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Beach Tidings Newsletter

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A Word from Pastor Michael

Happy New Year, Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church family. As we start the New Year, our theme for our congregation is, **"The year of our, Renewal, Restoration, Rebirth, and Recovery."**



I like to use themes because it helps us have a sense of goals and directions. Church work can be exciting, but it also can be hard to navigate without order. One of the many things we say as "Presbyterians" is we do things with "Decency and in Order." The theme is a way for us to strive to continue to do Godly work in a significant way throughout the year.

As you know, COVID has been a significant challenge for us going on two years. Churches are trying to figure out how to continue and hold church services. We are blessed to have service via the internet and in person. COVID has created a gap and an opportunity for us. The gap is that some people feel unsafe to come to church, and we don't know if they will return to church considering the circumstances. The opportunity is in the words of our theme, **"The year of our, Renewal, Restoration, Rebirth, and Recovery."** It will take all of us working together to continue reaching out to our members, friends, and others, no matter who they are and where they are.

Ministry happens in many different ways, and if nothing else, COVID has taught us this lesson. We have some fantastic opportunities to do God's work. Some of it will challenge us to the core but, together, we can do God's will and give God the Glory.

We have to expand our thinking and our faith. We have to see not only with our eyes but also with the eyes of faith. There are many possibilities; the words of the Prophet Isaiah say this, *See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?* Isaiah 43:19

As I often say to you, fasten your seat belt; God inspires us to do some great and wonderful things in our faith and Kingdom building. Remember, the First Century church faced challenges, too, and the churches grew in the power and glory of the Lord. We can and will do the same.

Pastor, Mike

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The Church and the Arts

Concert Series Schedule

Tickets are \$10.00 at the door. Season Tickets will be available.

All Concerts are on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm

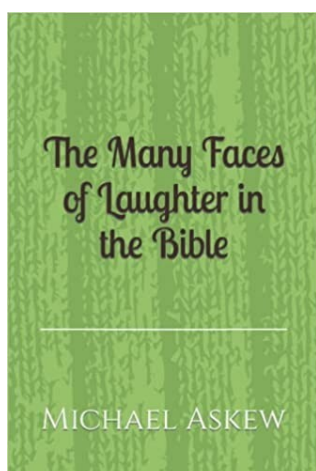


February 6th-Wabi Sabi's

February 20th David Seering

February 27th Ken Sizemore

Please see our website, for a more extensive bio on each performer.



Pastor Mike's Book

"The Many Faces of Laughter in the Bible"

His book is based on his Doctoral Thesis and is available on Amazon.

Laughter comes in many forms. It can be humorous and funny. It can be mocking and scornful. It can be witty and sometimes, downright catty. However, when most people think of laughter in the Bible, they think it is nonexistent. After all, the Bible is supposed to be sacred and somber, and isn't it a sin to laugh? While the Bible has few laugh out loud moments, the various meanings of laughter are very much present in scripture. *The Many Faces of Laughter in the Bible* takes a comprehensive look at various forms of laughter and how laughter, including being laughed at, impacts our understanding and our relationship with God and His word.

“There is only one happiness in this life: to love and be loved.”

—George Sand

ANNOUNCEMENT

Covid Update

Face masks are optional during worship service. Please continue maintain social distance from others.



Pancake Breakfast-Feb 5th

On Saturday, Feb. 5th we will hold a free pancake breakfast from 8-10 am in the Gulfview Family Center. Please come and bring your friends. Anyone who would like to help please contact Betsy Balmer 850-348-2890.

Sara Circle- Tuesday, February 8th

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.

Fun and Fellowship Friday

On Friday, February 25th at 11:30am you are invited to Eden Gardens State Park to see the Camellias. We will take a picnic lunch. Meet at the church at 11:30am. There are tours of the historic house in the park. The cost for the tour is \$4.00. Please join us.

Potluck Dinner- Sunday, February 27th after worship

We will resume our monthly Pot luck dinners this month. The church will provide the meat and everyone bring a side dish.

Evening Women's Bible Study

All ladies are invited to this bible study, meeting on Monday, February 28th at 5:30pm in the Fellowship hall. We will continue our lessons of the women in the lineage of Jesus

Souper Bowl

It is Super Bowl time again that means Souper Bowl for us. From now until Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 13th we will be collecting food items for the food pantry. The following is a list of can items needed. Corn, fruit, baked beans, and spaghetti sauce and saltine crackers. The ladies from Gulfview United Methodist will be collecting cans of soup this year.

Place you items in the box in the Church entrance. Thank you for your donations and support of our food pantry.



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](http://www.pinkchurch.org)



In *It's Okay Not to Be Okay*, Christian author Sheila Walsh looks at the all-encompassing love that Jesus expects of his followers. He commands us to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27, ESV).

But we can't love that way without faith, Walsh writes. “I'm not living by faith if I have an answer to everything. If I understand everything God does or doesn't do, then all I need to love him with is my mind. We're called to love him with more.” That “more,” she explains, involves these paradoxes: “We love with all our heart, even when it's broken. We love with our soul, even when our humanity wrestles against our situation. We love with our strength, even when it's almost gone. We love with our mind, even when we don't understand.”

Even if God's purposes and plans don't make sense here on earth, we can heed this advice from the great preacher Charles Spurgeon: “When we cannot trace [God's] hand, we must trust his heart.”



A daily prayer

Whatever happens today, dear Lord, help us remember that you are present. If we find ourselves in the shadows of disappointment or rejection or pain, let us see your comforting light. If we're in the radiant light of success or acceptance or wholeness, may we acknowledge your providence and grace. Wherever we are, grant us the assurance of your nearness. Amen.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Anniversaries

1-Christian & Ken Waringa

February Birthdays

15-Timothy Wiselogel

26-Juredini Green

We love because [God] first loved us" (1 John 4:19, NIV).
Valentine's Day is fun, but we pray, God, that you show us how to share your love every day of the year

Always choose love

God wants us to choose to love him freely, even when that choice involves pain, because we are committed to him, not to our own good feelings and rewards. He wants us to cleave to him, as Job did, even when we have every reason to deny him hotly. That, I believe, is the central message of Job.

Satan had taunted God with the accusation that humans are not truly free.

Was Job being faithful simply because God had allowed him a prosperous life? Job's fiery trials proved the answer beyond doubt. Job clung to God's justice when he was the best example in history of God's apparent injustice. He did not seek the Giver because of his gifts; when all gifts were removed, he still sought the Giver.

JOB IS TESTED



--Philip Yancey, *Where Is God When It Hurts?*