

PASTOR'S NOTE

Happy New Year 2018! This article contains a listing of our leaders for 2018. We are grateful for those who have agreed to serve and praying will see our church continue to grow in spirit and number as we enter into this New Year. We will be recognizing and praying for our leaders in both worship services on January 7th.

Blessings, Bill

Church Council - 2018

Church Council Chair - Craig Foil
Vice President - Josh Mixon
Secretary - Gail Yance
Lay Leader - Ken Coale
SPRC Chairperson - Scott Chapman
Finance Chairperson - Diane Casey
Trustees Chairperson - Janet English
Lay Member to Annual Conf. - Marilyn Sullivan
Lay Member to Annual Conf. - Lynn Langley
Evangelism - Laura Nobles
At Large Member - Hamilton Moody (2018)
At Large Member - Stuart Woods (2018)
At Large Member - Margie Walters (2018)
At Large Member - Kent Watts (2019)

Senior Pastor - Bill Price
Associate Pastor - Rebecca Rutherford
Director of Family Ministries - Beth Allen
Service Director - Bill Price
Contemporary Worship Team Chair - Jackie MacDonald
Traditional Worship Team Chair - Connie Cayson
Study Team Chair - Pat Shubird
Service Team Chair - Melinda Immel
Youth Team Chair - Jacque Helms
Children's Team Chair - Michael Maxwell
Family Ministries Chair - Jason Lober
Disaster Relief Co-Chair - Larry Davis/Pat Shubird
Preschool Board Chairperson - Mandy Reeves

Church Leaders 2018

Trustees

Chairperson: Janet English
Lay Leader: Ken Coale
Members: Rob Colville, Julie Volk, Janie McClinton; Janet English, Lynn Perry, Ed Dismukes; Duke Coate, Aaron Immel, Rodney Robinson

SPRC

Chairperson: Scott Chapman
Lay Leader: Ken Coale
Members: Elizabeth Roberts, Scott Chapman, Becky Comer, Rob Howell, Teri Smith, Danny White, Faye Hill, Pat Kimble, James Wallace

Finance

Chairperson: Diane Casey
Members: Kay Turner, Myra Kievit, Susan Harper, Diane Casey, Kathy Lambert, Fleming Watts, Cindy Colville, Dennis Helms, Kevin Inlow

Ex-Officio Members to Finance Committee

Study Team

Chairperson: Pat Shubird
Associate Pastor: Rebecca Rutherford
Members: Kent Watts, Nancy Davis, Robin Wall, Alan Nichols, Catherine Adkins

Children's Leadership Team

Chairperson: Michael Maxwell
Director of Children's and Nursery Ministries: Jennifer Robertson
Members: Michael Maxwell, Kelsey Moody, Melissa Foil, Allison Hancock, Mandy Reeves, Michele Chapman, Elizabeth Williams, Mandy Therrell, Shelly Thigpen

Youth Leadership Team

Chairperson: Jacque Helms
Youth Director: Zack McCraw
Members: Toby Rutherford, Teri Smith, Kristi McClellan, Margie Walters, Ann Chesnut, Paige Normand, Beth Bedsole, John Spencer, Becca Walden, Laura White, Jacque Helms, Zack McCraw

Lay Leader - Ken Coale, Church Council Chair - Craig Foil, SPRC Chair - Scott Chapman, Trustee Chair - Janet English, Finance Recording Secretary - TBD

Committee On Lay Leadership (Nominations)

Chairperson: Bill Price

Lay Leader: Ken Coale

Members: Ed Dismukes, Ashley Milner, Paul Giles, Gene Garthwait, Becca Walden, Laura White, Leigh McNutt, Jeff Nobles, Aletta Campbell

Evangelism Team

Chairperson: Hamp Andrews

Children's Team Rep: Elizabeth Williams

Youth Team Rep: Zack McCraw

Staff Rep: Rev. Rebecca Rutherford

Members: Laura Nobles (chair elect), Gene Garthwait, Hamilton Moody, David Massey, Rachel Robinson, Mark Kolakoski

Family Ministries Team

Chairperson: Jason Lober

Director of Family Ministries: Beth Allen

Members: Ann Chesnut, Lee Walters, Jason Lober, Mollie Herrington, Nicole Hart, Mandy Therrell, Dallas Howell, Angela Vincent, Jessica Harris



WORSHIP

Join Us Sundays for Worship & Fellowship

Regular Schedule

Traditional Worship - 8:45 AM (Sanctuary)

Contemporary Worship - 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Coffee Fellowship - 9:45 AM (Fellowship Hall)

GO FISH!

We have more Invitation Cards to distribute as you invite others to worship! Please remember to sign your name on the card so they can look for you when they visit. These are available in the office and the Narthex of the Sanctuary. Go Fish!



Sunday Worship Times

8:45 AM - Traditional / 11:00 AM Contemporary

6690 Spanish Fort Blvd., Spanish Fort, AL 36527



ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE...

Go to www.spanishfortumc.org and select online giving or **CLICK HERE** for more information and to give online. *all gifts are tax-deductible and a year-end giving statement will be prepared for you for tracking and tax purposes.

If you have a QR scanning app on your cell phone, simply scan this code for easy access to our online giving option.

If you would like to set up a regularly scheduled automatic withdrawal from your bank account, please contact Jan Webb in the church office at jan@spanishfortumc.org or 251-626-1334.

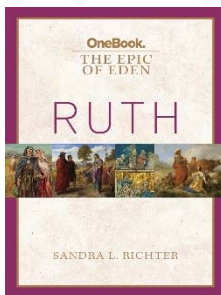
Adult



Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson, money-management class taught by America's most trusted financial guru, Dave Ramsey. Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. And now you can experience this life-changing

class the way that's best for you: with other people in a local group. The cost for the class is \$109. For more details contact Kelsey Moody by email at kelseymoody1@gmail.com or by calling at 251-591-3199. Click [here](#) to register.

MEN'S RETREAT...Men, mark your calendars for February 9-10, 2018 at Camp Baldwin. Cost is \$60.00. Register by calling the church office. Registration and monies due by February 1, 2018.



RUTH

The Women's Tuesday Lunch Bunch will be doing a Bible Study on the book of Ruth beginning January 9th for six weeks. This is an actual study into one of the only two books of the Bible that are named after a woman. Ruth is a story about three characters and the story of redemption. It's about being an outsider who becomes an insider because of a kinsman redeemer. It also contains the genealogy of our Christ.

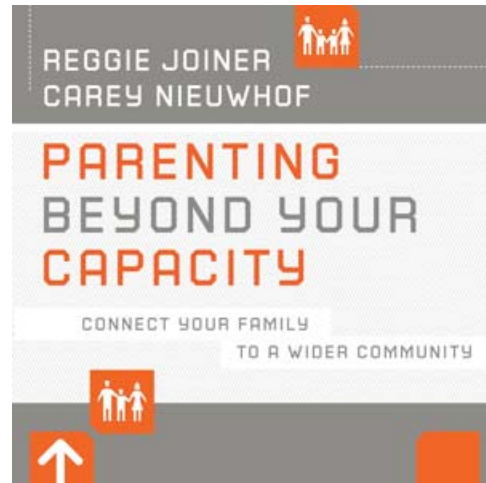
This study is filmed with Dr. Sandra Richter who also wrote The Epic of Eden. This study is geared for those who have never studied a book in the Bible in depth before but is also for those of you who have. There is no pressure to complete homework, though there is a study guide that will help you along the way (Cost is \$15). We will order these ahead of time and have them for you on the first day of class so it is important that you register so we have an adequate number of books. Before you come, I would suggest that you get familiar with the book of Ruth by reading through it in one setting (I know that's not always possible with small children - so do your best). There are only four chapters in the book of Ruth.

For Lunch Bunch, for those that would like to eat together, we meet at noon and then begin the study around 12:20 p.m. We never go past 2 p.m. so mom's can make it to the car line. We meet in the Youth Area on the West Campus (by Rite Aid). We hope that you will join us in the New Year for something a little different. This study is being led by Rev. Rebecca Rutherford. Contact her at rebecca@spanishfortumc.org if you have any questions or click here to [REGISTER!](#)

Parenting Beyond Your Capacity Study

Join us for this 8-week parenting study, starting with an orientation on Wednesday, January 10th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on the West Campus. Cost is \$15 for class materials.

Any parent who feels unequipped to raise a child in today's world knows parenting this generation can be challenging. In this study, we will look at practical solutions that will change how you relate to this new generation. This study will encourage you, challenge you and better equip you to raise healthy adults in today's world-something that is not only possible, but within your reach. For more info call Beth Allen or click [HERE](#) to register.



BLOOD DRIVE

Do Something **AMAZING!**
Please give blood!

Look for the Bloodmobile
in front of the Sanctuary.

Must be 17 or older,
& present picture i.d.

Sunday, January 21st

7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Youth



Panama City Beach, FL.

January 12-14, 2018 - Winter Revive Camp

(AMEN) ...It is almost here - register now! ALL 7th-12th graders (6th graders will be attending Confirmation Retreat). The cost is \$150, which covers transportation, food on the way, and all Revive expenses. They will just need to bring money for lunch on the way home and for snacks there (optional).

Please note that the venue has been changed from Blue Lake Methodist Camp to Laguna Beach Christian Retreat in

Important Youth Dates Coming Up!

- Remedy Youth (Grades 9-12) starts back up 01/07/18
- Catapult Youth (Grades 6-8) starts back up 01/10/18
- Superbowl Party 02/04/18 - watch for more details
- Homework Help 01/22/18, 02/05/18, 03/05/18, & 04/09/18
- Get Together (Catapult & Remedy) 02/07/18

Children



Mission Effort from our Children's Ministry

For the 2017-2018 year, our mission focus will be UMCOR Relief Health Kits. We will collect (and eventually assemble) UMCOR Health Relief Kits. UMCOR is a ministry of The United Methodist Church that is dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. UMCOR's work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more.

The children will participate and support this organization within The United Methodist Church by working to collect the different supplies necessary for UMCOR Health Kits that will be sent to aid their efforts around the globe. Our goal is for each month throughout the entire year we will designate a different supply item required by UMCOR for the Relief Health Kit, and that we will focus on collecting and do so for the duration of that month. In the Spring after we have collected all the items required, the children will have the opportunity to help assemble the kits.

UMCOR HEALTH KIT : JANUARY ITEM - New Combs

In February, we will collect new nail clippers. Please bring items to the drop off box in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or to the Kids' area on the West Campus.

When do they bring donated items: Children may bring items with them to normally scheduled worship and program times.

Where are donation drop boxes: Donation Tub locations are on the Main Campus in the Narthex of the Sanctuary, and SFUMC West Campus Room #WD104 (more commonly known as Extreme kids worship room)

If you have questions regarding this effort, please contact Jennifer Robertson, Director of Children's and Nursery Ministries at jrobertson@spanishfort.umc.

Blue Lake Elementary Winter Retreat

Blue Lake Elementary Winter Retreat is for current 3rd-5th graders. This is a great opportunity for kids to get a taste of camp and enjoy a weekend of growing closer to God with kids from all over Alabama and West

Florida. The cost is \$115 by December 15th and \$125

after then. To register online click [HERE](#). Paper registrations are available through the church office, if needed. The registration deadline will be Jan. 19th.

We will be providing transportation for this event, so please let us know when you register so we can put your child on our bus list. Also, let us know if you are interested in being a chaperone. Any questions, contact Beth or Jennifer at 626-1334.

SERVE

A Word from the Security Task Force: This is a newly formed team of members who represent different safety backgrounds and age levels within the congregation. We were commissioned by the Trustees to help craft a security policy for SFUMC. We have been meeting and are in the process of drafting a security policy that includes emergency training components for ushers/greeters, security for children/youth as well as older adults, disaster preparedness and safety procedures for all facilities. As we are in the beginning stages of creating and implementing a policy, please feel free to talk with us.

The members of this team currently are: Stuart Woods (Chair), Rev. Rebecca Rutherford, Roger Few, Caleb Reeves, Jacque Helms, Pat Shubird, Margie Walters, Ashley Harris (Trustee), Rob Colville (Trustee), Larry Davis, Jenni Dismukes, Jennifer Robertson, and Becky Comer.

Wedding Director

We are in need of a Wedding Director here at SFUMC. This volunteer position allows you to be a part of the special day in a couple's life. You will meet with the bride and groom twice before the wedding, and then help facilitate the wedding day using SFUMC's policies and procedures as your guide. Please click [here](#) to learn more about weddings at SFUMC. Please call the church office with any questions.



Missionaries we support who are serving the Lord to the ends of the earth:

John and Lisa Hamilton; OMS International in Montevideo, Uruguay
Rob and Amy Ellis; New Tribes Missions in Tanzania, Africa
Ronnie and Nanny Calvert; Quito, Ecuador
Monica Maxwell; IMB Connecting, in Southern India

Connect @ MidWeek!

Adult Classes | **DINNER** | *Kid's Activities*

Come & Get Connected!

5:15 p.m. ~ Dinner
6:00 p.m. ~ Activities /All Ages

Menus for January

January 10: Fried Chicken

January 17: Salisbury Steak

January 24: Tacos

January 31: Pork Loin



The Uniform Closet is in need of men's sizes in shirts. Any other donations are always welcomed also. Donations can be brought to the church office during regular business hours or to the Uniform Closet directly on Tuesdays from 8 AM to 12 PM.

COMMUNITY

Congregation Notes:

Baptisms:

Zoey Reeves, daughter of Caleb & Many Reeves, on December 3, 2017.

Deaths:

Our condolences to Steven James and family on the death of his mother, Gail Cook, on December 3, 2017.

Our condolences to Brendt Bedsole and family on the death of his step-father, Joe Nettles, on December 15, 2017.

Our condolences to Buddy Wilson and family on the death of his father, Chelton Wilson, on December 16, 2017.

Office Closing for the Holidays...

January 1st & 2nd, Church Office Closed
February 12th & 13th, Church Office Closed

CONTACT DEADLINES....Please understand that all information for the next month's CONTACT newsletter must be submitted in writing to Jennifer Stewart, in the church office, no later than the 15th of the current month.

The CONTACT, as well as other publications/correspondence, are sent to you by email. If you are not receiving email publications/correspondence and wish to, please check "subscribe" when you register your attendance on Sunday mornings, or go to our website and click on Media/SUBSCRIBE NOW!

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