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Beach Tidings
Newsletter

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A Word from Pastor Michael

I love the story entitled "The Ugly Duckling." What stands out to me the most is the reflection the duck saw of itself on the outside, but he never was able to realize its potential of itself on the inside. The church goes through this same type of reflection both in words and reality. We use words like "we are old," "we once had more members," "we don't have any children in the church," "that's for young people to do," and "the world has changed so much." These are true and honest feelings, but they also send a message we share with others and the world about our faith. In reality, sometimes we feel defeated because the

world loves a winner, and we have a different way of looking at winners and losers. In a big race, the winner is the person who finishes the fastest, and that person wins the prize but have we ever thought the winner might be the person who dares to make the run when other people said you never would win. Maybe it is the person who the doctors tell you never will walk or run again, and they finish the race with a smile and say, "I did it!"

Let's bring this closer to home. The bible tells us, "God made us, in his likeness. And everything that God created was good! So, I would like us to consider what image you show to others. We should always be the best version of God's image, and I would like to add, reflect on that daily image and always be the best version of ourselves. In life, we have faults and failures, but if you see yourself in the image of God, then you can see yourself as a swan.

Some people come to church who are battered, broken, and bitter, and it is easy to label them as "Ugly Ducklings." The church is full of ugly ducklings; however, we can become beautiful swans through God's transformative power. We are not perfect, but thanks be to God for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I thank God for this congregation where we embrace people with love and kindness, and they are met and embraced by God's transformative grace and power.

Thank you for being a beautiful swan and showing others who might realize there is a lovely swan inside of them too.

May you be blessed and a blessing to others.

"I thank my God every time I remember you."

Philippians 1:3

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Summer Concerts



Join your Gulf Beach family every Tuesday (June 7 - Aug 9) from 7-9 pm for concerts at Aaron Bessant Amphitheatre. We will gather on the west side of the park. Bring chair or blanket to sit on. Food trucks are onsite. You can drive your golf cart to the gathering area or park at the Grand Theatre and walk over. Let's all wear our Pink Church shirts!



Reasons to rejoice

Proverbs 11:10 (NIV) says, "When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices." The Hebrew word for *righteous*, notes Timothy Keller, indicates people who, because they believe in God, "disadvantage themselves to advantage those around them." In other words, people living righteously "will be such a benefit to the public good of the whole city that the entire populace will exult."

Keller then asks: "Are you the kind of person, and is your church the kind of church, about which others in your community might say, 'I don't share their beliefs, but I shudder to think about what this city would be like without them?'"

*God, you are the perfect Father of all,
the model of unconditional love.*

*Help fathers — and all people —
feel your warm embrace today.*



ANNOUNCEMENT

Pancake Breakfast-

June 4th



On Saturday, June 4th we will hold a free pancake breakfast from 8-10 am in the Gulfstream Family Center. Please come and bring your friends.

Anyone who would like to help please contact Betsy Balmer 850-348-2890.

Witness and Evangelism Committee-June 13th

will meet at 9:00 on Monday June 13 in the fellowship area of the church. Anyone wishing to join this committee is welcome.

Evening Women's Bible Study-June 13th

All ladies are invited to this bible study, meeting on Monday, June 13th that 5:30pm in the Fellowship hall. We will continue our lessons of the women in the lineage of Jesus.

Fun Friday- June 17th

We will gather at the church at 11:00 to go to FSU PC. We will visit the Kinsey African Art and History exhibit currently there. Cost is Free. We will go out to lunch following the exhibit.

Potluck Dinner- Sunday, June 26th after worship

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

Adult Sunday School

This class meets after worship each Sunday in the Kitchen/Fellowship area. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Hutchinson Beach Elementary

has asked us to help us to organize their clothes closet so that it is easier to use for the students to use. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Betsy Balmer 348-2890.

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.



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



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Sharing God's kingdom

When Jesus, in the Nazareth synagogue, read from Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news" (Luke 4:18) and declared the prophecy fulfilled, "all spoke well of him" (v. 22). But when he then said God's favor was not *just* for Israel, they grew angry. How quickly we can change our minds about leaders — sometimes in the span of a short sermon! Yet Jesus simply meant that God's grace is so plentiful we can share it without fearing that if others benefit, we won't.

It's been said you can't share light without some falling on your own path. Ministers can't baptize new followers of Christ without getting wet themselves. And neither will any of us miss out on the kingdom of God if we opt to share it with others — both in and beyond our community, people similar to and different from us.

What is Jesus challenging us to do right now? If it's something that benefits others, we'd do well to peel off from the angry mob (vv. 28-29) and think again. Perhaps not just a human being but the Spirit of the Lord is announcing good news in our hearing today.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Recipes from the Heart Cookbook Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church Sara Circle

Lemon Delight

2 sleeves Ritz crackers, crushed	1 8 oz ctn. Cool Whip, thawed
1 c. powdered sugar	1 6 oz can frozen lemonade, thawed
1 stick butter, melted	
1 can Eagle brand milk	

Mix crushed crackers, sugar and butter. Reserve a few crumbs to sprinkle on top. Pat crumbs firmly into a 9 X 13-inch dish. Fold together Eagle Brand milk, Cool Whip and lemonade. Spread over cracker crumbs. Sprinkle reserved crumbs on top. Refrigerate.

Inez Thomas

This recipe sounds like summer in a dish.





Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Anniversaries

30-Fred and Sandy Welch

June Birthdays

5-Dianne Coons

14-Paige Wiselogel

15-Beverly Howell

17-Dot Howell

21-Olivia Camille Burke

23-Mary Foist

24-Mary Frann Prottzman

25-Glenn Talbott

26-Emily Wiselogel

Elaine Briggs

“Holy Spirit, blow
through my life and
burn in my heart so I
may know deeply
and share widely the
good news of Jesus!”

Seeing stars

The stars shine over the mountains,
the stars shine over the sea,
The stars look up to the mighty God,
the stars look down on me;
The stars shall last for a million years,
a million years and a day,
But God and I will live and love,
when the stars have passed away.

—Robert Louis Stevenson



A father's legacy

For Joseph Dodson, the pressures and responsibilities of parenthood felt compounded when he and his wife adopted a son. Dodson, a Bible professor, wonders if Jesus' earthly father also struggled with doubts and fears.

Scripture doesn't say much about Joseph, but he clearly left Jesus "a significant legacy," Dodson writes in *Bible Study Magazine*. Joseph obeyed God — despite the risk to his reputation — by marrying a pregnant woman. Joseph, a son of David, raised *the* Son of David as his very own. To protect his family he fled to Egypt, foreshadowing the "new exodus" of Jesus' saving ministry. And Joseph heard neighbors mock Jesus as "the carpenter's son."

"Joseph taught Jesus much more than woodworking," Dodson writes. "He modeled for his adopted son how, for God's glory, he must drink the Father's cup no matter the cost."

Father's day is June 19th