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**GULF BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Beach Tidings Newsletter

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## A Word from Pastor Michael

As we turn the calendar page to a new month, many of our snowbird friends will start to leave us. Over the years, our snowbirds have given us many great joys and beautiful memories. We are blessed to have so many people from different states and Canada join our worshipping community. I like to think our congregation is a melting pot for people of all faiths and traditions to worship and participate in our congregations' activities.

Many long-lasting relationships have been established over the years when are snowbirds gathered together at the Little

Pink Church. Over many years, these relationships have developed and have been cared for and nurtured over many years. This year we were blessed to have some new snowbird members take part in the life of the ministry of our congregation. We are very grateful to have the opportunity to make new friends a build new, strong, and lasting relationships.

We keep all of our Snowbird friends and our thoughts and prayers as they return home. As I have mentioned, we want to make sure that we stay in touch with you throughout the year, not just when you are here with us for your winter visits. Our congregation seeks to be faithful in all we do In Word and indeed. We hope you will continue to join us via the Internet worship service and Tuesday evening with the pastor on Zoom at 7:00 PM CST. From talking to many of you, I realize that you have your home church and are active in your home church. I do hope and pray that we have been an inspiration in spiritual growth during your time of worship with us.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you would like to have information concerning our congregations' various ministries. You have blessed us in so many ways, and we thank you for your presence with us. We look forward to seeing many of you later in the year and at the beginning of next year. May you be blessed and a blessing to others.

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*Story take from the book “Dangerous Prayers, 50 Powerful Prayers that changed the World”*

**George Whitefield—(1714-1770)**

George Whitefield was arguably the most well-know religious figure of the eighteenth century.

He was born and raised in Gloucester, England. Growing up, Whitefield was fond of theater, often skipping school to practice for his upcoming performances. Those early communication skill that he was honing would later become useful in his preaching.

Whitefield worked his way through Pembroke College, Oxford, by waiting on wealthier students. During that time, he met a group of Methodists who nicknamed themselves “the Holy Club.” Brothers Charles and John Wesley led the group, In the company of his newfound friends, Whitefield experienced what he described as a new birth and resolved to become a Christian missionary. He began preaching around London and was surprised by the size of the crowds and the interest he drew. But Whitefield’s preaching was unlike anything the crowds had heard before, and he left them mesmerized.

In 1738, Whitefield embarked on a preaching trip that would take him to the colonies of America. His first stop was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, an even the largest churches could not accommodate the thousands of people who came to hear him preach, his audiences numbered more that the town’s population.

Over the years, Whitefield’s influence grew, and his impact was so great that in time he was labeled America’s first cultural hero. It has been estimated that during his lifetime he preached at least eighteen thousand times to as many as ten million people.



God give me a deep humility,  
a well-guided zeal, a burning  
love, and a single eye,  
and then let men or  
devils do their worst.

-George Whitefield

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## **Covid Update**

*Face masks are optional during worship service. Please continue maintain social distance from others.*



## **Pancake Breakfast-Mar 5<sup>th</sup>**

On Saturday, Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> we will hold a free pancake breakfast from 8-10 am in the Gulftreat Family Center. Please come and bring your friends. Anyone who would like to help please contact Betsy Balmer 850-348-2890.

## **Evening Women's Bible Study**

All ladies are invited to this bible study, meeting on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Fellowship hall. We will continue our lessons of the women in the lineage of Jesus

## **Sara Circle- Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

All ladies of the church are invited to join the Sara Circle. They meet the second Tuesday of each month at 12:30pm for Bible study and snacks.

## **Witness and Evangelism meeting- March 15<sup>th</sup>**

This ministry will meet at 9:00 in the fellowship hall. Please join us if you would like to help plan social events and outreach for the church.

## **Fun and Fellowship Friday**

On Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am you are invited join us in Gulftreat for a Kings in the Corner game day. Lunch will be provided.

## **Potluck Dinner- Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> after worship**

The church will provide the meat and everyone bring a side dish.

## **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.

## **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).

## **Witness and Evangelism**

In our continued partnership with Hutchinson Beach Elementary, we will be collecting **Ziplock bags**. There is a box in the narthex for your donations. The school is very grateful for our donations.

You can give online for a one time gift or you can set up a recurring contribution. Please visit our website and click the giving tab.

[Www.pinkchurch.org](http://www.pinkchurch.org)



### **Love that welcomes all**

Actor Tom Hanks once said, “There’s no substitute for a great love who says, ‘No matter what’s wrong with you, you’re welcome at this table.’” Although I don’t know that quote’s context, those words could well describe Jesus and Holy Communion, as well as God’s unconditional love.

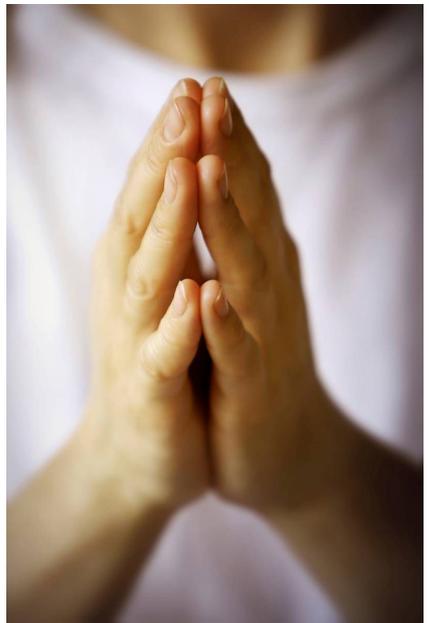
For when Jesus first invited his followers, “Take and eat; this is my body. Take and drink; this is my blood,” he didn’t exclude Judas, who would betray him, or Peter, who would deny him, or any of the others, who would abandon him as he was arrested and executed.

Indeed, no matter what’s wrong with us — what sins we’ve committed, what flaws we try to hide — Jesus welcomes us to the communion table. And he’ll welcome us to the great heavenly banquet at the end of time. For the great love of God declares, “You’re all welcome at my table.”

—Heidi Hyland Mann

### **A daily prayer**

Whatever happens today, dear Lord, help us remember that you are present. If we find ourselves in the shadows of disappointment or rejection or pain, let us see your comforting light. If we’re in the radiant light of success or acceptance or wholeness, may we acknowledge your providence and grace. Wherever we are, grant us the assurance of your nearness. Amen.





## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### March Birthdays

7-Catherine Grace Burke  
12- Liz Creswell  
15-Karl Wiselogel  
17-Lorraine Gilmore  
22-Inez Thomas

### **Recipes from the Heart**

#### **Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church Sara Circle**

#### **PINEAPPLE CASSEROLE**

2 lg. cans church pineapple or tidbits  
1 c. sugar  
5 T. flour  
2 c. grated extra sharp cheddar cheese  
1 sleeve Ritz crackers, crushed  
1 stick margarine

Spray casserole dish with cooking spray. Drain pineapple, place evenly in the bottom of dish. Mix sugar and flour together; sprinkle over pineapple. Spread grated cheese over the flour mixture. Empty Ritz crackers into a Ziploc bag and crush them into a fine powder. Sprinkle over cheese and drizzle with the melted margarine. Place in a preheated oven at 350 degrees and bake for 30 minutes. The top will be lightly tan, bubbly and ready to serve.

Janie Thomas

## Complete serenity

Many of us have heard the first part of what's called "The Serenity Prayer," attributed to theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. But we would do well to learn the rest of it:

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference, living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; taking this world as it is and not as I would have it; trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen."