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**GULF BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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## Beach Tidings Newsletter



### A Word from Pastor Michael

Romans 12:2 say these wonderful words, *Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.* NIV

Being a Christian is a joy and a challenge at times. We are called to be faithful and a lot of times our faith can be put to the test. Keeping those thoughts in mind, our mindset plays an important role as Christians and in our church's growth. It is easy for people to say, "Have faith or keep the faith." When we are faced with situations in life, we can lose our faith and focus. I was reading a couple of stories about people and through their perseverance, they went on to achieve fame and greatness in life. The first-person story I will share briefly is, about famed basketball star and businessman Michael Jordan.

Michael Jordan famously said: "I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times, I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."

The next story is about Abraham Lincoln: Abraham Lincoln Didn't Quit

Born into poverty, Lincoln was faced with defeat throughout his life. He lost eight elections, twice failed in business, and suffered a nervous breakdown.

Lincoln was a champion, and he never gave up. Here is a sketch of Lincoln's road to the White House:

- 1816: His family was forced out of their home. He had to work to support them.
- 1818: His mother died.
- 1831: Failed in business.
- 1832: Ran for state legislature - lost.
- 1832: Also lost his job - wanted to go to law school but couldn't get in.
- 1833: Borrowed some money from a friend to begin a business and by the end of the year he was bankrupt. He spent the next 17 years of his life paying off this debt.
- 1834: Ran for state legislature again - won.
- 1835: Was engaged to be married, his sweetheart died and his

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- 1843: Ran for Congress - lost.
- 1846: Ran for Congress again - this time he won - went to Washington and did a good job.
- 1848: Ran for re-election to Congress - lost.
- 1849 Sought the job of land officer in his home state - rejected.
- 1854: Ran for Senate of the United States - lost.
- 1856: Sought the Vice-Presidential nomination at his party's national convention - got less than 100 votes.
- 1858: Ran for U.S. Senate again - again he lost.
- 1860: Elected president of the United States.

It is with faith and having the right mindset we can achieve in life and do the will of God in such a way that others will take note and want to know what the secret to our success was. Will it be easy? Probably not! However, God gives us examples like Michael Jordon & Abraham Lincoln and places gems and pearls of wisdom throughout the bible. And, as a bonus, we have the example of Jesus which we can follow. Let us continue to grow in our faith as we continue to develop a Godly mindset to do the will of God now and forever more. Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will. Romans 12:2 NIV

May you be blessed and a blessing to each other.

Pastor, Mike

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Faith is the assurance of things  
hoped for, the conviction  
of things not seen.



Hebrews 11:1, NRSV

# ANNOUNCEMENT



## **Adult Sunday School**

Sunday school is at 8:00am in a room in the Preschool wing. Everyone is invited to attend.

## **Women of the Church-Monday, August 7th at 5:30pm**

The ladies of the church are invited to dinner and devotions at 5:30pm in the fellowship area

## **Fun Friday- August 18th**

We will gather at the church at 11:30 for a cookout and potluck. Bring a dish to share. We will play Hershey Kiss Bingo after lunch.

## **Concert Series Planning Meeting-August 20th**

The concert series planning team will be meeting the 3rd Sunday of every month after worship. Everyone is invited to come and help plan our next Concert Season.

## **Potluck- Sunday, August 27th After Worship**

The church will provide the meat and we ask you to bring a side dish to share.

## **Monday Foodies - August 28th 5pm**

We have moved the Tuesday Foodies to Monday for July and August. We will go Paparazzi Pizza on Thomas Drive Meet at 5:00pm. Come join us for a slice. Everyone is welcome.

## **Food Pantry-**

We are in need of food donations so we would like to resume asking the congregation to donate on a monthly basis. This month we are asking for **Canned Mixed Vegi's, peas and carrots, and baked beans. We need Bubble bee snack Tuna Salad kits. We also need small pop top single use cans of Pork & Beans, and vegies.** Please place your donations in the box in the narthex. Thank you. As always, monetary donations are welcomed. Write for Food pantry on your envelope.



## **School Supply Drive**

We are collecting school supplies for Breakfast Point Academy. A list of supplies needed is in the narthex. **School starts August 8<sup>th</sup>**, so we need to work quickly to help these students. If you would like to donate financially please mark your donation with School Supplies. Thank you.

## **Fellowship Walking Group**

Everyone is invited to join this group as they meet at Aaron Bessant park parking lot and walk together at 7:00am every Tuesday. For information on this group please call Ron Coleman at 850-890-1172 or Lenny Zacher at 867-3770.



## **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.

## **A word from Stewardship**

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Remember that the person who plants few seeds will have a small crop; the one plants many seeds will have a large crop. Each one should give, then, as he has decided, not with regret or out of sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause. As the scripture says: "he gives generously to the needy; His kindness lasts forever."

And God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity. He will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times, so that many will thank God for your gifts which they receive from us. For this service you perform not only meets the needs of God's people, but also produces an outpouring of gratitude to God. And because of the proof which this service of yours brings, many will give glory to God for your loyalty to the gospel of Christ, which you profess, and for your generosity in sharing with them and everyone else. And so the deep affection they will pray for you because of the extraordinary grace God has shown you. Let us thank God for his priceless gift.

## **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).



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**OCTOBER 28TH**

**Breast Cancer Walk**

We will have a team this year. Watch for more information about signing up







## Birthdays /Anniversaries

### August Anniversaries

14-Jimmy & Paige  
Wiselogel  
21-Jim & Darlene Dila-  
marter

### August Birthdays

3-Kent Miller  
4-John McClung  
5-David Balmer  
8-David Leggatt  
10-Richard Clubb  
14-Michael Askew  
18-Karen Ferguson  
20-Nathan Schoppe  
Ken Waringa, Adrian  
Wynter  
29-Bev Talbott

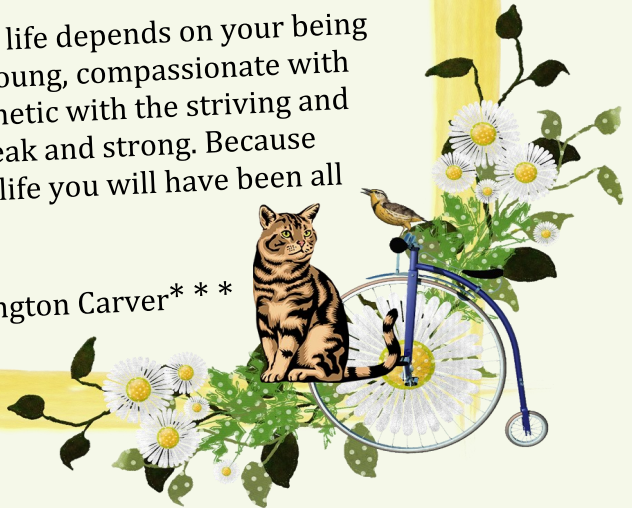
### August

God in his own right hand  
doth take each day —  
each sun-filled day — each  
rare and radiant night,  
and drop it softly on the  
earth and say:  
"Touch earth with heaven's  
own beauty and delight."  
—Jean Blewett (1862-1934)

### "Ingredients for true success

How far you go in life depends on your being  
tender with the young, compassionate with  
the aged, sympathetic with the striving and  
tolerant of the weak and strong. Because  
someday in your life you will have been all  
of these.

—George Washington Carver\* \* \*



## Can't pray? First rest!

Weariness can seriously hamper our attempts to pray, says Bonnie Gray, author of *Whispers of Rest*. "We are a generation who doesn't know how to express our souls to God, even though we drive ourselves exhausted, doing for Jesus." The solution, she says, is to stop and rest.

The stressed-out, despairing prophet in 1 Kings 19 is a prime example. "God knew Elijah needed physical rejuvenation first — in order to hear his gentle voice, whispering in a gentle breeze," Gray notes. Guarding against the depletion of spiritual, physical and emotional resources can improve our ability to hear God's voice, too. "When you find it's hard to pray, don't be afraid," says Gray. "You're standing at the very cusp of who God longs to connect with. The real you. Take the time to rest. You're worth it."

Come to me,  
all who labor and  
are heavy laden,  
and I will  
give you rest.  
Matthew 11:28