph Angus
- 3 Peggy Alfree
- 4 Don Gott
- 5 Karen Skaggs
Pat Crouch
Carol Savchitz
- 6 LeArda Day
- 8 Edgar Amador
June Howard
- 9 MaryLou Salerno
Richard Cammeron
Judy Perry
- 10 Eileen Martin
Art Tomassetti
- 11 Shirley Gassner
Glenn Bohlen
- 12 Thomas Glapion
Flo Blanchard
- 13 Trina Stroope
Duane Gipe
Bob Lutz
Chris Hale
- 15 Bob Anderson
Tyler Tobin
Tom Mansdoerfer
- 17 Dennis Leslie
Joan Fillman
Lissa Cline
- 18 Laura Gleason-Knull
Jeff Barker
Kay Farmer
- 19 Cindy Flowers
- 20 Beth Greene
Susan Sarlo
Kitty McIntire
Roger Weitzel
Dwayne Green
Greg Tucker
- 21 Leigh Ann Johnsey
Carol Watson
Barb Whatley
- 22 Paul Wertz
Sherry Czerwonky
- 23 Delores Olambiwonnu
Rose Ann Marone
Robert Stanziola
- 24 Marcie Bales
David Belt
- 25 Jan Sce

- 26 Chris Callahan
Dan Walters
- 27 Gail Still
Tom Gibbons
Loretta Otten
Joan Alderman
- 28 Mike Ritchey
Tom Beckner
- 29 Dale Noble
Janet Phillips
Chris Eversole



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Greg & Kathy Domsic
Tom & Bev Beckner
- 4 Harry & Mary Harris
Joy & Robert* Didelot
Suzanne & Ralph* Graves
- 5 Ray & Kathy Morrison
- 6 Rich & Lula Reynolds
- 7 Susan & Dennis Sarlo
Rick & Diane Langford
- 8 Dennis & Barb Whatley
- 9 Don & Vicki Alkema
- 11 Joe & Carolyn Camden
- 15 Tom & Shirley Jean Baggerly
- 16 David & Margot Amann
- 17 Mike & Betty Ross
Mike & Pat Waters
Chuck & Lori Westlake
Paul & Karen Olsen
- 19 Gary & Vicky Gaumer
Curt & Alice Morman
- 20 Bob & Janet Suttle
John & Kathy Cross
Jim & Pat Crouch
- 21 Joe & Wanda Nedbal
- 25 Gene* & Sandie Kime
Russ & Cindy Flowers
- 26 Peter & Darlene Larrabee
Jack & Loretta Selby
- 27 Donn & Nancy Swift
- 31 Karl & Kim Hanscom
Bill & Sue McGaughey

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



Visit our website at fairwaycc.org for more information.

WELCOME New Members

Janet Lyjak

Gilchrist

Liz Dietrich

Lakeside Landing

Mary McReynolds

Lynn Haven

Nancy Martin

Rio Grande

Stephen & Denise Koziol

Sam Costa

Watercrest

Robin Polischeck

Hemingway

Fred Klein

Duval

Bill & Debbie Feltz

Harbor Hills

Judy McDonald

Sabal Chase

Maureen Bier

Duval

Jonn & Mary Gale

St. Catherine

Bill & Susan McGaughey

Hemingway

Mike & Patty Fay



October 2025



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	Mission Events in BLUE		1 8am—FMS 8am—Men's Bible Study 10am—Wm's Coffee 2pm—GriefShare 3 ³⁰ pm—Choir 6pm—Bible Study	2 9am—Private Mtg. 9 ³⁰ am—Disciple Makers 10am—Creative Card 1pm—MOAMI	3 8 ³⁰ am—Private Event Men's Golf 6pm—Wedding Rehearsal	4 2pm—Wedding 3³⁰pm—Mission Presentations 5 ⁴⁰ pm—Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
5 8am—SonRise Cafe 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.	6 8am—FMS 9am—1st Imp. 9am—Private mtg. 9am—WM How to Pray 1pm—Mahjongg 3pm—Deacons Mtg.	7 8am—Private Mtg. 9am—Precept 9am—WM Tues. Bible Study 11am—Prayer Shawl 11 ¹⁵ am—Wm's Advisory Mtg 12 ³⁰ pm—Precept 1pm—Wm's Oct. Mtg. 2pm—Ukulele	8 8am—FMS 8am—Men's Bible Study 2pm—GriefShare 3 ³⁰ pm—Choir 6pm—Bible Study	9 9am—Private Mtg. 9 ³⁰ am—Disciple Makers 1pm—MOAMI 3pm—Visitation Mtg	10 8 ³⁰ am—Private Mtg. 6 ³⁰ pm—Game Night	11 4³⁰pm—Mission Presentation 5 ⁴⁰ pm—Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
12 8am—SonRise Cafe 8 ²⁵ & 10am—Prayer 8 ⁴⁵ am—Cont. Svc 9am—Bible Study 10am—Bible Study 10 ³⁰ am—Trad. Svc. 11 ⁴⁵ am—Missions Mtg.	13 8am—FMS 9am—1st Imp. 9am—WM How to Pray 10am—Bible Survey Study 1pm—Mahjongg	14 8am—Private Mtg. 9am—Precept 9am—WM Tues. Bible Study 11am—Prayer Shawl 11 ³⁰ am—MOM Mtg 12 ³⁰ pm—Precept 2pm—Ukulele	15 8am—FMS 8am—Men's Bible Study 1pm—Oct Lunch Set up 2pm—GriefShare 3 ³⁰ pm—Choir 6pm—Bible Study	16 9am—Private Mtg. 9 ³⁰ am—Disciple Makers 11am—WM Luncheon 1pm—MOAMI	17 8 ³⁰ am—Private Mtg. 6pm—Pre-Movie Snacks 6 ³⁰ pm—Movie	18 8am - Men's Breakfast 5 ⁴⁰ pm—Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc. Wildwood Food Pantry Bag Handout
19 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. Wildwood Food Pantry Bag Handout	20 8am—FMS 9am—1st Imp. 9am—WM How to Pray 9am—Elders Mtg. 10am—Bible Survey Study 1pm—Mahjongg 2pm—Big Band Prac.	21 8am—Private Mtg. 9am—Precept 9am—WM Tues. Bible Study 11am—Prayer Shawl 11 ³⁰ am—Wm Dec. Mtg. 12 ³⁰ pm—Precept 1pm—SH&W Event 2pm—Ukulele 3pm—Men's Min.	22 8am—FMS 8am—Men's Bible Study 2pm—GriefShare 3 ³⁰ pm—Choir 6pm—Bible Study	23 9am—Private Mtg. 9am—Card Prep 9 ³⁰ am—Disciple Makers 1pm—MOAMI 1pm—CPR/AED Training Class	24 8 ³⁰ am—Private Mtg. 9am—IDES GAP Set up 5pm—IDES GAP Food Packing Event	25 9am—IDES GAP Food Packing Event 5 ⁴⁰ pm—Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc. Wildwood Food Pantry Bag Collection
26 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. Wildwood Food Pantry Bag Collection	27 8am—FMS 9am—1st Imp. 9am—WM How to Pray 10am—Bible Survey Study 1pm—Mahjongg	28 8am—Private Mtg. 9am—Precept 9am—WM Tues. Bible Study 11am—Prayer Shawl 12 ³⁰ pm—Precept 2pm—Ukulele	29 8am—FMS 8am—Men's Bible Study 1pm—Wm's Media 2pm—GriefShare 3 ³⁰ pm—Choir 6pm—Bible Study	30 9am—Private Mtg. 9am—Card Prep 9am—Wm's Retreat Core Tm. 9 ³⁰ am—Disciple Makers 1pm—MOAMI	31 8 ³⁰ am—Private Mtg. 10am—Wm's Christmas Crew	FMS= Feed My Sheep WM= Women's Ministry MM= Men's Ministry Pickleball Mondays: 2pm Moyer Thursdays: 3pm Pimlico

MILITARY OUTREACH MINISTRY (M.O.M.)

Military Outreach Ministry 2025 outlines a year-long plan of activities and support initiatives for veterans, including celebrations, donations, and ongoing care efforts. The ministry focuses on honoring veterans, improving their living conditions, and fostering community involvement through events and outreach.

- Vietnam Veterans Celebration planning: The ministry held a Vietnam Veteran Celebration in March 2025, with a noted attendance challenge due to a conflicting event. The next celebration is scheduled for March 30, 2026. Discussions about themes and related activities began mid-year.
- Support and donations: Throughout the year, the ministry distributed Valentine and Medal of Honor cards, sent a Tunnel to Towers check, and utilized Thrivent gift cards to fund cookouts and dinners. They also purchased new mattresses and mattress pads for veterans in Ocala, supported blackout curtain installations, and collected food donations.
- Outreach and visitation efforts: The ministry faced challenges with nursing home visitations but continued efforts at the Springs of Lady Lake. They also engaged with family units housing veterans and sought to identify the best ways to assist confined veterans.
- Seasonal and community events: Key events included an annual cookout with new grilling equipment, a September pasta dinner, and preparations for Christmas activities such as stocking trees and backpacks for veterans and their children in transitional housing. Planning for the Christmas party and volunteer coordination was set to begin in October.