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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

Heroes, both in life and in the Bible, serve as beacons of inspiration, embodying courage, resilience, and selflessness. From the pages of ancient scriptures to the annals of history and the fabric of our everyday existence, their stories resonate, teaching invaluable lessons of faith, perseverance, and compassion.

In the Bible, heroes emerge as larger-than-life figures and flawed individuals chosen for extraordinary tasks. Take, for instance, Moses, a hesitant leader tasked with liberating his people from slavery. Despite his initial doubts and insecurities, Moses found strength in his faith and led the Israelites to freedom, illustrating the transformative power of belief and perseverance. David, the young shepherd who slew Goliath, epitomizes courage and trust in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds. His story reminds us of that greatness often arises from the most unlikely places and that true strength lies not in physical prowess alone but in the courage of one's convictions.

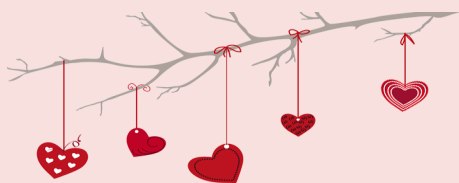
Similarly, heroes walk among us in our contemporary world, often unnoticed but no less impactful. They are the healthcare workers battling tirelessly on the frontlines, the teachers shaping young minds, the activists advocating for justice and equality, and the everyday individuals performing acts of kindness and selflessness in their communities.

These modern-day heroes inspire hope and resilience, demonstrating the profound impact that ordinary individuals can have when they act with compassion and courage. Their stories remind us that heroism is not confined to epic battles or grand gestures but is found in the countless acts of kindness, generosity, and empathy that shape our daily lives. Whether found in the pages of scripture or the fabric of our everyday existence, heroes serve as guiding lights, illuminating the path toward a more compassionate, just, and resilient world. Their stories inspire us to strive for greatness, to stand up for what is right, and never to lose faith in the power of the human spirit to overcome adversity and create positive change. I want to thank God for the heroes who walk among us in the "Little Pink Church."

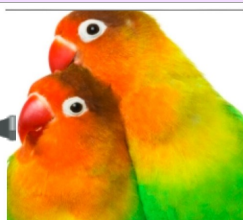
And as always, may you be blessed and blessing to others.

Pastor, Mike

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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.

Women of the Church-Monday February 5th at 5:30pm

We will meet at 5:30 in the fellowship area of the church. All women of the church are welcome to attend our study.

Fun Friday- February 9th

Plan for fun and games. We will start at 11:00am in the church fellowship hall. Lunch will be potluck so bring a dish to share. Everyone is invited.

Ash Wednesday Service-

We will have an Ash Wednesday service on Wed, February 14th at 5:00PM. Please come and join us.

Faithful Foodies- Thursday, February 15th

We will meet at 5:00pm at Oishi's Thai on Front beach rd. Everyone is invited to attend. Come out and join us. For more information call Lenny Zacher 850-867-3770.

February 25th- Potluck lunch following worship

There will be a Potluck lunch. The hospitality committee will provide the meat. Bring a side to share.



75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner **Thur., Feb 29th** **at 6:00pm**

We will be having a Pasta Dinner.

There will be a \$15.00 charge.

Wear your poodle skirts and letterman jackets, we will be rocking to the oldies and playing 1950's trivia. Contact Sarah Waby or Molly Allen for more information.

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.



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.



75th Anniversary

We are celebrating the church's 75th Anniversary in 2024. To get the celebration started we are asking for our members past and present to share photographs from events in the life of our church. Give us the names of the people in the photo and what the event was. Please contact Sarah Waby if you have any questions. You can email pictures to gulfbeachpres@gmail.com.

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Christian symbol

CROSS OF ASHES — On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. Reciting Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."



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.

THE CHURCH & THE ARTS | CONCERT SERIES

Benefiting Beach Care Services

ALL PERFORMANCES START AT 6:00 P.M.

SAME DAY TICKETS \$15 | 2 FOR \$25 (SOLD AT DOOR)

2024

CELEBRATING
32
YEARS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH
TODD HERENDEN

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH
IN FAITH (BLUE GRASS GOSPEL)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST
JANELLE FROST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
UKULELE ORCHESTRA OF SAINT ANDREWS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
BOBBY VAN DEUSEN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
LUCKY MUD

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The realm of the impossible

The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God's realm, where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for his almighty power. Nothing is too small for his love.

—Corrie ten Boom



Birthdays /Anniversaries

February Anniversaries

1-Christina & Ken Waringa

February Birthdays

4- Bill Turnquist

7-Simone Green

10-David Erskine

15-Timothy Wiselogle

26-Juredini Green

"Where there
is love there
is life."

—Mahatma
Gandhi



Learning to forgive

Forgiveness is great in theory, and it's a wonderful blessing to receive. But granting forgiveness can be another story. As C.S. Lewis said, "Everybody says forgiveness is a lovely idea until they have something to forgive." Likewise, forgiveness doesn't simply happen over time, as forgetting often does. Instead, it's "an act of volition," said Simon Wiesenthal, "and only the sufferer is qualified to make the decision."

Because forgiveness has many spiritual, emotional and even physical benefits, the secular world is taking notice. Colleges now offer classes about forgiveness skills and strategies. "You practically never hear sermons on forgiveness that are practical and give clear instructions on how to approach it," Professor Robert Enright tells the Washington Post.

Graduate student Shyanne Sporrer says a forgiveness class helped her realize the danger of holding grudges. "Forgiving does not mean you are giving up power," she says. "On the contrary, when you forgive, you are the person who is in control. By forgiving, you can empower yourself to move forward from the anger and resentment to be a better version of yourself."

