

FAIRWAY NEWSFLASH

AUGUST 2026



hello
August

*For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold from
those who walk uprightly.
Psalm 84:11*

Ministry Staff

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Butch Gastfield

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ASSOCIATE MINISTER

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ASSOCIATE MINISTER

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FAIRWAY SCORE CARD

July Averages

New Members since January 1, 2026 = 54

Avg Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 701

(4 Week Avg. for July 2025 = 658)

Online Worship Attendance (4 wks) = 494

Avg. Offerings Received (4 Wks) = \$ 29,438

Weekly Budget Expected = \$ 36,070



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

Supplies are available for newcomers.

Sign up at the Kiosks or website if you plan to attend.

Next: August 6, 2026

10 am

Fellowship Hall

Next Month: Aug 6th

Invite your friends & neighbors to join us at our

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD × FELLOWSHIP × FAITH

Saturday, August 15th, 8:00 AM in Fellowship

Be sure to sign up at one of the kiosks or on our website.



Photos for the Online Church Directory will be taken in **Room 111**-Across from the Ministry Closets. (Occasionally Saturdays will be announced.)

Next Pictorial Directory opportunity:

August 2; 9:50-10:20AM



CHURCH GAME NIGHT

Game Night is not meeting during the Summer months - they will resume in the Fall.



Movie Night is not meeting during the Summer months - they will return in the Fall. Watch bulletin for September Movie Night date and time.

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



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

"WE CARE CARD MINISTRY"

Please be sure and stop by the We Care 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.

WELCOME-JOIN OUR WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

All New and Familiar Faces are invited to a delightful coffee, **August 5; 10:00 to 11:30 am**

SonRise Cafe in the Gathering Hall
Fairway Christian Church.

Information will be presented about Fairway
Women's Ministry opportunities.

Join us and make a New Friend!

Don't miss out! Please sign up at Kiosk or online.
fairwaycc.org / events



Nursery thru Pre-School is
Available Sunday mornings during
both services and Saturday nights
by request.

(Call DeDe @ 352-408-6262 if Sat. Night nursery is
needed)



Volunteers Needed for our Parking Lot Ministry

We are needing Volunteers to
help with our Parking Lot
Ministry during Worship Services and Special
Events. If you are interested or need more
information, please call the office
(352) 259-9305.

Parking Lot Ministry Coordinator:
Gerald Raver

ANGELS of MERCY

HONORING THEIR SERVICE.
CELEBRATING THEIR STRENGTH.
INSPIRING OUR COMMUNITY.

Women's Ministry LUNCHEON

THURSDAY
AUGUST 20,
2026

11AM - 1PM

ASHLEY'S COTTAGE
SPEAKER: KATHRYN WILGUS

*DONATION LIST AVAILABLE WITH CONFIRMATION

SIGN UP
AT THE KIOSK

OR

ONLINE
VISIT OUR WEBSITE
TO REGISTER



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.



PRAYER WARRIOR TEAM

Meet in Family
Room
20 minutes
before services



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 6-7:15 pm.

Starts Monday, August 10th with the Fairway Ministers
Sign up at the kiosk or online!

Meeting Dates: August 10, 17, 24 & 31

LADIES TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, Sept. 15th—Nov. 10th
Fellowship Hall, 9 am to 11 am

****Sign up by August 29th if you want a book ordered**

“Romans— Live with Clarity” by Jada Edwards

In this Bible study, Jada Edwards brings the clarity that
we need for what the gospel is and how we live it out.
Romans is a deep dive into doctrine, not for knowledge's
sake, but for life change. Jada explores Paul's
articulation of our faith and what it looks like in practice:
how we love people, how we make decisions, how we
submit to authority, how we live in community, and how
we foster unity.

LADIES PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY

***Tuesday morning class:** Will start with an intro class on
Sept. 8th in Fellowship Hall at 9am. **Sept. 15-Nov. 3rd**
will meet in Chapel, 9 am—11 am

Sign up by August 22nd if you want a book ordered

****Tuesday afternoon class - Oct. 13 - Nov 3 in**
Room 106; 12³⁰ - 2³⁰ pm. *Afternoon class sign up*
deadline is Sept. 20th if you want a book ordered.

“Precept Upon Precept: Daniel—Part 1

Threatened with death, Daniel stuck to his guns and
refused to adopt a pagan lifestyle. His worldview had God
at the center and he lived it out even under extreme
pressure to change. Learn to adopt a biblical worldview
and adhere to it even when it's not the norm.

Debt Reduction Campaign July Update...

We are pleased to share the current results of our Debt Reduction Campaign.

Campaign Highlights:

- **Total Loan Debt:** \$ 4,194,950.95
- **April Principal Payment:** \$ (352,053.24)
- **May Principal Payment:** \$ (43,743.62)
- **June Principal Payment:** \$ (91,800.00)
- **July Principal Payment:** \$ (34,579.53)
- **Total Remaining Debt as of August 1:** \$ 3,672,774.56

If you have not yet had the opportunity to partner with us in this campaign, pledge cards are available at the Guest Services Desk. Should you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me. I would be happy to assist you. Thank you for your continued partnership with us here at Fairway Christian Church as we Go, Sow, and Grow to reach our world for Jesus Christ.

In His Service,

Christopher Callahan

ccallahan@fairwaycc.org or (352) 259-9305



MOAMI

Moving On Ministry

for Women in Change or Transition

The next MOAMI Class begins on **Thursday September 10 and ends on November 12.**

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.

For personal inquiries, reach out to Kitty McIntire via email at kittymcintire@aol.com.



If you will be leaving your car in the church parking lot to go to lunch with friends, shopping, etc., please let the office know. This alleviates thoughts of security risks when we leave the office at the end of the day, as well as knowing if we need to look for someone still in the building before the alarms are set.

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, September 11

2-4 pm

In the Chapel



GriefShare

Next Session: Sept. 16 - Dec. 15, 2-4 pm in the Chapel. This 13 week program is for anyone who has lost a family member or close friend. If there is someone you know who has lost a loved one, please consider coming with them for the first week or two.

Your bereavement may be recent or not so recent. No matter how long it's been, this is an opportunity to be around people who truly understand what you are feeling. GriefShare group participants have repeatedly shared that they feel comforted and encouraged as they receive guidance and tips on how to deal with the daily challenges.

Brochures can be found in the Gathering Hall, and you may sign up at our website, Fairwaycc.org, or at one of the Kiosks. (Will not meet 11/24)

"Praise be to God who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

ELDERS

Elder Meeting Minutes July 20, 2026

The Fairway Christian Church Elders gathered for their regular monthly meeting on July 20, 2026. Elders in attendance included Harry Harris, Fred Holland, Jerry Benware, Dan Smith, Rick Langford, and Paul Cook. Presenters attending: Preaching Minister, Butch Gastfield; Associate Minister of Pastoral Care, Bob Harris; and Church Administrator, Chris Callahan. Fred Holland led the group in an opening devotion and prayer.

The June minutes were accepted and approved.

Michael Bolter presented a report on the current activities and training initiatives within the Deacon's ministry. A primary focus has been placed on campus security and operational proficiency, with the recent completion of lock-up procedure training and the implementation of a knowledge questionnaire to ensure all Deacons are well-versed in these protocols. In response to summer attendance patterns, the parking lot ministry has successfully transitioned to a focused rotation for the 10:30 am service, and the Deacons continue to provide excellent support and coverage for all church-wide events.

Bob Harris provided an extensive pastoral care overview, reporting that he conducted 18 counseling sessions and 15 home, hospital, or rehab visits in the past month. He presented the "Healing and Hope – Grief Level II" proposal, a new grassroots ministry designed to help widows and widowers find purpose and spiritual support after completing Grief Share. The Elders also approved his "Shepherding Care – On Call" initiative, which establishes a weekly visitation rotation among church leadership to ensure that hospitalized members and those in care facilities receive consistent spiritual support.

Church Administrator Chris Callahan provided updates on several operational and facility projects. The administration is currently managing a bank transition following the acquisition of Citizens First Bank by Seacoast Bank and is researching new software solutions to enhance automation for financial and ministry reporting. Facility improvements are moving forward, including the scheduled repair of a steeple leak, the construction of new steps for the portico, and the approval of a project to tile the baptistry. To further the church's commitment to debt reduction, several pieces of donated equipment, including a jon boat and a riding mower, were sold with the funds going toward debt reduction. Additionally, the church celebrated a high level of congregational participation during the "Celebrate 250 Years of America" event held on July 5.

Preaching Minister, Butch Gastfield, noted that the the Vision Leadership Team (VLT) continues to develop plans for the future growth at Fairway. Discipleship efforts remain strong, particularly through men's discipleship groups. Looking toward the fall, the staff is preparing for the "First Steps" seminar to be held on Monday evenings throughout August and the upcoming Christmas musical, "One Small Child." The worship team is currently researching essential new equipment, including a replacement for the aging sanctuary keyboard, while the preaching team continues to vet candidates for the new minister position. The church also rejoices in recent baptisms, celebrating those who have made the decision to follow Christ.

Under old and new business, the Elders reached several important decisions regarding educational curricula where it was resolved that the Fall Precepts session will utilize workbooks without video components, while the leadership develops new workbooks and Q&A materials for the sessions beginning in January. The board approved the budget for guest speaker Dr. Jonny Pressley, who will visit the congregation this coming September and lead a number of classes and workshops.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Dan Smith.

The next regular Elders meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2026.

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



Anyone can join the choir!

We begin rehearsals for the 2026-27 season on **September 9 at 3:30 PM in the Worship Center.**

We are doing some great songs this season and the Christmas Musical, "One Small Child," is as much fun to sing as it is to hear!

Give choir a chance and you will not regret it!



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 Debt Reduction Campaign). You may inform me (ccallahan@fairwaycc.org) or Leigh Ann (leighann@fairwaycc.org), when such a distribution is in progress.

Should you have any questions regarding this opportunity, feel free to contact me at the church office: 352-259-9305 or ccallahan@fairwaycc.org.

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.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Ria Aniess
2	Nancy Griffin Mike Waters Pam Trunca Cheryl Hoag Chelia Thorpe Angie Williams
3	Joan Miller John Bales Diane Jacobs
4	Mary Lou Johnston Jane Attaway
5	Ann Longley Corina Slattery Carolyn Schroeder Mary Gale
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 Knapek Sam Costa John Rodier
12	Joy Anderson
13	Pat Halliday Jerry Arocho Deb Warwick
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 Linda Miiller
19	Sue Richardson Larry Miller Lou Benasutti
20	Ellen Pearce
21	Mary Fancher

Heidie Vasko Vicki Coppock Ping Wang Jim Watson Brenda Penn Shirley Ritchey Fred Klein
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Linda Walker Ellis Jackson Peter Steinberg Debbie Feltz Pamela Woods Steven Rogers
26
Gail Kopp Linda Whitney Tom Ross Gary Mastny
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Kathy Domsic Barb Bender Linda DeMars
31
Pam Iserloth Wanda Nedbal Pat Earl

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2	Alan & Katrina Newman
3	Suzonne Kardatzke-Brown & Paul* Brown Brad & Denise Forsythe Bob & Rose Jordan David & Cathy Gooding
5	Jim & Sherri Trice
7	John & Brenda Penn
8	Paul & Maureen Mullen
9	Joe & Pam Perras
11	Willie Weist & Linda Governale
12	Ann & Richard* Schaum Eric & Kay Evens
13	Marty & Dianne Frankel
14	Joe & Rose Ann Marone
15	Dann & Gretchen Perigo
16	Wes & D.J. Lindholm Richard & Bonnie Grabowski
17	Tim & Nance Decker
19	Harold & Evelyn Ritchie Jeff & Sheri Barker Kevin & Bonnie White
20	Dwayne & Rita Green
22	Gary & Claudia Becknell Dennis & Kaye Zabel
23	Scott & Cathy Mendini Glenn & Darlene Harbeck Martha & Tony* Pike Alison & Bob McIlwee
24	David & Elle Belt Joe & Debbie Green
25	Brian & Pat* Mahon
26	Brenda & Tony* Paval
27	John & Wanda Lehr
28	Jerry Arocho & Dora Alvarez
29	Mike & Sandy Schoeben
31	Beth & Jerry* Greene

So we can properly give you credit for your giving, please put your **FIRST** and **LAST** name on your offering envelope. Thank you

WELCOME

New Members

*Art Buck
De La Vista West*

*Martha "Marty" Trone
De La Vista North*

*Be sure and say hello and
welcome these folks to the
Fairway family!!*



Connecting Hearts

**Are you interested in learning
more about the Connecting Hearts
Ministry and joining them in
visiting local Assisted Living Facilities?**

**Contact Lissa Cline for more information on
how you can get involved.**

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



The Last Stretch of Summer

**We've officially hit that weird
middle ground of the year where
there's still a lot of summer left,
but somehow this is the last full
month of summer.**

**Since the season is wrapping
up, I've been thinking about the
time we have left. I want to
encourage you to keep an eye
out for chances to share the
gospel. Who can you reach
before the summer ends? Is
there someone you can invite to
Sunday service?**

**Take a breath this month. Get
some rest, but don't miss the
chances right in front of you.**

~Nick from The Concordia Vine

AUGUST

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 8:30am Traditional Sundays at 10:30am	FMS = Feed My Sheep WM =Women's Ministry MM =Men's Ministry DM =Disciple Mkrs Pickleball Mondays: 2pm Moyer Thursdays: 3pm Pimlico					1 5pm-Cafe 5:40pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
2 8am—Coffee Café 8:10 & 10:10am—Prayer 8:30am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 9:50am—Directory Photos 10am—Bible Study 10:30am—Trad. Svc.	3 9am—1st Imp 11am-Wm's Facilitator Lunch 12pm—Ministers Lunch Mtg. 1pm-Mahjong 3pm-Deacons Mtg	4 8am-Private- (Benware/Burch) 11:15am-Wm's Adv. Team Mtg. 1pm-Tom Beckner & Precept Ldrs Mtg.	5 8am-FMS 10am-Wm's Coffee 11am-Wm's Jan. Team Mtg. 12pm-GriefShare	6 8:30am—Private Mtg. (Marshall) 9am—Private Mtg. (Bolter) 9am-Private - DM 10am-Creative Card		8 5pm-Cafe 5:40pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
9 8am—Coffee Café 8:10 & 10:10am—Prayer 8:30am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 10am—Bible Study 10:30am—Trad. Svc. 11:45am—MissionsMtg.	10 8am—FMS 9am—1st Imp. 1pm-Mahjong 6pm-First Step Seminar	11 8am-Private- (Benware/Burch) 11:30am—MOM Mtg. 12pm-SH&W Ldr. Mtg. 3pm-Pie Party for New Members-by Invitation	12 8am-FMS 1:30pm-Wm's Media Team Mtg.	13 8:30am—Private Mtg. (Marshall) 9am—Private Mtg. (Bolter) 10am-Wm's Aug Media Mtg. 11am-MOAMI Team Mtg. 1pm-Hostess/ Greeter Mtg. 3pm-Visitation Mtg.		15 8am-Men's Breakfast 5pm-Cafe 5:40pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
16 8am—Coffee Café 8:10 & 10:10am—Prayer 8:30am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 10:15am—Bible Study 10:30am—Trad. Svc.	17 9am—1st Imp. 1pm-Mahjongg 6pm-First Step Seminar	18 8am-Private- (Benware/Burch) 3pm—MM Leaders Mtg.	19 8am—FMS 11am-Wm's Lunch Prep	20 8:30am—Private Mtg. (Marshall) 9am—Private Mtg. (Bolter) 9am-Private - DM 11am-Wm's Lunch	21 10:30am-Richard Reynolds Memorial Service	22 5pm-Cafe 5:40pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.
23/30 8am—Coffee Café 8:25 & 10am—Prayer 8:45am—Cont. Svc. 9am—Bible Study 10:15am—Bible Study 10:30am—Trad. Svc. On 23rd: 12pm-Private Event (Howard)	24 8am—FMS 9am—1st Imp. 10am-Nov. Media 11am-Wms Sept Mtg 1pm-Mahjongg 6pm-First Step 31 9am—1st Imp. 1pm-Mahjongg 6pm-First Step	25 8am-Private- (Benware/Burch) 10am-Wm's Oct. Mtg.	26 8am-FMS 10am-Wm's Nov. Media 12pm-Grief 2 Mtg.	27 8:30am—Private Mtg. (Marshall) 8:30am-Private -DM Reception 9am—Private Mtg. (Bolter) 9am-Card Prep	28 9am-Wm's Nov. Mtg.	29 5pm-Cafe 5:40pm- Prayer 6pm—Cont. Svc.



A Moment with Butch:

I know you're going to laugh when I tell you the following story! I came to work this morning (Monday, July 27th) and just after lunch happened to look into the mirror here at the office and realized I had a big, red spot right in the middle of my Forehead! I immediately realized where it had come from! No – I didn't bump my head in the night. No – DeDe didn't hit me with a frying pan – although I've probably deserved that once during our 46 years of marriage! The truth is – I stuck one of Ariyah's little rubber suction toys onto my bald forehead that morning before I left for work! She thought it was amusing – Mandy thought it was hilarious and so did I...until I noticed, later at work, the embarrassing, big, red spot it left on my forehead! Nobody in the office I had talked to or met with mentioned it that morning! Were they just being nice – or sparing me embarrassment?

If you haven't heard – Mandy (my youngest daughter) and her husband Matthew and their new baby (Ariyah) have moved in with us. Matthew has taken a new position as Worship minister at Christ's Church of Marion County in Ocala. That means they have to sell their home in Port St. John near Cocoa and move to or near Ocala. Until then, they have temporarily moved in with me and DeDe and her Mom. Oh, and their two dogs, along with ours! That makes a full house! But it's a happy house! Because DeDe and I get to be right there as Ariyah learns how to crawl (which she just did three days ago!) and when she finds her voice (which she did recently!). Now we hear "Ba-ba-ba-ba-ba-ba" a lot while she crawls around exploring the house, the three dogs, grandma's walker, etc.

Babies and little children are a joy to be around – don't you think? Here at Fairway, we've announced our vision to transition into a multi-generational church reaching out to the young families and children in our growing community. Our mission leaves us no options but to reach those around us – young and old! We are to GO into our community, SOW the gospel, and GROW disciples who will change the world! Our attempts to extend our reach to the families in our community will probably be measured and incremental at first. And it means we will need volunteers to help staff those programs. It means we'll have to share spaces to accommodate the changes as we grow. It means children's programs on the church calendar. It means a whole lot of things that will stretch us, be new to us, and will challenge us! I'm excited to see what God will do with Fairway and where God is going to lead us as we try to be obedient to God's call. Keep this in your prayers. You'll be hearing more about this soon.

Blessings,
Butch