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**GULF BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**PANAMA CITY BECH., FL 32413**



## Beach Tidings Newsletter

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## A Word from Pastor Michael

On August 14 I will celebrate my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. This is a milestone of sorts and I just wonder, where did the time go? Allow me to share a little information with you that I certainly, keep in my mind. I took a look at some information I would like to share with you.

### WHICH U.S. ETHNIC GROUP HAS THE LONGEST LIFE EXPECTANCY?



**74.6**

**African-American**  
US life expectancy



**76.9**

**Native American**  
US life expectancy



**78.9**

**White-American**  
US life expectancy



**82.8**

**Latino-American**  
US life expectancy



**86.5**

**Asian-American**  
US life expectancy

This is not a piece of perfect scientific information but, it does give me a way to keep things in perspective. I never have been a person who takes life for granted rather, I think God for the blessings God has added to my life. COVID-19 could have ended my life, yet, God allowed me to remain here to continue on the wonderful journey in the “Little Pink Church.” Some of you have commented you have noticed I have been losing weight. Believe it or not, I have not paid that much attention but, every time I go to the doctor and my doctor says, good job on losing weight, I smile and think about the Tuesday morning walk and talk with the men’s group. I count it as a blessing. I enjoy the strides we are making to grow in faith as well as inviting new people to become part of the church family so when the doctor tells me I have good blood pressure and a good heart rate, there is another smile on my face and a word of thanks to each of you. This too is a blessing.

As I look forward to my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, I have already received a great blessing and that is, being part of this community of faith. Now if I had one birthday wish and say it out loud to myself, I would wish for a new white robe with the doctorate bars. And, if someone was listening to my wish and might wonder what size robe, I would simply say, just look inside of one of the robes he normally wears. LOL

*May you be blessed and a blessing to others.*

Pastor, Mike

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## Summer Concerts

Join your Gulf Beach family every Tuesday (June 7 - Aug 9) from 7-9 pm for concerts at Aaron Bessant Amphitheatre. We will gather on the west side of the park. Bring chair or blanket to sit on. Food trucks are onsite. You can drive your golf cart to the gathering area or park at the Grand Theatre and walk over. Let's all wear our Pink Church shirts!



## Help Pack a Backpack

We will be helping the children of Hutchinson Beach Elementary School by supplying backpacks and school supplies.

### **There are 3 ways you can help:**

1. You can purchase and donated items from the list below. (Place in the box in the hallway.)
2. You can donate funds and we will do the shopping. Designate it for school supplies. It will take \$30.00 to pack a backpack.
3. Buy a backpack and fill it full of all the supplies listed below and bring it to the church.

### **Items needed:**

Backpacks with no wheels

Crayola Crayons

Scissors (blunt and pointed)

#2 Pencils

Glue Sticks

Compositions Books (both primary lines and regular)

Pocket folders

# ANNOUNCEMENT



## **Pancake Breakfast- August 6th -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.

## **Concert Series mtg.-August 10th-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.

## **Evening Women's Bible Study-no mtg. in JULY & AUG**

## **Fun Friday- August 19th**

We are going to the Bay county Historical Museum on Harrison Ave. We will gather at the church at 11:00 to go to the museum. We will also visit the new Coke mural and enjoy lunch.

## **Potluck Dinner- Sunday, August 28th after worship**

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

## **Adult Sunday School**

This class meets after worship each Sunday in the Kitchen/Fellowship area. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **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](mailto: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.

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### **Stewardship Minute**

Mark 12: 41-44

*Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offering were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything, all she had to live on."*

In his sermons and conversations, Pastor Michael always notes that Gulf Beach Presbyterian is a caring, welcoming congregation. That is how it should be. As Treasurer, I have few opportunities to speak with you. Stewardship is the allocation of time, talent, and money.

So, here it is. Thank you for your continued financial support. We should be proud that together we have built a good fiscal position moving forward. And while expenses continue to rise, we can face challenges confidently.

As we are all aware, rising costs are impacting us all. In our lives, we need to be watching expenses and how we spend our dollars. Similarly, our Session does the same with the church. Now we come to remind you of the church's physical and fiscal needs.

This time of the year we ask you to begin thinking about how you can support or continue to support the church. Without it we cannot continue to grow and support each other and our community. Giving is a personal, prayerful decision.

Sincerely,  
Dave Balmer, Treasurer







## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### August Anniversaries

14-Jimmy & Paige Wiselogel

21-Jim & Darlene Dilamarter

### 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

""Aging is not 'lost youth' but a new stage of opportunity and strength."

—Betty Friedan



Christ is like a river that is continually flowing. There are always fresh supplies of water coming from the fountainhead, so that a man may live by it and be supplied with water all his life. So Christ is an ever-flowing fountain; he is continually supplying his people, and the fountain is not spent. They who live upon Christ may have fresh supplies from him for all eternity; they may have an increase of blessedness that is new [and] never will come to an end.

—Jonathan Edwards

*The Lord invites all people,  
"Everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters"*

*(Isaiah 55:1, NRSV).*

*So we gather to quench our spiritual thirst  
with the Living Water.*