



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, thank you for loving us enough to make us a permanent part of your family. Amen.
(September 1, 2016)

OUR GOAL

Our goal is to keep you informed of all the local Fairhope UMC EMMAUS current events. Your input is paramount to our success. Please contribute to this effort by emailing items of interest to either bcolvin12@gmail.com / kencooperjr@hotmail.com
It is our goal to publish a newsletter quarterly.

17 Sept Community Gathering at Saraland UMC

The September Community Gathering will be held on the third Saturday of September (September 17) at Saraland UMC in Saraland 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. There will be a training session about 20 minutes before the gathering for those interested in learning more about Emmaus and the Servant Heart Emmaus Community.

Directions to Saraland UMC

Take I-65 to Exit 13. At Exit 13, turn east on AL-158 (North Industrial Parkway), then (about 0.2 mi) turn left onto AL-213 (Shelton Beach Road). Follow Shelton Beach Road to Cleveland Road (about 1.2 mi). Turn right onto Cleveland Road and follow it to McKeough Ave (about 0.4 mi) and turn left onto McKeough Ave.

For those of you blessed with a GPS in your vehicle, the address of the church is:

415 McKeough Ave., Saraland AL 36571.

Both Daphne and Spanish Fort UMC's plan to take their bus to the gathering on the 17th. Both of them will leave their respective parking lots at 5:00 pm. Both churches ask for donations to pay for fuel for the trip, which usually is about \$3.00 to \$4.00 per rider. You will arrive in time for the training session.

Daphne's Bus leaves from the SOUTH parking lot near the Kid's Zone building (old Fellowship Hall). Contact is Steve Day. Spanish Fort's bus leaves from the Piggly Wiggly parking lot in front of the church offices in the shopping center. Contact is Larry Davis

Please consider a ride over with us. It's nice to be able to ride once in a while, and you are in good company!

August I rode the Daphne UMC bus to the Community Meeting in Coden. I can assure I will continue to ride the bus to any of the meetings in Mobile County. It is convenient, virtually the same time as my driving, I don't consider traffic, costs less than my driving, don't care if it is daylight or dark and really easy. Will warn you that if they say they will leave at 5:00 PM the bus WILL be leaving the parking lots at 5:00!

Ken Cooper

Pilgrims/Sponsors for Walk #35 (13-16 Oct)

<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
1. Ed Glaize	Ken Cooper
2. John Hodgkins	Terry Hicks
3. Dave Mastrone	Chuck Dumas
4. Ron Robinson	Brenda Robinson
5. Phillip Spier	Bob Nall

Prayer Vigil for Walk to Emmaus 13-16 October

Men's Emmaus Walk #35 will be held on the weekend of October 13th thru 16th and our **Prayer Vigil needs Prayer Warriors!**

The purpose of the **Prayer Vigil** is to have someone praying for the pilgrims, staff and others associated with the Walk during the entire time of the Walk. Please take a moment and join our **Prayer Vigil**. The process to sign up is quite easy. Needless to say the time that is most critical, in terms of a typical schedule, is from 12:00 AM (midnight) to 6:00 AM so please give special thought to praying for the Walk during these times. *I will be sending directions to sign up within the week.*

This is a very important ministry in support of the Walk to Emmaus. So whether you attended a Walk by Servant Heart Emmaus Community or any other Emmaus Community I truly hope you will prayerfully consider signing up for at least on time slot on the Prayer Vigil list when it comes out.

Ken Cooper

Emmaus luncheon

Looking at the next Emmaus luncheon for the 23rd or 30th of October, will keep you posted. Will schedule this luncheon within a week or two and send you an email as to the date.

Future Community Meetings

Following are scheduled dates/locations for the Community Meetings for 2016, and heads up for the Community Meeting at Fairhope UMC next year.

- **17-Sep:** Saraland UMC, [415 McKeough Ave, Saraland, AL 36571](#)
- **15-Oct:** No gathering (Walk to Emmaus #35)
- **19-Nov:** Spanish Fort UMC, [6530 Spanish Fort Blvd # D, Spanish Fort, AL 36527](#)
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- **15-Apr:** Fairhope UMC

Future Planned Walks

Men's Walks

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

Women's Walk

- #36: 2-5 Mar 2017
- #38: 12-15 Oct 2017

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Prayer Vigil for Walk to Emmaus October 13-16 ****

Book review by Bob Nall

The Holiness of God by RC Sproul

In one of Rev. Mike McKnight's Sunday sermons to us he recommended a book titled "The Holiness of God" by RC Sproul as a further study of the subject he preached on that day. I bought the book and I have enjoyed it immensely.

All of us have our own image of what God is like. This book will likely reinforce your understanding of God. In the first chapter he writes "The Bible says, 'In the beginning God'. The God we worship is the God who has always been. He alone can create beings, because He alone has the power of being. He is not nothing. He is not chance. He is pure Being, the One who has the power to be, all by Himself. He alone is eternal. He alone has power over death. He alone can call worlds into being by fiat, by the power of His command. Such power is staggering, awesome. It is deserving of respect, of humble adoration."

One of my favorite Bible passages says "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom". (Psalm 111: 10). But we all know that "fear" in this case does not mean being afraid of...it means having respect for and seeking knowledge about. RC Sproul proceeds in subsequent chapters to explain "The Fearful Mystery", "The Trauma of Holiness", "Holy Justice", "War and Peace with a Holy God" and "God in the Hands of Angry Sinners". Such chapter titles alone should get your attention as ones you likely haven't encountered.

One of the chapters discusses why God of the Old Testament is not the "Angry God" that some think he was. Though we have given him plenty of reasons to be angry, his grace always overshadows any chance of there being any anger. RC Sproul also tells what happened to those in the Bible who had a personal one-on-one encounter with God.

I thoroughly recommend this book for everyone. I pray it will deepen your understanding of and give you a new appreciation for the Holiness of God.

Bob Nall
