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**GULF BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**271 SOUTH HWY 79**  
**PANAMA CITY BECH., FL 32413**



Beach Tidings  
Newsletter



## A Word from Pastor Michael

I was reading a story by Dr. Howard Thurman who was considered a great preacher of his time. In this story, he states that one evening he was taking an evening walk and he heard some running water, after hearing it he was trying to discern where this water was coming from but, he could not discover its source.

So, in the morning he got up and took the same path he took for his evening walk and this time while he was walking, he only heard the sound of cars and horns and the busyness of the day. Feeling somewhat perplexed he once again took his evening

walk and as he did the night before and once again, he heard the water moving but could not discover its source.

The next morning, he got up again for a walk on the same path only to hear the busyness of the day but, he did not hear the water he heard from the previous night. Seeking to get to the bottom of this he finally asked around as to what was this phenomenon that he experienced. Finally, he happened upon someone who told him what he was experiencing. They told him that the street he was walking down was once a canal that once used to run through the city and when the city was rebuilt, they built a street over the canal and at night you can hear the water running from the stream into the Lake that is several blocks away.

Sometimes we overlook the power of silence and how the voice of God speaks to us when we are still and quiet. God speaks to us all the time but, in the busyness of life, we may not hear what he has to say to us. When we quiet our souls, we can clearly hear what God is saying to us. Many times, when Jesus prayed, he prayed in silence so that he could hear what God was saying to him,

Do you hear what God is saying to you, if not, take time and in silence do as the little boy Samuel did when he followed Eli's instructions and say, "speak Lord, for your servant is listening? What is God saying to you?"

May you be blessed and a blessing to others.

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## **HOLY WEEK**

### **Maunday Thursday Service- 5:30pm**

#### **April 6th**

We will share soup and bread as part of the service and we will have communion.

### **Easter Worship- April 9th**

8:00am-Breakfast of egg casseroles and French toast.

9:00am Worship

Please bring your family and friends to join us.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**



### **Adult Sunday School**

Sunday school is at 8:00am in a room in the Preschool wing. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **The Women of the Church Evening Bible Study-**

#### **Monday, April 10th at 5:30pm**

We invite all of the women to join us. We are studying Celebrating the Sabbath

### **Sara Circle-**

Sarah Circle has been cancelled until September 2023. All ladies who are interested in an evening Bible Study are welcome to join the Women's Monday night group. If interested, please contact Betsy Balmer

### **Fun Friday- 11:30am**

We will have a game day with lunch in Gulfstream. Bring a dessert to share.

### **Potluck- Sunday, April 30th- After Worship**

The church will provide the meat and we ask you to bring a side dish to share.

### **Tuesday Foodies April 25th- 5pm**

The location to be announced later.



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## **Men's Walking Group**

All Men are invited to join this group as they meet at Aaron Bessant park parking lot and walk together at 7:00am every Tuesday.



## 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.



## Supporting Bay County Schools

It has come to our attention that Breakfast Point Academy has needs that are not being met. We are collecting **Individually wrapped snacks** for the school. Please place your donations in the red box in the foyer. They were very appreciative of the donations from last month.

## 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](mailto:Prayers271@gmail.com).



## Food Pantry-

The number of people the Food Pantry serves has increased. We are in need food donations so we would like to resume asking the congregation to donate on a monthly basis. This month we will be collecting **Peanut butter, Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna, Powdered Milk and Pork and Beans**. 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.







## Birthdays /Anniversaries

### April Anniversaries

14-John & Esther McClung

### April Birthdays

1-Betsy Balmer  
2-Betty Brydon  
3-Phyllis Miller  
13-Suzanne Burke  
14-Jimmy Wiselogel  
15-Mary Thiede  
Janie Thomas  
18-Esther McClung  
19-Marjorie Parker  
21-Web Burke  
22- Sandy Welch  
28- Michael Greer  
29-Christina Waringa

""An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves."

—Lydia M. Child



"Christ did not come into the world that we might understand him, but that we might cling to him, that we might simply let ourselves be swept away by him into the immense event of the resurrection."

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer



## Palm Sunday as an advent

When a king came to town during Greco-Roman times, citizens held an *adventus* ceremony, which led to the word *Advent*. Liturgy specialist Chan Gyu Jang writes, "On an Advent-oriented Palm Sunday, we know not only that we face fierce opposition and ridicule in this world, but that salvation comes in the least expected, most unforeseen way: a baby born of a virgin and laid in a manger, a man from Nazareth riding on a donkey, a 'King of the Jews' crucified between thieves, an empty tomb, wind and fire, bread and wine, a trumpet call out of nowhere, yet heard in every ear."

## Palm Sunday

Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of  
the Lord !

Matthew 21:9

