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GULF BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Beach Tidings Newsletter



A Word from Pastor Michael

I like to start off by asking each of you a question, how does God get your attention? And I guess the second part of this question is, why does God want your attention? There is not just one answer to either one of these questions because God has many ways to get our attention and he needs our attention for

many reasons.

Let me give two examples of how God gets our attention and why God wants our attention. We have either heard the name of Mother Teresa at one time or another or heard about the wonderful work she performed while she was alive. She saw the suffering and poverty outside her convent walls in Calcutta and it made such a deep impression on her that she received permission from her superiors to leave the convent school and devote herself to working among the poorest of the poor in the slums of Calcutta. The rest, as they say, is history. How to God get her attention? She saw poverty in Calcutta and later throughout the world. And why did God need her attention, he placed a special gift and talent within her so she could address the needs of many of God's children who were considered the least of these.

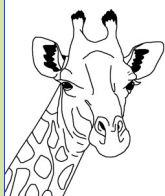
Many of us will know of the famous Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. William and Charles Mayo joined their father's general practice in Rochester. The Mayo brothers, known as Dr. Will and Dr. Charlie wanted to become specialists in surgery. When in Minnesota they met Franciscan Sisters who opened and staffed St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. Today, this hospital has international fame and people from around the world use this hospital to help with the greatest surgical procedures done in the world. How did God get the attention of the Mayo brothers and Franciscan Sisters? He spoke to the two Mayo brothers and the Franciscan Sisters to help people who needed specialized surgical procedures and healing. And it became a beacon of hope to help save the lives of many from around the world.

God is still seeking to get our attention and God needs our attention for many reasons. How will your respond? **This is what the prophet Isaiah said, "Here I am, Lord" Isaiah 6:8**

May you be blessed and a blessing to each other.

Pastor, Mike

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Peace
BE WITH YOU!

WE SERVE

We Serve is an active ministry in our church. In June, we served 85 hours and in July 64 hours were served. Remember to log your volunteer hours on the board in the fellowship area.

Food Pantry-Thanksgiving 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.



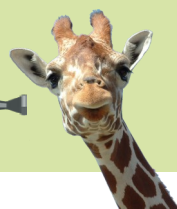
We still need items for the pantry itself. **Please donate peanut butter and canned chicken.** Thank you, because of your profound love and generosity we are able to show the love of Christ in our community through our Food Pantry.



GUARD
YOUR *heart,*
FOR EVERYTHING
YOU DO *flows*
FROM IT.

PROVERBS 4:23, NIV

ANNOUNCEMENT



Adult Sunday School

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

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

The Women of the church are beginning our fall Bible Study. We will meet on Tuesday, September 5 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, September 5 at 9:00 in the fellowship area of the church.

Fun Friday-September 22nd

We will go to the Panama City Center for the Arts. There are currently 2 exhibits. One is a photography exhibit with over 80 photographers submitting photos. The other is art by Dianne Leach. Following our visit to the exhibits, we will go to the The Place for Lunch.

Concert Series Planning Meeting-September 17th

The concert series planning team will be meeting the 3rd Sunday of every month after worship. Everyone is invited to come and help plan our next Concert Season.

Potluck- Sunday, September 24th After Worship

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

Tuesday Foodies - September 19th 5pm

Foodies are moving back to Tuesday. We will go to **Back Beach Barbeque** on September 19.

We meet at the restaurant at 5:00. We had a great time at Paparazzi's in August. Come join us for fun, food and fellowship.

School Supply Drive

For September we will collect **hand sanitizer** for the students at Breakfast Point Academy. 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.

Fellowship Walking Group

This group is taking a break for the month of September and will resume in October.



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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In 1 Chronicles 29:14, King David humbly acknowledges the extraordinary blessings bestowed upon him and his people. He says:

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”

These words encapsulate a profound truth about our giving:

We are mere recipients of God’s abundant grace and provision and every blessing we enjoy, every resource at our disposal originates from His loving hand. When we grasp this truth, it humbles us and shifts our perspective on giving. We realize that our generosity of not a result of our own achievements or abilities.

Instead, it is a response to the goodness and faithfulness of our Heavenly Father. Like King David, we marvel at the privilege of being able to give generously. We recognize that everything we possess ultimately belongs to God. Our giving is an act of stewardship– a heartfelt acknowledgement that we are entrusted with resources to be used for His purposes.



So, as we gather, let’s approach our giving with grateful hearts and generous hands. Let’s remember that our offerings are not simply transaction; **they are acts of worship.**

They are opportunities to express our gratitude for God’s provision and to invest in His Kingdom.

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.



SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 28TH Breast Cancer Walk

You can sign up to walk or participate by donating directly or enjoying our fund raising efforts. In September, during the pot luck, you can donate a dessert. We will sell the desserts to raise money. If you are a baker, please plan to bring something special to share.



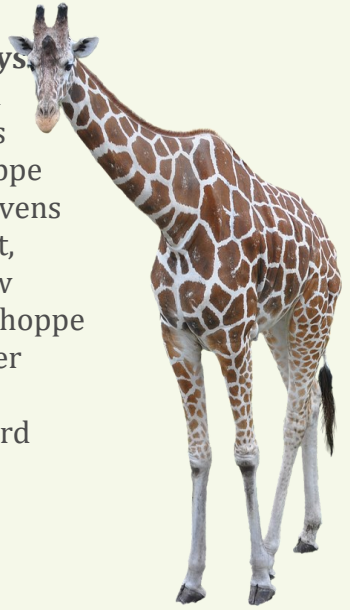
Birthdays /Anniversaries

Sept. Anniversaries

1-Lonnie & Barb Galbraith
10-Doug & Lorraine Gilmore
29-Dick & Lynne Jossart

Sept. Birthdays

10-Ron Colman
11-Edna Adams
14-Quinn Schoppe
15-Rebecca Stevens
18-Wanda Pratt,
Sheila Askew
25-Meredith Schoppe
27-Lenny Zacher
28-Joe Blaho
29-John Lankford



It's Labor Day weekend, Lord — a good time to think about work and vocation.

Guide me in the work, paid or unpaid, you most need me to do right now.

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"God's helpers

God's providence is not in baskets lowered from the sky, but through the hands and hearts of those who love him. The lad without food and without shoes made the proper answer to the cruel-minded woman who asked, "But if God loved you wouldn't he send you food and shoes?" The boy replied, "God told someone, but [they] forgot."

—George Buttrick

Thy will be done

Placing ourselves completely into God's hands can be challenging. If you need help in that area, pray these words from Thomas à Kempis: "Lord, you know what is best. May your will decide what shall be done. Give what you will, how much you will and when you will. Do what you know is best for me. Do what pleases you and brings your name most honor.



"Put me where you will, and deal with me in all things as you please. I am in your hand — turn me backwards and forwards, turn me upside down. Here I am, your servant, ready for anything, for I have no desire to live for myself but only to live perfectly and worthily for you."