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Beach Tidings
Newsletter

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A Word from Pastor Michael

I recently lost a dear friend in April (2022) who was not only a seminary classmate, but we were also very close and he was like a big brother to me. As I reflect on his life, I am reminded of a story in the bible of the prophet Elisha who asked to be able to perform a double portion of miracles his mentor Elijah performed. All of the miracles were amazing and Mighty acts of God, however, it was the last miracle that stands out in my mind, and if there was someone who has never read this story they might say, that only happens in the movies.

It is the story of a man who was resurrected when he touched the bones of Elisha when he was placed in his grave.

As we all know, we all have our appointed time that we will leave this earthly domain. In this story, we are shown that even Elisha’s death helped to restore someone’s life. I think a lot about my dear friend but, I also remember the times we shared and his wonderful words of wisdom and encouragement to me and others. This helps me in the restoration of life as I continue to do the will of God.

I would like for you to take a few minutes to think about the special people in your life who touched you in special ways and who now are no longer with you. Think about how they made life special for you in different ways. As you think about these moments in time you might smile, laugh, and yes even a tear may fall. Now as you think about them remember the word “restoration,” that is what I hope you feel. I know when I think about all the people in my life who now rest from their labors including my dear friend who I recently lost, my soul, is revived and restored.

Remember this is our season of Rebirth, Recovery, Renewal & Restoration. May your soul and your faith in God always be restored no matter what challenges we encounter. And, may you seek to help restore goodness and blessing to others in the same way Elisha did.

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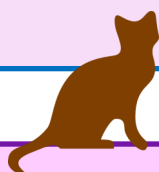


SAVE THIS DATE: OCTOBER 29TH

This is the date for our local Making Strides against Breast Cancer walk. We will have a team walking again this year. To sign up for our team or to make a donation go to

[| American Cancer Society \(acsevents.org\)](https://www.americancancersociety.org/events)

Our team name is Pink Church.



BAKE SALE FUND RAISER

For Making Strides against Breast Cancer

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

We need both bakers and buyers. If you can contribute baked goods please contact Betsy Balmer 850-348-2890.



*As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord.*

~ Joshua 24:15



**Evening Women's
Bible Study-Monday,
Sept 5th**

This group will meet in the fellowship hall at 5:30pm. We will be studying Celebrating Sabbath Accepting God's Gift on Rest and Delight.

Concert Series mtg.-September 7 & 21 9:00am

There will be a meeting of the Concert Series committee to plan the 22/23 Concert season. If you would like to help please join us.

**Pancake Breakfast-
September 10th -Saturday**

There will be 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.



Building and Grounds Workday

On Sunday, September 11th after worship we will be working together to spruce up our church building. Come join us.

Sara Circle

This group will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 12:30pm in the fellowship area of the Sanctuary. All ladies are invited to attend.

Fun Friday- September 23th

Meet in Gulftreat at 11:00am for Trivia Day

**Potluck Dinner- Sunday, September 25th after wor-
ship**

The church will provide the meat and everyone bring a side dish.

Bake Sale-Sunday, September 25th

**This is a fundraiser for Making Strides against Breast
Cancer**

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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.

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



Stewardship Minute

What is the Question?

If money is the answer for everything, what is the question?

Money, we know, cannot ensure health, happiness or immortality. It cannot buy peace of conscience or loving relationships. Yet it is not to be despised. Money supplies a thousand advantages. It can support our churches, a Christian college, send a missionary to Africa, supply Bibles for China or buy cooling fans for poor people in the city.

It is not money that is “a root of all kinds of evil,” but the love of money (1 Timothy 6:10). Jesus condemns money when it becomes an object of devotion equal to God (Matthew 6:24). In his parable of the ten minas (Luke 19:11-26), the third servant who laid his money away in a piece of cloth was punished because he didn’t put his money to work. He didn’t even invest it so it could earn a little interest.

God is the ultimate supplier of all wealth. He puts us in a position where we have money either by giving us employment, an inheritance, wise investments or other means. No matter how we got what money we have, God enabled us to have it. Therefore, he has a right to say what we do with the money he gave us.

The question is, “what is my most versatile possession?” The answer is money. God’s guidelines to those who possess it are amazingly simple:

1 Timothy 6:18 *Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.*

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 *6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

Luke 21: 1-4 21 *As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. 2 He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. 3 “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. 4 All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”*



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept. Anniversaries

1-Lonnie & Barb Galbraith
10-Doug & Lorraine Gilmore
29-Dick & Lynne Jossart

Sept. Birthdays

10-Ron Colman
11-Edna Adams
14-Quinn Schoppe
15-Rebecca Stevens
18-Wanda Pratt, Sheila Askew
25-Meredith Schoppe
27-Lenny Zacher
28-Joe Blaho
29-John Lankford

"Prayer is thinking deeply about something in the presence of God."

—Wayne Cordeiro



BEACH CARE SERVICES

They will be having their annual Dinner on the Bay fundraising event on October 4th at the Shrimp Boat in Panama City. Tickets and information are available on their website:
www.beachcareservices.org

This is our charity of choice for the concert series and it is another way we can support their efforts in our community.



Witness and Evangelism

The Witness and Evangelism committee is beginning a program called WE SERVE. We are looking for the people who volunteer their time in service. Volunteer time includes the food pantry, the Red Cross, schools, Council on Aging, walking a neighbor's dog and taking someone to an appointment to name a few. There will be a poster in the fellowship area for you to log your hours. All you need to do is put your name down, the activity you did and the hours involved. If you want to volunteer somewhere, let us know your time and talent and we will work with you to find an appropriate place. Let's see how many volunteer hours we can count! We are a church that serves in the community.



Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of love.

—William Arthur Ward