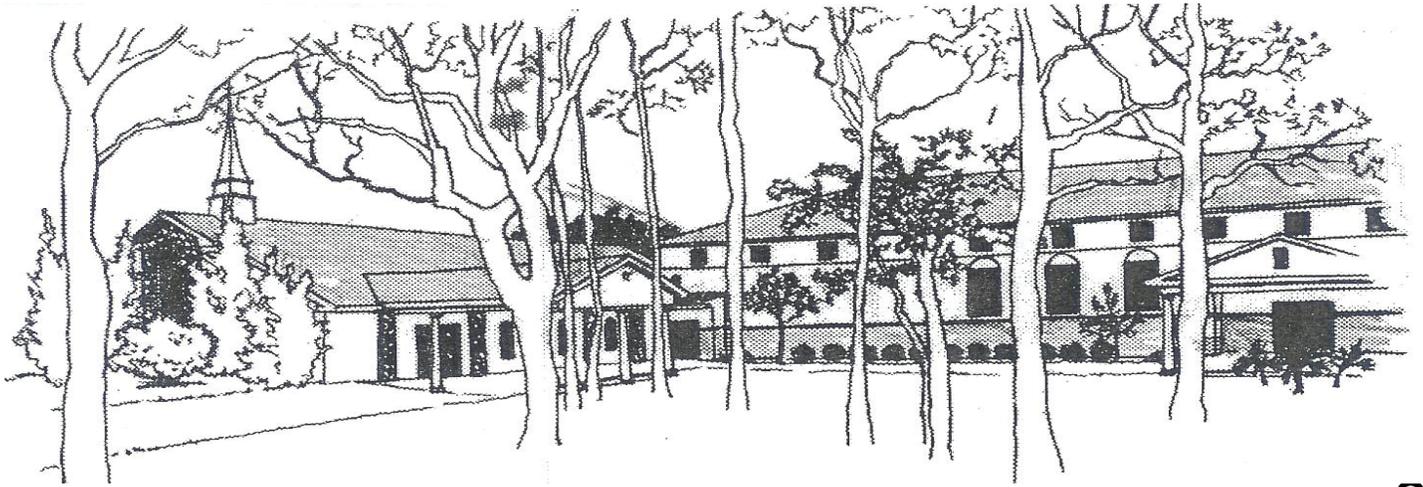


Gulf Breeze Presbyterian Church



NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER

FROM THE PASTOR

GBPC Friends,

The seasons are-a-changing as you're reading this newsletter. The summer weather certainly has not left us, but summer break is over, summer vacations are over, school is back in full swing, baseball season is gratefully coming to a close for my Marlins, and football is almost already in full swing. I joked with my wife after we moved here: "I can't wait until our first college football season in our new church." I love the rivalries (sometimes within the same family), I love the good-natured ribbing, and I delight in how people in our church family support their alma maters all year long.

The fall season also means the beginning of all of our regular church programming. Youth group is starting, so is Kidz on Wednesday afternoons, the Women's Bible Study on Monday nights, the Wednesday suppers, Wednesday Bible Study, Choir Practice and Sunday Choir, the Weekend Food Program food packing on Monday afternoons, and not to mention all of our Sunday School classes for adults and children. By the way, the Tuesday Fix-It Group didn't take the summer off and I was impressed they were working in all of that heat each Tuesday.

From the Pastor (continued)

I bring up all of these wonderful programs and activities that our church offers for this reason: study after study has shown that in order for people to feel truly connected to a church, they need to be “known” in at least one small group setting outside of worship. That small group setting doesn’t always have to be a Bible Study, but people need to feel connected to other people in order to “stick” in a church.

So my encouragement to you today is this: if you haven’t already found a place in our church family where you connect in a small group setting, try and find one among our many choices. Maybe you enjoy helping others. A bunch of folks from our church volunteer at Interfaith Ministries on a specific day each week; I jokingly call it “Presbyterian Day.” Give Interfaith a call and ask them: “Which day do all of the Presbyterians help out?” I’m not going to tell you because I want you to take the initiative and pick up the phone☺. Do you enjoy singing or playing a musical instrument? The choir or the praise band would love to have you. Do you like sewing? We have two groups of ladies in our church who make dresses, Afghans, and prayer shawls for children in need and people in need of prayer.

The point is not so much the activity you choose to participate in, the point is connecting with other Christians, getting to know them by name, and building friendships and relationships with them. As this new season starts I encourage you to keep old connections strong, make new connections, and include new folks in your groups so they can connect too.

Yours In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Danny

The Lunch Bunch will meet on September 21 at 11:30 in the North Room at the Church. We will have lunch at 12:00 and our speaker will be Betty Allen of the Gulf Breeze News. Betty is also on the Board of Directors of the Gulf Breeze Historical Society. Betty will present a little history of the Society and what they do at their monthly meetings at the Rec Center. There will be a sign up sheet in the Church Bulletin or you can call Barbara Borik 934-9485 for reservations. The cost of the luncheon will be \$9.

The Education Committee welcomes Kim Carruth as the interim children's director. At the same time Kristina Vogel will replace Ben Carruth as the committee moderator.

New Sunday School classes will be beginning along with the new school.

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Fall Ladies Bible Study

We plan to start on September 21 at 6:30 pm in the GBPC library. We will be studying: Faithful Abundant True featuring Kay Arthur, Pricilla Shirer & Beth Moore for 6 weeks. (Then we will try to do another 6 week study on Noah before Christmas break.) (So, two short studies.....do one or both!)

Invite your friends. Hope to see you. Contact Sharon Conner with questions.
sconner@groupsourceinc.com

A Timely Quiz for Purpose-Full Women

1. What do all women want?
 - a. More time to relax
 - b. More time to get important things done
 - c. More time with friends
2. When, where, and how?
 - a. 9:45 AM Sundays
 - b. The church parlor
 - c. By using that in-between time to relax, begin, continue or finish up a work for God in the presence and good cheer of other women

We'll have prayer, a devotion and support, but will focus on welcoming and catching up on *all* the diverse women's missions here, not just the Sunday handwork. Do you need to prepare materials for an all-church outreach activity, or youth project, or Interfaith need? We would love for you to bring your Saturday Dress-a-Girl project to show and perhaps finish sewing on those buttons. Bring your boxes of grooming donations to sort. Teach, learn, or just watch a knitter. Is there something we can do on Sunday mornings with backpack food, Interfaith extras, or something we've never even thought of?

You need us. We've always been here for you. You're welcome.

As the Interim Children's Ministries Director I am excited about planning a wonderful fall for GBPC! I enjoy the programs Patty designed for us and will keep things very similar. So to start the new school year we have:

Mid-week program

Kidz started on Wednesdays, August 26 from 2-5 pm for K-5th grades. We hear a Bible story, music, art and free time; there is space and time for your kids to become involved!

Sunday programs

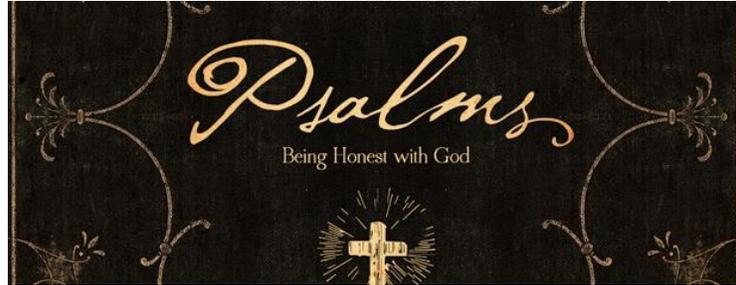
Children's church is for preschool to 2nd graders and it will continue during the 8:30, contemporary service and it is now offered during the 11:00, traditional service. We will study something similar to what parents and grandparents are hearing in church. Sunday school will be taught by Kristina Vogel and Ellen Finelli.

Volunteers Needed!

We would love to have some volunteers to help programs run smoothly. So when you have some time to offer, we could use your help! It can be on Sunday mornings or during the week; we would love to have you!

I am looking forward to teaching your children,

Kim Carruth



New Message Series Starting Sunday August 23rd

Join us for a new message series starting Sunday August 23rd where we will be taking a six-week look at the Psalms and what it means to be honest with God. At times life is hard, life is messy, life is joyful, and life is painful. God desires for us to be honest with him throughout all of the ups and downs of life and God wants to be close to us through it all. Join us for these six weeks as we look at what it means to have deep intimacy with God.

Honesty with God (A study of the Psalms)

August 23: Psalm 22:1-21—I Feel Abandoned God

August 30: Psalm 121—The Sleepless Night

September 6: Psalm 46—When Life Falls Apart

September 13: Psalm 13—Where are You God?

September 20: Psalm 51—Honest Confession

September 27: Psalm 62—Hope in the Midst of Trial

Youth and Young Adult Happenings

By
Ryan Jones

Hello Gulf Breeze Presbyterian,

Well, the summer is behind us and we are moving into the full swing of a new school year. I often think back to when I was a youth and how I felt about the school year opening. I know many others feel this way also: pure, apathetic sadness. I was never ready to give up the summer and go back to school, to return to the grueling grind of honor or AP classes, the many after-school activities that I was involved in, and the homework that I would have to do as well.

Now I look back on those days and I truly miss them and am always reminded at how lucky I am to work with youth as they undergo the struggles of maturing. But, the one thing that really made it easier was my church life. I honestly could not have progressed academically if I hadn't been involved in the church. As Mrs. Tanya Fernandes said in her children's sermon, we get filled up with so much knowledge that we sometimes forget that the most important thing we need to fill us up is God.

I think the youth truly need the church and also need to be actively involved; that is why I get so excited with Gulf Breeze Presbyterian's youth. The youth are heavily involved and want to do so much that it makes my time here truly exciting. I often hear people say that the youth are the future of the church. I believe that their time is now. I believe that they can do many great things for the church and I constantly see it happen in our youth groups. The youth continue to grow and show the love of God to each another, both new members and those who have participated for a long time. The best part is that they want to go the distance.

Isaiah 52:7 says, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Romans 10:15 states, "And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

I believe our youth want to go the distance, to use their feet to take them ever farther in God's glory. The youth are truly being guided and are among the best people bringing good news. I look forward to seeing them progress even more this school year and to show they are the church and they are ready to go the distance. I thank God that I get to hitch along for the ride.

Peace and love,

Ryan Jones, Director of Youth and Young Adults

What Can a Church Choir Do?

Brent and I had a great experience last night as our chancel choir returned to rehearsal after a well-deserved summer break. We have big plans for the fall and are ready to get to work. I've been lonely lately and really missing the presence of the choir in worship, and it got me to thinking about their function in our traditional service. What can a church choir do? PLENTY!

A link to our Christian heritage

In a traditional worship service, one of the most obvious "traditional" elements is the participation of the choir, which serves as a living link to centuries of music making in Christian worship. Music as we know it today originated with the work of anonymous medieval monks, and all of our earliest musicians were clerics. Cathedral choirs were a laboratory of musical development. Church choirs preserve the lineage of past centuries and propel us towards the future in unending praise to God!

Provide leadership in congregational singing

Hymn singing has been a staple of Protestant worship for centuries, with the express purpose of providing an opportunity for congregational participation. Hymns are meant to be accessible, but an unfamiliar tune can quickly cause a lack of confidence. The choir can promote robust congregational singing in order to achieve the maximum spiritual experience. Hymns are not "spacers" between more important elements of the liturgy, but are fully integrated into the overall theme of the service. Don't know that hymn? Let the choir lead you to harvest the spiritual fruit each hymn has to offer.

But some worship music is more complicated

While hymns are designed for everyone, a lot of meaningful worship music is more complex and takes time to learn. Your dedicated church choir spends the time to make it happen so that everyone has an uplifting experience in worship. The choir's anthem is not mere entertainment, but yet another path to Christian growth and development. Enjoy the choir's music, grow with the music, and appreciate the efforts of your choir singers.

Church choirs get it done

I often think of music as a three-legged stool, and if one leg is missing, a predictable result occurs. Although a successful singer/songwriter doesn't fit this analogy very well, one leg of the stool is the composer, whose imagination provides the germ of a piece of music. But composers can't be everywhere and play everything and sing at the same time, so they rely upon another leg, "helpers" (choirs, organists, orchestras) to enact their imagination and transcend time and space. That's all well and good, but another leg is needed, people to hear the music, grow and learn from it, and yes, enjoy it. Contrary to popular belief, not all composers are dead! Many talented people are writing beautiful music for worship every day and, without the choir, this music simply wouldn't get "done".

I could go on, but I think you are getting the picture. Church choirs provide a variety of functions, and everyone is invited to join us. As much service as the choir provides, members get it back in abundance through a sense of accomplishment, an aesthetic experience, the joy of service and the fellowship of choristers. A quote commonly attributed to St. Augustine holds that "He who sings prays twice". I think that may be an understatement.

In Christian service,

Richard

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DOGWOOD GARDEN CLUB OF GULF BREEZE

By Linda Henderson, Co-President

Please join us as we kick-off our first meeting of the 2015-2016 garden club year. We will meet on Monday, September 14, at 9:15 a.m. in the North Room. We usually meet the first Monday of every month, but September and January are exceptions due to holidays—Labor Day and New Year's.

We will gather at 9:15 a.m. and enjoy fellowship over coffee and breakfast goodies. Our meeting begins at 9:45 a.m. sharp. Our first program will be on successfully growing Orchids. We will have a plant exchange (bring one/take one); discuss in our Horticulture Spotlight what we should be doing in our gardens/yards each month; and we will conclude with a Design Corner on how to make an easy but beautiful floral design that will go home with a lucky winner. We have our educational programs set-up already and several field trips planned.

You do not have to know anything about gardening to come to our meetings. Our meetings are designed to educate our members and the public. You do not have to be a church member to be a garden club member--come and bring your friend or neighbor.

We are busy planning for our annual fundraiser—Welcome to Our Home: Tour of Tables. Tickets are available for \$20 which includes viewing the decorated tables, eating a delicious lunch, shopping at our Ways and Means table, bidding on your favorite item on the Silent Auction table, or purchasing a ticket for several Opportunity Drawing items while listening to beautiful background music. Jean Ann Hartman, whose father had a Christmas Tree Farm, will demonstrate how easy it is to make and decorate a live wreath or swag. Linda Henderson will demonstrate how easy it is to make holiday centerpieces. Proceeds will go to fund our community outreach projects to include our Jr. Garden Club.

We are still looking for volunteers who are willing to decorate a table for eight. If this is something you would like to do, please contact Linda Henderson, 850-936-4950 or email: Martylinda@msn.com.

We are also looking forward to working with the “Little Dogwoods” this year as well. Our Jr. Garden Club will meet either on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00-11:30 a.m. or on an afternoon after school from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Jean Ann Hartman's home in Gulf Breeze beginning on September 19. We would prefer Saturday; however, this may be too conflicted with morning sports. Hopefully, we will get enough students that are able to come to Jean Ann's backyard so participants can follow some things in the garden and experience some bugs, diseases and gardening techniques and learn other skills that would not be possible in a classroom setting. Plus, no sweeping up will be needed. If you know of a child in first through fifth grades who would like to learn gardening, please let us know. Contact Jean Ann at 316-648-6806 or Linda Henderson at 850-910-2432



September Birthdays



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| 9-03 | Anne Bergen
Judy Davis | 9-14 | Charles Rumbley
Landon Schulte |
| 9-04 | Elizabeth Carruth
Marian Warden | 9-15 | Tony Minor |
| 9-05 | Miriam Arnold
Stewart Burns | 9-16 | Wally Hardy |
| 9-06 | Sharon Burnside | 9-19 | Ellen Finelli
Clyde Hurst
Karen Thoennes
Sarah Jane Renfroe |
| 9-07 | Andrea Turner
Mirenda Norton
Janice Davenport | 9-20 | Chuck Norton
Logan Mink |
| 9-08 | Charles Brougham
Liam Werner | 9-23 | Teresa Gassman
Jenny Schulte |
| 9-09 | Scott Musmanky
Lois Hudson | 9-24 | Charlotte Bergen |
| 9-11 | Kate Bradley | 9-26 | Dee Noblin |
| 9-12 | Tim Besler
Sandra Corcoran
Pippa Kuenn | 9-27 | Warren Minshull |
| 9-13 | Robert Spann
Lenn Jackson
Courtney Beebe | 9-28 | Jenny Langham
Rob Sampson |
| | | 9-29 | Ruthie Nurnberger
Jo Jo Walker |
| | | 9-30 | John Finelli
Scott Finelli |



Wedding



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| 9-06 | Gerrie and Al Harris | 9-14 | Barbara and Bill Fleming |
| 9-07 | Pam and David Langham
Kristina and Brian Vogel | 9-15 | Maria and Ed Wolfe |
| 9-08 | Ruthie and Stan Nurnberger | 9-17 | Patty and Max Kattner |
| | | 9-24 | Cynthia and Jerry Blacklaw |



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