



## The Pastor's Quill

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ!

As I write this in late August, I find myself pondering events that took place in the first half of the year while planning events for the second. And I'm smiling through it all. You see, I thoroughly love being a pastor. I've never known such sustained joy. Even when it gets hard, as it has been since our General Conference met in May, I am filled with appreciation that God would call me to be a shepherd, especially your shepherd.

My mind and my soul have also been preoccupied with thoughts of God's bewildering and boundless love for us, "even while we were yet sinners." We can be, and oftentimes are, so stubborn, stiff-necked, and selfish, yet God's grace abounds, working with/on us. I wish everyone knew and trusted this fundamental truth: no matter what we have done, are doing, or will do, we can't run God off. God's love remains the same: 100%. Knowing, trusting, and believing this divine gift of acceptance and love makes me smile all the more. And it all stems from grace.

There's a quote from a book I'm reading, "*The Ragamuffin Gospel*", which made my heart "strangely warm" as the fullness of God became a little more understood:

*Grace tells us that we are accepted just as we are. We may not be the kind of people we want to be, we may be a long way from our goals, we may have more failures than achievements, we may not be wealthy or powerful or spiritual, we may not even be happy, but we are nonetheless accepted by God, held in his hands. Such is his promise to us in Jesus Christ, a promise we can trust.*

Only one thing to say to that is "Thank you God. Amen."

Dave



*We are a community of the imperfect, loving God by loving our neighbor.*

### WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Service—10:00AM

Wednesday Night Life Study: 5:30-6:30PM

[www.jubileeshoresumc.org](http://www.jubileeshoresumc.org)

### CHURCH INFORMATION

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Closed Friday

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# EVENTS

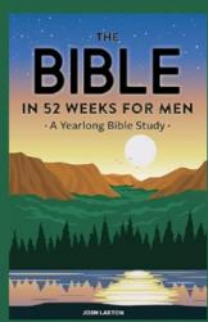
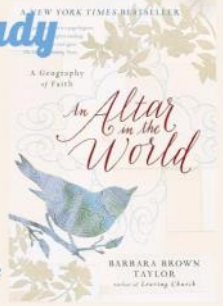
## Women's Bible Study

**When:** Wednesdays at 10:00am  
**Starting September 11th**

**Where:** Church Office Conference Room

**Who:** Any and all women are welcome!  
(They do not have to attend Jubilee Shores.)

\*Please purchase the book "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor and read the Introduction before the first meeting.



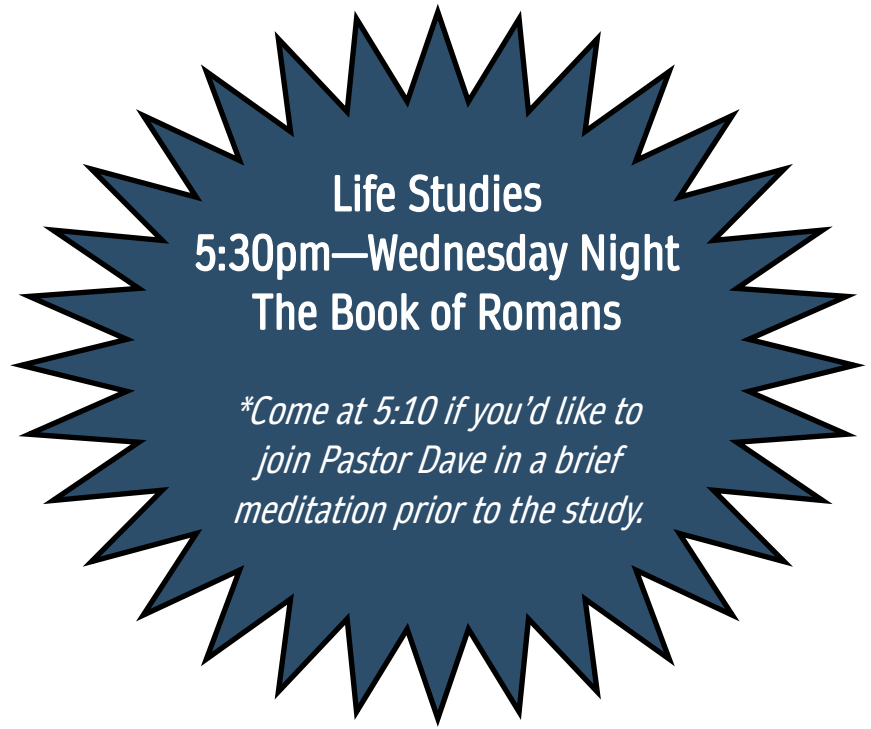
## New Men's Bible Study

**When:** Thursdays at 9:00am

**Where:** Jim & Kathie Whiston's home  
729 Amador Ave, Fairhope

**Who:** All men are welcome!

Please contact Jim Whiston at  
jwhistonsr@gmail.com with any questions.



## Life Studies

**5:30pm—Wednesday Night**  
**The Book of Romans**

*\*Come at 5:10 if you'd like to join Pastor Dave in a brief meditation prior to the study.*



# MINISTRIES

Jubilee Ladies—Tuesdays @ 6pm

Cigar Church—Tuesdays @ 7pm

Men's Bible Study—Fridays @ 9am

Soul Sisters Bible Study—Wednesdays @ 10am

Sunday Morning Fellowship—Sunday @ 8:30am

Comfort Sowers

For more information on our adult ministries, please visit our website at: <https://www.jubileeshoresumc.org/small-groups>



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# OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

## MAGNOLIA SCHOOL DRIVE

We are collecting school supplies to bless our backyard neighbors at Magnolia Elementary as they kick off the new school year! Donations can be dropped off in bins located in the church lobby or office until 9/15. Below is a list of items that are needed:

- Tissues
- Clorox Wipes
- Soft Peppermints
- Construction Paper
- 8oz water bottles
- Poptarts
- Girls Underwear (Sizes 5-7)
- Pencils, Pens, Crayons, etc



Help us love on our Magnolia Elementary School teachers & students as they start the new school year! Donations can be placed in bins located at the church office or lobby until September 15th. Below are items they could use:

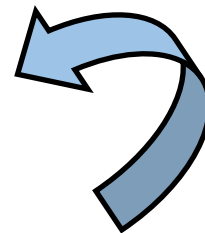
- Tissues
- Clorox/Lysol Wipes & GermX
- Construction Paper
- Pencils, Crayons, Markers, etc
- Soft Peppermints
- 8oz Water Bottles
- Pop Tarts
- Girls Underwear (sizes 5-7)



Blessed are those who hunger & thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.  
Matthew 5:6

## SOUP FOR THE SOUL

We will be trying a new recipe this month for our wonderful AHEPA residents—Cheesy Vegetable Chowder! Bags can be picked up starting Sunday, Sept 1st and all soup needs to be returned frozen in individual containers by Sunday, Sept 29th.



Pastor Dave, Paul (Cigar Church), and Paul's son, Joshua, built a wheelchair ramp over the summer for a local family in need!

# PRAYER

## *Requests*

- Prayers for Bill Young who fell and broke his other hip. Please pray for surgery recovery and quick healing, as well as comfort and peace for both Bill and Lark.
- Prayers for Jerry and Tarrell Portman's daughter, Jennifer Scott, who is 44 yrs old and in palliative care until hospice.
- Prayers for Queenie's friends, Steve & Holland Nelson as they fight melanoma and brain cancer respectively, as well as Susan Davis who is fighting breast cancer.
- Ruth Phinney as she recovers from emergency back surgery.
- Tami Chrisman as she is in physical therapy following rotator cuff surgery.
- Vivian Brown's son, Dale, as he awaits surgery at UAB.
- Our Weeschool to remain staffed and healthy!

### CHURCH STAFF

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To get in touch with our Church or Weeschool staff, please call 251-928-9133.

## ONLINE *Giving*

### GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

- [www.jubileeshoresumc.org](http://www.jubileeshoresumc.org)
- Log into your CCB profile and use your "Giving" tab
- Set up a regularly scheduled automatic withdrawal from your bank account
- Drop off at church office

*\*all gifts are tax-deductible and a year-end giving statement will be prepared for you for tracking and tax purposes.*