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**GULF BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Beach Tidings Newsletter



A Word from Pastor Michael

The lyrics of the song "Time of Your Life" by Paul Anka are truly beautiful. It talks about how time slips away and how we should remember the memories we have left behind. This made me reflect on the changes that happen in congregations and how we should cherish the moments that have been meaningful for us in this congregation. As a pastor, I have heard many stories about the events, people, and friendships that have been cultivated in this congregation. One of the stories that stood out to me was about the rummage sale the church used to do, which brought people together and created lasting friendships. It was also inspiring to know that several members of this congregation went on to become the mayor of Panama City Beach.

I understand that every congregation goes through its ups and downs, and it's not unique to this congregation. It's heartening to hear people reflect on the moments that make this congregation special, whether it's new members or those who have made their transition. These moments should be cherished and remembered.

I invite you to reflect on what makes this congregation special for you and to see the hand of God in each moment. God is at work in this congregation, and we should be grateful for the blessings we have received. Let us continue to be a blessing to others and spread joy and hope wherever we go.

May you be blessed and a blessing to others,

Pastor Mike

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Fellowship Walking Group **Every Tuesday**

Everyone is invited to join this group as they meet at Aaron Bessant park parking lot and walk together at 7: 00am every Tuesday. If you are interested in joining this group please call Ron Coleman, 850-890-1172 or Lenny Zacher at 867-3770.



ANNOUNCEMENT



Adult Sunday School

Sunday school is at 8:00am in a room in the Preschool wing. Class begins at 8:00 am. The topic we'll be discussing "JUST ASK", lessons on strengthening daily prayer in our lives.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Women of the Church-Tuesday, November 6th at 5:30pm

The Women of the church are beginning our fall Bible Study. We will meet at 5:30 in the fellowship area of the church. Our study for this year is **Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts**. All women of the church are welcome to attend our study.

The Witness and Evangelism ministry will meet on Tuesday, November 8th at 9:00am in the fellowship area of the church.

Tuesday Foodies - November 14th @5pm

We will go to **San Marcos in Pier Park**.

We meet at the restaurant at 5:00. Come join us for fun, food and fellowship.

Fun Friday-No Fun Friday in November

The Hospitality committee will meet on Wednesday, November 29th at 9:00am.

Following the meeting we will decorate Gulf Treat for the holiday season.

Special Events in November

Potluck Picnic- Sunday, November 12th after Worship

at the Gilmore's River House. The Gilmores will provide meat and beans. Bring a dish to share. If you need a ride, we will be arranging car pools so that all can attend.

Thanks for Giving Dinner- Sunday, Nov 19th after worship

Come and enjoy Turkey with all the trimmings.

Hanging of the Greens- Sunday, Nov. 26th after worship

Come out and help decorate the church for the Christmas season, we will share a pizza lunch after we decorate.



School Supply Drive

In November we will collect Kleenex for the students at Breakfast Point Academy. It is cold and flu season and there are many runny noses. There is a red box in the narthex for your donations. The teachers said to be sure to extend their thanks for the school supplies that were donated in August.

Food Pantry-Thanksgiving/ Christmas Baskets



We are now beginning to collect items for our Thanksgiving baskets.

Here is a list of items we need:

Dried Potatoes

Boxed stuffing

Canned Green beans

Canned Corn

Canned Cranberry

Sauce

Canned Chicken Broth

Gravy

Please place your donations in the box in the narthex.

Thank you. As always, monetary donations are welcomed.

Write for Food pantry on your envelope.

Thank you, because of your profound love and generosity we are able to show the love of Christ in our community



New Adult Sunday School Class

Class begins at 8:00 am. The topic we'll be discussing "JUST ASK", lessons on strengthening daily prayer in our lives.

Learn from Jesus to depend on our heavenly Father. Prayer can be a struggle. Sometimes we don't think it will make a difference, or we rely on ourselves, or we're just too busy. And even if we do pray regularly, it can feel more like a duty than a delight.

This book shows us how prayer was a non-negotiable daily staple in Jesus' life, more essential to him than eating or sleeping, and therefore why we need to pray as well. It shows us how we can enjoy the same source of power as our Lord and the early church when we learn to "just ask" and depend on our heavenly Father as they did.

Giving specific practical tips for getting on with prayer in everyday life, this book leaves readers wanting to pray, rather than just feeling that they ought to.

In the introduction, the author states "Prayer is not a religious task to accomplish; it's an invitation to lay your burdens down at Jesus' feet, to share your heart with him, and to be with the one in whose presence is the fullness of joy and at whose right hand are pleasures forevermore (Psalm 16 v 11).".

A Word from Stewardship

For Christians, stewardship is about recognizing where our resources come from and what we should do with them. Understanding and practicing good stewardship is a crucial part of becoming mature followers of Jesus. It helps us develop a more complete picture of our relationship to God and prioritize our finances, values and lives, around the things that matter most. Fortunately we can find many examples of stewardship in the Bible.

The Bible is full of passages instructing us to use our resources to care for the poor and those in need. Stewardship isn't about giving back to God. It's about using what he's given us to accomplish something that matters.

Part of our responsibility as stewards is to use what God gives us wisely. We need to apply our resources, skills, gifts, and time in ways that matter to God. So if we want to be good stewards we need to care about things that move God. Through the example of Jesus it should be abundantly clear that God cares about people, particularly the poor, the vulnerable and the destitute. God wants us to redeem the world through the gospel, and he's commanded us a part in that.

This congregation has always stepped up to the task. Taking care of the building, and the people who come through these doors. You have served tirelessly to the Presbyterian Disaster relief both monetarily and physically. You have supported Dogwood Acres Christian camp and retreat bring the word of Christ to young people across northwest Florida. You have generously provided food for the hungry and help for persons who have fallen on hard times through our Community Food Pantry. You provide Christian fellowship and programs for our winter visitors and our community. We provide a prayer line for those in need and countless other gifts and services.

The Mission of Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church is to be a place where the community can come together in Christ and provide, through God and his word, love, comfort and joy to all. Therefore, we have prayerfully allocated our resources to support that mission.

When you give to your church you are using the resources God has entrusted to you to participate in the church's mission to expand God's kingdom, and continue the missions we are committed to.

May God continue to Bless you and our Little Pink Church.

Concert Series

Our Annual Concert Series has been planned and begins in December.

December 3rd- Ukulele Orchestral will present a Christmas Concert.

January 7th- Todd Herendeen

January 14th- In Faith
And more to come...



All concerts will start at 6:00pm and the charge will be \$15.00 per person at the door or 2 tickets for \$25.00.



Online giving with ease

We have made giving simpler. Whether you are giving to your pledge or making an end of year gift, it is now as easy as scanning the QR code with your phone.

A word from Stewardship

*You are invited to a
Thanksgiving/Thanks for giving lunch.*

Hosted by the Stewardship Committee at no charge to you.

*November 19th
immediately following worship at Gulfstream*



Community Prayer Line

Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church, the Little Pink Church, has established a Community Prayer Line. If you would like to submit a concern, joy, or sorrow, please send your short message to our Prayer email at: Prayers271@gmail.com.

Breast Cancer Walk

Thank you to all who participated, donated, baked and planned. The final numbers are in! The Pink Church team raised \$2451.00 for the American Cancer Society during the Making Strides against Breast Cancer walk. Thank you to all who supported this effort. It was a beautiful morning and a great way for our church to participate in the community.





Birthdays /Anniversaries

Nov. Anniversaries

15- Daniel and Lynn Likar

Nov. Birthdays

2-Margaret Ivey

18-Liz Ivey

24-Lynn Fehr



Jesus, help us see you in the face of anyone we meet who is in need today, and to serve as we are able.

Bounty of thanks

We thank thee, Lord, for the glory of the late days and the excellent face of thy sun. We thank thee for good news received. We thank thee for the pleasures we have enjoyed and for those we have been able to confer.

And now, when the clouds gather and the rain impends over the forest and our house, permit us not to be cast down; let us not lose the savor of past mercies and past pleasures; but, like the voice of a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memory survive in the hour of darkness. If there be in front of us any painful duty, strengthen us with the grace of courage; if any act of mercy, teach us tenderness and patience.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Thanksgiving humor

Need to lighten the mood at your holiday dinner table? Share some laughter with these Thanksgiving-themed jokes.

Why did the turkey decline dessert?
Because it was stuffed.

Why did the turkey cross the road twice?
To prove he wasn't a chicken.

What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner?
Your nose.

Why didn't the chef season the turkey?
There wasn't enough thyme.

Why did the turkey leave the band?
People were fighting over the drumsticks.