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Beach Tidings Newsletter

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A Word from Pastor Michael

I have learned that children's stories have a deep meaning and convey many hidden treasures about life.

Many of you will remember the story of "The Little Engine that Could." *The Little Engine That Could* is an American folktale (existing in the form of several illustrated children's books and films) that became widely known in the United States after publication in 1930 by [Platt & Munk](#). The story is used to teach children the value of optimism and hard work. The story's signature

phrases, such as "I think I can," first occurred in print in a 1902 article in a Swedish journal.^[2] An early published version of the story, "[Story of the Engine That Thought It Could](#)," appeared in the [New York Tribune](#) on April 8, 1906, as part of a sermon by the Rev. Charles S. Wing. I guess this is an excellent example of a sermon that lasts forever.

I share this with each of you because this story gives a beautiful backdrop to our year of **Renewal, Restoration, Rebirth and, Recovery**. During this year and moving forward, we, as a people of faith and worshipping community of God, must seek ways to do God's will. We have experienced hurricane Michael and COVID-19, which have profoundly impacted our lives and lifestyles.

We are no different from many congregations who have experienced the same calamities, but I think where we stand out the best is in the words of the **Little Engine that could, I think I can, I know I can!**

We are moving forward in our faith in **Renewal, Restoration, Rebirth, and, Recovery**. The concerts series that we could not have last year because of COVID-19 was a tremendous success. We made a wonderful donation to Beach Care Services, which helps residents in Panama City Beach. Our Evangelism Committee continues to do outreach in the community and our congregation. The Fun Fridays have been a great time of laughter and bonding, and the pancake breakfast has allowed us to meet and make new friends.



Pastor Michael article continued

Our Food Pantry continues to provide food service for those who need assistance, and the volunteers are courteous, professional, and friendly. Sunday School has returned, and it is right after the worship service. The energy and attendance are excellent; however, the only thing missing is you!

We also have a new online church directory, including members and snowbirds. What is terrific about this directory is that it is online, and we can update it with a push of a button. So, think, as we add more members to our congregation, how wonderful it will look,

Last but not least, our church has received new members, and more are on the way. Indeed the hand of God is at work. Remember once again the words from the story of the Little Engine that could, ***I think I can, I know I can!***

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

Pastor, Mike

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Dogwood Acres is geared up for Summer Camp 2022! From late-June through the end of July, camps are available for all ages, from *High School Hangout* to a 4-day, 3-

night Intro Camp for 1st and 2nd graders. .

Dogwood's summer camps are designed around small-group experiences. We encourage future generations by guiding our youth toward a greater awareness of their relationship with God, instilling a sense of accomplishment, an appreciation for their own and others' abilities, and presenting a new outlook on what they are capable of achieving. It's our goal to provide an outdoor ministry where individual kids and groups can grow in Christian faith, fellowship, and fun, as we marvel in God's miracle of creation! Registration is open, and *scholarships are available. Take advantage of the early registration discount!* To learn more, please visit www.dogwoodacres.org. --



Register soon – spaces fill fast!

ANNOUNCEMENT

Pancake Breakfast- April 2nd



On Saturday, April 2nd 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.

Adult Sunday School

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

Evening Women's Bible Study

All ladies are invited to this bible study, meeting on Monday, April 4th that 5:30pm in the Fellowship hall. We will continue our lessons of the women in the lineage of Jesus

Sara Circle- Tuesday, April 12th

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.

Maundy Thursday Service

There will be a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 14th at 6:00pm. There will be a Soup and Bread meal served during this service. This will take place in the Kitchen/Fellowship area of the Church.

Witness and Evangelism meeting- April 19th

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.

Potluck Dinner- Sunday, April 24th 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.

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



Electronic Fund Giving



Our Church Directory is Online!

View our church directory online or via the FREE mobile app today.

To view the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under “Sign In” to “Create a login now.” Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for “**Instant Church Directory**” to get the download.

You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

Need help or have questions?

**Please contact: Sarah Waby @
850-708-5328**

Our Church Directory is powered by *Instant Church Directory*.

Recipes from the Heart Cookbook Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church Sara Circle

CHEESY ARTICHOKE BREAD

- 1 c Miracle Whip
- 1 c grated parmesan cheese
- 1 c shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 (8.5oz) can quartered artichoke hearts, drained and chopped.
- 2-3 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 loaf French or Italian bread cut lengthwise
- Garlic seasoning

Mix together first 5 ingredients. Spread on Bread. Sprinkle a garlic seasoning on top to garnish. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes. Let cool for a couple of minutes then cut into 2 inch strips. Serve warm.

Bev Lutz



Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Anniversaries

14-John & Esther McClung

April Birthdays

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

Jesus, may I follow you throughout Holy Week with its complicated emotions, for your promise to meet me at the empty tomb.

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."

Easter Sunday is April 17.

A dose of humor

On the Sunday after Easter, some churches incorporate joy into worship through "holy humor." During his four decades in ministry, Thom Rainer has collected these funny gems heard by real-life pastors:

- "Is it okay to lie if I ask for forgiveness in advance?"
- (during the offertory) "Pastor, do you have change for a twenty?"
- (during an ordination council) "What's your view on Christian missions in space?"
- "My husband's ashes are in two different places. Will Jesus be able to find him?"
- "Pastor, will you pray for my son? He's wild and out of control." (Pastor: "Sure, what's his name?") "Maverick."