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**GULF BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**271 SOUTH HWY 79**  
**PANAMA CITY BECH., FL 32413**



## Beach Tidings Newsletter



### A Word from Pastor Michael

As much as we talk about faith in our Christian walk, fear always has a way of showing up as well in our journey. That little nagging voice in our mind's whispers, "You can't do it," or "What if you fail?" But fear doesn't have to rule our lives.

The Bible is full of stories of ordinary people who faced their fears head-on and emerged victorious. So, let's take a lighthearted journey through some biblical examples and glean some wisdom on how to conquer our own fears.

Imagine being a little shiny shepherd boy facing off against a giant. That was David's predicament when he squared up against Goliath. But did he cower in fear? Nope! With a sling and a few smooth stones. Lesson learned? Sometimes, all it takes to conquer fear is creativity and faith.

Let's look at Jonah. When tasked with a mission by God, he did not eagerly want to do to it. Instead, he decided to take a little impromptu vacation in the belly of a whale. Talk about avoiding your fears! Jonah couldn't escape his calling, even in the depths of the sea. Sooner or later, he had to face his fears head-on. Lesson? You can't outrun your worries forever. They have a way of catching up with you.

Peter was one of the lovable disciples, but you've got to give the guy credit for his bravery. Who else could step out of a perfect boat and try to walk on water? It didn't go so well for Peter. But here's the thing: he had the guts to try. So, the next time you face a seemingly impossible task, channel your inner Peter and take that leap of faith. Who knows? You might defy gravity and achieve your goal.

The Bible gives us many insights into how to overcome our fears. Let's face it, life's too short to take everything so seriously. So, the next time fear comes knocking at your door, don't be afraid to greet it with a smile and a witty retort. After all, laughter is the best medicine, especially when it comes to facing some of our greatest fears in life and in the church.

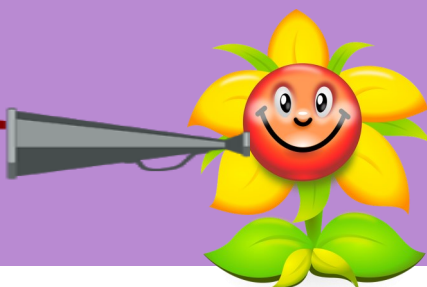
And as always, may you be blessed and blessing to others.

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# ANNOUNCEMENT



## Adult Sunday School

Sunday school is at 8:00am in a room in the Preschool wing. Class begins at 8:00 am. We will be studying Romans: A concise summary of the Gospel. Everyone is invited to attend.

## 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).

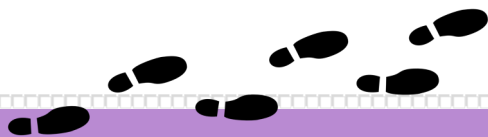
## Online giving with ease

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.



## Fellowship Walking Group Every Tuesday

Everyone is invited to join this group as they meet at Aaron Bessant park parking lot and walk together at 7: 00am every Tuesday. If you are interested in joining this group please call Ron Coleman, 850-890-1172 or Lenny Zacher at 867-3770.



## Christian symbol

**BUTTERFLY** — The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter and the new life we have in Christ Jesus. As a caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis, so Jesus' lifeless body was hidden in a tomb. The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection — and ours.





## Birthdays /Anniversaries

### April Anniversaries

14-John & Esther McClung

### April Birthdays

1-Betsy Balmer

2-Betty Brydon

3-Phyllis Miller

9-Margie Parker

13-Suzanne Burke

14-Jimmy Wiselogel

15-Mary Thiede

Janie Thomas

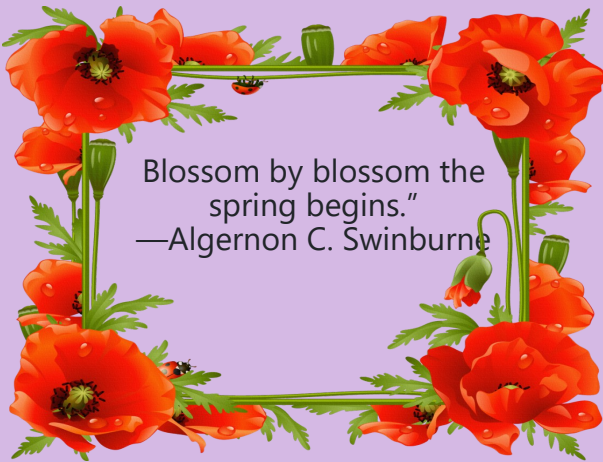
18-Esther McClung

21-Web Burke

22- Sandy Welch

28- Michael Greer

29-Christina Waringa



### When it rains

The skeleton flower, a perennial native to Japan, has delicate petals that change from opaque white to almost transparent when wet. After it rains, only the flower's intricate, skeleton-like veins are visible.

When the rains come (and they will!) in our lives, the same can be said. Amid difficulty and struggle, our true selves often become more transparent. During a parenting challenge, criticism might emerge. Or while we tackle a tough work project, impatience might rear its ugly head.

Hosea 6:3 (NLT) proclaims: "Oh, that we might know the Lord! Let us press on to know him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring." The rains will come. Whether you're experiencing light rain or a downpour, ponder what the water reveals. Then ask God how you can be more open to his work in that area.

