

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
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*We are a Christian  
community that offers  
fellowship and preaches  
the Gospel of God's  
love in Jesus Christ.*

*Now may the Lord of Peace Himself give you Peace at all times  
and in every way. The Lord will be with all of you.*

*-2 Thessalonians 3:16*

# BEACH TIDINGS

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**APRIL 2015**

**Special points of interest:**

- Announcements
- From the Pastor's Pen
- Men's Group
- Sara Circle
- Membership class
- Calendar

Articles for the Newsletter can be email to [lizpinkchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:lizpinkchurch@hotmail.com) or leave it in the Newsletter Box in the church office. Articles must be received by the 15th of the month.

Sunday  
Worship  
Time  
10:15 AM

Sunday School  
9:15AM



**Easter**

Sunday, April 5th

**Gulf Beach  
Presbyterian  
Church  
Staff and Session**

Rev. Bonnie Wilkins  
Pastor/Head of Staff

Dr. Larry Tyson –  
Music Director

Norma Davison -  
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## Holy Week and Easter Services

April 2nd at 5:30p.m. **Maundy Thursday Meal and Communion Service.** We will remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples with a simple soup supper and worship with communion at the table, much like Jesus would have done with his followers.

**Easter Sunday, April 5th,  
10:15AM**

Worship and communion



# Alleluia!

### *Engage the Gospel* with Pastor Bonnie

Sunday Mornings: 9-9:45am

Join Rev. Bonnie for a 7-week journey of study, prayer and faith-sharing. Sharing God's story (Evangelism) through your faith story starts with personal transformation by the life of Christ, as well as the desire to see the same transformation in friends and the community.

As growing disciples, we become people who live into and help others deal with the big questions of life—*Is there something more? Does life have meaning and purpose? Where do we belong? Where is our community?*

This seven-session study will connect this church with our community and equip us to live out and share our growing faith. This "Engage" series was developed in partnership with the *Office of Evangelism PC(USA)* and *Congregational Ministries Publishing*.

Rev. Bonnie will also offer the "Engage Discipleship" and "Engage Mission" follow-up courses, June-Sept.

**Engage the Gospel Study Book: \$5.00**  
*(it will be ordered for each person registered)*

**When:** April 12,19,26 & May 3,10,24,31 (no class 17<sup>th</sup>)

**REGISTRATION: Please sign up on the sheet on the back table in the church.**



## Walking humbly on the path of God

*God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)*

Where are you walking with God these days? Are you on a well-worn path you know by heart? Are you making a path through new places? Are you at a crossroads? Are you looking for a new direction? Are you seeking a way back home? What are the ways of faith that God is requiring you to do, to love, to walk, to say

“Yes” to these days? God is active. How about you? In our Book of Order it says, *“Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. **It is also a commitment to participate in Christ’s mission.** A faithful member bears witness to God’s love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s Church.”*

In the fellowship hall you will find lists of committees and teams and information about the events and volunteer opportunities in this church. Pray about how God is calling you to become more actively committed and involved in the work, fellowship, and outreach of this congregation. God expects every one of us to be active participants in the life of the church, using our whole lives, talents, interests, resources, intelligence and faith to serve. We serve because we love God and love one another. Out of that Godly given and received love come actions. What is the way you can love and serve Christ and others at this time and place in your journey of faith?

I am excited about moving into our future and fulfilling God’s vision for us as a congregation. I look forward to seeing who and how God calls people to serve this church and who is willing to listen for God’s direction and act on it. This congregation and its ministries is a place you can grow spiritually and grow in discipleship with others who enjoy discerning and doing the work of Christ. You are part of a growing group of Jesus followers who want to understand more about the experience and movement of God in their lives through worship, fellowship, and service. You are part of a congregation who care about the community and our world and want to make a difference both now and in God’s future.

We have just installed three new Elders to our Session. I hope that you will look to all those on the Session, and to me as your new Pastor, for guidance and vision as we move forward into the new future God is already at work preparing for us.

Quoting from the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): *“The Church’s ministry is a gift from Jesus Christ to the whole Church. Christ alone rules, calls, teaches, and uses the Church as he wills, exercising his authority by the ministry of women and men for the establishment and extension of God’s new creation. Christ’s ministry is the foundation and standard for all ministry, the pattern of the one who came “not to be served but to serve” (Matt. 20:28). The basic form of ministry is the ministry of the whole people of God,*

*from whose midst some are called to ordered ministries, to fulfill particular functions. Members and those in ordered ministries serve together under the mandate of Christ....The Church's ordered ministries described in the New Testament and maintained by this church are deacons and presbyters (teaching elders and ruling elders). Ordered ministries are gifts to the church to order its life so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish. **The existence of these ordered ministries in no way diminishes the importance of the commitment of all members to the total ministry of the church....**The call to ordered ministry in the Church is the act of the triune God. This call is evidenced by the movement of the Holy Spirit in the individual conscience, the approval of a community of God's people, and the concurring judgment of a council of the Church....To those called to exercise special functions in the church—deacons, ruling elders, and teaching elders—God gives suitable gifts for their various duties. In addition to possessing the necessary gifts and abilities, those who undertake particular ministries should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world. As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships."*

Pray my friends. Pray, listen, respond. Put aside your preconceived notions about what you can and can't do and the same for us as a congregation here in Panama City Beach. Put aside your fears or anxieties. Put down your score sheet about what you have done and what others have not done. Those things weaken our faith and our ability to respond as a church and as disciples. Trust God. Love God. Show that love by committing yourself to the work of this church. We rely on God and God's power and wisdom first and foremost, and live out our faith from there.

What is the still, small voice or strong spirit of change encouraging you to do for His sake and glory? Is God encouraging you to say "Yes" in some new way of leadership, work, teaching, or other commitment to this church and its ministries? Say "Yes." Let's be the church, alive! You're on the right path as you walk with God, listening, learning, and responding in love; as you humbly serve with mere mortals like us!

In Christ,

*Pastor Bonnie*

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## FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry's mission is to increase access to food for hungry people, and empower them to help each other.

**In February the food pantry served 177 total people and we supplied them with 1593 meals.**

**Please help stock our shelves.**

### Needs:

Plastic Grocery Sacks. Canned chili, boxed cornbread mix, snack crackers, peanut butter



*The SHEPHERDING TEAM is available to you at anytime for member care. Please feel free to call on them.*

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# Men's Ministry

THE Men's ministry will be meeting for lunch on Monday, April 6th at 11:30A. Bring your own lunch and come join the fun.

## The monthly Spruce up Day at the Church.



will be the third (3rd) Sunday of every month (April 19TH) after 10:15 service, from 12:00-2:00 PM.

Bring work clothes and work gloves. Pizza will be provided. Bring your own beverage.

Let's work together to take care of God's House!

The "Love Line" is available for your prayer needs, announcements and celebrations. Just email your requests to Mary Foist at [myseclusion@gmail.com](mailto:myseclusion@gmail.com)



## To all the women of the church:

The Sara Circle will meet on April 14th at 12:30.

We will be studying about Paul this year. We will be studying in several different books of the New Testament, and we will look at each of his missionary journeys.

**Sara Circle** would like to continue having these afternoons of Christian women fellowship and are looking for more Tea Pots, and cups and saucers. If you run across such items in your journeys at rummage sales, Thrift Shops etc and are willing to donate to us, it would be appreciated. We currently have 12 Tea Pots and would like to have 25 or 30. We have 35 cups and saucers and would like to have at least 50. Thanks for helping and hope to see you at the next Tea Party.

### **KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY: JOB** *with Pastor Bonnie*

Monday Afternoons: 1-3pm *OR* Wednesday Evenings: 6-8pm

Join Rev. Bonnie for a 7-week course of committed deep study of scripture: *with the class and on your own during the week*. There was never a time when the book of Job was not relevant, but it is especially so today. This is not because the book of Job has changed, but because we have. We may be more ready to listen now...less certain of our own answers. So, when Job asks "why," we, too, strain to hear the answers. And if answers are not forthcoming, then we, like Job, will need to learn how to live without them. The book of Job cuts straight to the heart of what it means to be human. *It is a profound exploration of the life of faith, and wrestles with some of life's most perplexing questions*. God reminds Job that he's out of his league. He/we do not have all of the answers; God does. *Faith, as Job comes to understand it, is an exercise in radical trust*. Are you ready to encounter God?

This Bible study program is a means to a deeply satisfying encounter with Scripture for those with a long familiarity with the Bible and for those opening its pages for study for the first time.

**JOB Kerygma Study Book: \$19.00**

*(it will be ordered for each person registered)*

**Please choose Monday or Wednesday**

**When (Mon. 1-3 PM):** April 20,27 & May 4,11 & June 1,8,15

**When (Wed. 6-8 PM):** April 22,29 & May 6,13, & June 3,10,17

**REGISTRATION: Please sign up on the table in the back of the church.**

***“Let’s Meet and Talk About  
What’s on Your Heart and Mind”***

***– Rev. Bonnie Wilkins***

***I would like the opportunity to talk with each family  
or individual to get to know more about you and the  
church.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

*I would like to visit with the Pastor: In my home: \_\_\_ At  
the church: \_\_\_ At “The Pour” Coffee House: \_\_\_\_\_*

*on a*

*Mon. Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Thurs. Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_*

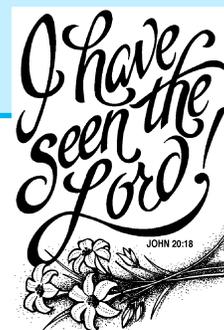
*We will call you to set up an appointment.*

***I do not want to visit with the Pastor at this time: @@@***

*Please place in the offering plate or call the church office  
to schedule a visit*

**Volunteer (s) needed...**

Are you looking for a easy, quiet, relaxing volunteer job at the church? Well, we are looking for you. We need someone to straighten the sanctuary and restock the supplies on the chair backs. This takes about 45-60 minutes and can be done anytime during the week. Please contact Bev Lutz if you are called to serve the church in this way.



**Joining Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church** is a big step in your faith journey. If you are considering membership, we know you probably have some questions about our beliefs, our pastor, our staff and exactly what a commitment to membership at GBPC means.

We are here to guide you through that process.

**GBPC101:**

FPC101 is an introductory class designed to help you get to know our church (beliefs, staff, mission) and to learn what membership means to us. GBPC101 is offered several times a year:

April 12, 2015 - June 14, 2015 - August 9, 2015 - October 11, 2015

Class (with lunch) is held from 11:45a-2p in Gulfstream Family Center. Please register for the next class by calling the office (234-3161) or by signing the registration form in the Fellowship Hall.

**MEET OUR SESSION:**

After you complete the GBPC101 class, you will meet with our session for an informal meet and greet. This occurs on the 2nd Monday of the month. There you will reaffirm your answers to the following questions:

1. Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior?
2. Do you renounce sin in your life and in the world?
3. Do you desire to grow in your relationship with Jesus?
4. Do you want to join the church.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY:**

This is a time to stand before the congregation and be introduced as new members of GBPC Panama City Beach! We are so glad you are here!

*“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” — Matthew 18:20*

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## Anniversaries & Birthdays

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| <b>April</b> | <b>Anniversaries</b>  |     |                      |
| 14-          | John & Esther McClung | 15- | Mary Thiede          |
| <b>April</b> | <b>Birthdays</b>      | 16- | Janie Thomas         |
| 1-           | Joan Lott             | 17- | Julie Bailey         |
| 2-           | Betty Brydon          | 18- | Kathy Eastman Greene |
| 3-           | Ruth Segrest          | 20- | Esther McClung       |
| 4-           | Jim Lott              |     | Margaret Bewersdorf  |
| 6-           | Beth Tyson            |     | Hazel Culpepper      |
| 8-           | Keith Hall            | 21- | Jim Davies           |
| 13-          | Suzanne Burke         | 28- | Web Burke            |
|              | Hubert Crile          | 29- | John Brydon          |
| 14-          | Jimmy Wiselogel       |     | Kyle Barnhart        |
|              |                       |     | Christina Waringa    |

