



FUMC MISSION STATEMENT

Empowering Leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ

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“Today's Prayer

from *The Upper Room*
daily devotional guide

Dear Lord, open our hearts and our minds to the power of your word, that as we read, we may know, understand, and obey your word for us today. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.”

OUR GOAL

Our goal is to keep you informed of all the local EMMAUS current events in our area. Your input is paramount to our success. Please forward items of interest to bcolvin12@gmail.com. It is our goal to publish a newsletter every two months.

May 2016 Servant Heart Community Gathering

The May Servant Heart Community Gathering will be held on the **third Saturday (May 21) at Kingswood UMC in Mobile AL.** The gathering will begin at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall with a Pot Luck dinner and fellowship. After that, we will hold a communion service with a 4th Day speaker. The gathering should be complete around 8:00 pm.

Directions to Kingswood UMC

From I-65 - At Exit #1, turn west on Government Blvd (US-90 W). Travel to Demotropolis Road and turn right on Demotropolis (Approx 4.5 miles). Travel about 1 mile on Demotropolis, then turn left onto E Perin Road. The church is on the right at the top of the hill. (Look out for the speed bumps!)

5200 Perin Rd, Mobile, AL 36693

May 2016 Fairhope UMC Emmaus Luncheon

Sunday, 22-May after the 11:00 services - we will meet in the CLC 'dining area' at 12:15 for a Pot Luck lunch and fellowship. After that, we will hold a communion service with a 4th Day speaker. The gathering should be complete around 1:15-1:30 pm. The church will furnish some good fried chicken and tea. We are asking that you bring a small dish of a veggie, dessert, salad, etc. Guests are welcome.

RSVP to Ken Cooper kencooperjr@hotmail.com or telephone at 251-929-3935

As always one of the purposes of the Gathering is to see who we are (**don't forget your nametag!**)
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Men's Walks

- #35: 13-16 Oct 2016
- #37: 21-24 Sep 2017
- #38: 12-15 Oct 2017

Women's Walk

- #36: 2-5 Feb 2017

Walk to Emmaus . . . A Journey with Christ

"While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them." Luke 24:15

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The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ.

The walk to Emmaus is:

- An experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity.
- An opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Emmaus community, each participant's individual gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission. Participants are encouraged to find ways to live out their individual call to discipleship in their home, church, and community.

The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action.



We are praying for You ...

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.