FAMILY HAPPENINGS...

March
24 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
24 Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
24 Safety Meeting, 11:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center
27 Fellowship Meal, 5:30 p.m.
27 Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
28 Hand & Foot Huddle, 2:00 p.m., Room 183
April 6 Samantha Meyer Baby Shower, Room 183
April 13 Princess Tea, 9 1/2 p.m.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study ............................................. 294
Worship Assembly ............................................. 618
Contribution ..................................................... $16,688
Contribution Goal ............................................. $16,500

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Assembly
Wednesday: 6:30 PM Bible Study

The GULF COAST CHURCH OF CHRIST is a family of loving believers striving to "seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33).

Six men serve as shepherds of the Gulf Coast family:

FRED ATKINS
RON BATTLE
RANDALL CARTER
TODD DRAFFEN
BILL LOVE
DANNY OSBORNE

Each member of Gulf Coast is called to ministry by Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Gulf Coast has currently designated thirty-eight deacons or servants. In addition, the following are serving full-time or part-time to minister to specific areas:

RANDY SIMMONS, Evangelist
STEPHEN CALDWELL, Associate Minister
SEAN MCAFEE, Minister of Families
TIM JACOBSON, Associate Minister of Music
RUSS BONE, Minister of Connections
BETTY THARPE, Secretary
MIARIETTA CRIMMINS, Secretary

The Gulf Coast Church is a family of Christians, diverse in age, talent, and background, yet united in spirit, brotherly love, and common goals in prayerful expectation of the joy and peace to be found in Christ both now and forever.

JUST BETWEEN US

Thirty-four years ago I hired BETTY THARPE to be our church secretary. I had been here for exactly one year and we were looking for just the right person to expand our office operations and we certainly found her! Betty has been a wonderful office assistant for more than a third of a century! I think of that. Ronald Reagan was President, the Soviet Union not only still existed but was a world power, there was no internet, and I was not yet 30 years old. Loyalty and longevity are valuable assets to a church!

Betty is retiring at the end of this week. Next Sunday, we will honor her with a brief ceremony in the worship assembly and then a come-and-go reception in the large classroom adjacent to the women”s ministry kitchen. Please make plans to stop by after next Sunday”s worship assembly to thank Betty for her wonderful service and wish her God”s best during her retirement years.

Today is another one of our quarterly SPECIAL BUILDING COLLECTIONS. If you forgot your special offering today, it will still be counted as long as it is in the church office by this Wednesday. Please be very generous in helping us reach our needed goal of $75,000. Our next special collection is 4+ months away in early August.

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VISIT GULF COAST PUBLICATIONS (at the Welcome Center)

All sermons from the Gulf Coast pulpit are available, including today”s on CD for $2.00 or DVD for $4.00! Monthly subscriptions for $10/CD”s and $15/DVD”s. Books and booklets are also available. All proceeds go the Gulf Coast Building Fund.
Just Between Us.....continued

My Favorite Quotes... “JOY IS THE BEST MAKEUP.” - Anne Lamott

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This Wednesday night I will conclude a teaching series I have enjoyed preparing iWise Words From Proverbs. Our focus this week will be the final three chapters including the great virtuous woman chapter. Our meal this Wednesday will be Culver’s double-burgers (and some first-come, first-served Pork tenderloin/Grilled Reuben sandwiches), chips, salad, dessert and drink - $5 for adults, $2 for children, with a $15 family maximum, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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Prayer Requests
Regina Jacobson is home and recovering from her stay in the hospital with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. She is feeling better but is still not up for visitors at this time.

Jamie Scott began his partial brain radiation treatment last week after some delays. It is scheduled each day at 3 p.m. He is tolerating them well, except for mostly being tired.

Chuck Shaffer has been diagnosed with recurring prostate cancer which has metastasized. He has begun therapy.

Georgianna Brown remains in at HP, Room 5726, recovering from open heart surgery. Georgianna has improved a lot since her surgery but still NO visitors at this time.

Richard Smith had successful outpatient back surgery recently and will be recovering at home for a month or so.

Margie Maletich continues to recover at home from a bleeding ulcer and will continue to be monitored during her recovery.

Bill Dallas is in Fawcett Memorial Hospital in Port Charlotte. He had emergency hernia surgery ten days ago.

Dan Parker is recovering at home from his most recent hospitalization and will continue outpatient dialysis for a while.

Lowell Gregory continues to recover from back surgery in Nashville. He has been moved to a rehab facility and will probably remain there another month.

Jerry Tallman continues to recover at home from outpatient cancer surgery.

Anita Gaymon asks for prayers for Doug’s cousin, Katina Williams. She is undergoing tests to determine if she has stomach cancer.

Bertha Vance has been recovering from the flu.

Brian Milner has bronchitis. Connie asks for prayers for his health.

Cindy Layow had successful foot surgery last Tuesday.

Sharon Emmons will see her doctor on Tuesday concerning sleep related problems.

Lindsay Hutchings is home recovering from chemotherapy. Her treatment will continue every other week.

Please continue to remember David Tharpe in prayer as he suffers from pulmonary problems. Also, remember David’s brother, Gary Tharpe, as he continues to wait in Fort Lauderdale for a liver transplant.

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WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

Bind Us Together (704)
A Common Love (705)
Love Feast
Firm Foundation..................................................Tim Jacobson
His Grace Reaches Me (113)
Amazing Grace (129)
Season of Prayer
How Deep the Father’s Love
Communion (during cup, Jesus Let Us Come to Know You (768).........Ron Miller (during offering, Worthy Is The Lamb (234)
Reading of Romans 5:6-8..................................................Davarseah Barnes
The Greatest Commands (448)
(Children, ages 2-3 and 4-7, are dismissed to Toddler & Children’s Worship)
Message: “Truth AND Love”..................................................Randy Simmons
Invitation
Love Lifted Me (453)
(The elders will be down front after the closing prayer, if you would feel more comfortable meeting in a more private setting.)
No Not One (396)
Prayer..........................................................A.C. Vance
“TRUTH AND LOVE”

11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. 15 Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

Ephesians 4:11-15 NLT

1. TRUTH AND LOVE ARE NOT ALWAYS JOINED TOGETHER.

2. JESUS IS THE PERFECT BLENDING OF TRUTH AND LOVE.

3. THE CHURCH AND THE HOME ARE THE TWO PLACES WHERE TRUTH AND LOVE ARE MOST NEEDED IN PROPER BALANCE.

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Ephesians 4:15 NLT

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:23 NIV

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39 NIV

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:23 & Romans 5:8 NIV

Women Reflecting The Son

Share the love and truth with others.

Secret Sisters

If you are participating in Secret Sisters, please be sure to check the Secret Sister’s table behind the Welcome Center for any gifts that may be for you.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Friday Night
April 12.

Details next week!

Be sure to put the date on your Calendar!

Ladies Committee for March

* Amy Draffen ....................... 481-6016
  Myra Johnson ........................ 503-1803
  Ashley Taylor ......................... 816-591-9774
  Dianne Allen ......................... 518-421-8501
  Linda Byers .......................... 770-8573

Ladies Committee for April

* Marietta Crimmins .................. 810-0712
  Linda Hanson .......................... 994-3801
  Ronna Lepper .......................... 633-0563
  Mona White ............................ 877-0733
  Sylvia Battie ........................... 242-2291
  Jeanora Dehaney ..................... 244-7348
  Dianne Simmons ........................ 745-5728
NEW MEMORY VERSE
FOR 4TH & 5TH GRADES
Ms. Sylvia’s & Ms. Cynthia’s Class
Ephesians 4:4-6
For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

Happy Birthday!!
March 27..........................Rex Jackson
Lucy Brown
28...............................Deanna Rogers
Jessica May
Bailey Grace Gibbs
30...............................Chad Lyons
31...............................Brielle Wootton
April 2.............................Jerry Tallman

Gulf Coast Singing School
continuing our a capella heritage
6:30pm - auditorium
6:50pm - room 118
learn shaped notes
singing skills
new songs
All are invited

LADS ‘N DADS
Father/Son Retreat
April 26-28, 2019
Central Florida Bible Camp
23813 CR 44A Eustis, FL
Cost: $40/person
Register Online at
www.cfbiblecamp.or
& click on “Lads ’n Dads” in ‘Coming Events’
More information, CFBC 352-357-6316

GREETERS Main & Children’s Ministry Entrances
March 24: Larry & Jan Smith - Main
Sudie Gaymon, Carol Martinez
Children’s
March 31: Ron & Sylvia Battle - Main
Cindy Laird - Children’s
April 7: David & Donna Vazquez - Main
Deanna Rogers & Lucy Brown
Children’s
April 14: Jon & Anita Hassey - Main
Bob & Lee Herren - Children’s
April 21: Mike & Sherry Gilbert - Main
Fran Bone, Joyce Lockett - Children’s
April 28: Phyllis Catron, Polly Head - Main
Becky Depriest, Ann Johnson
Children’s
May 5: Ronald & Jeanora Dehaney - Main
Lucy Brown, Mara Brown - Children’s
May 12: Fred Atkins, Chris Drake – Main
Sudie Gaymon, Shannon Smith - Children’s
May 19: Bob & Dianne Allen - Main
Wren Morefield & Toni Dunbar
Children’s
May 26: Mike & Sherry Gilbert - Main
Polly Head & Phyllis Catron - Children’s

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
http://facebook.com/gulfcoastchurch

SAFETY TEAM MINISTRY...The Safety Team will hold training exercises immediately following worship today. All team members should assemble in the Family Life Center at 11:45 a.m. Questions may be directed to David Dicken, (614) 495-6518.

Thank You’s and Other Notes...
Dear Church Family,
Thanks so much for your prayers, calls and cards; all have been a great encouragement to Gene and me.
Gene is in outpatient rehab, he is working hard and making great progress. He is able to be back at church with this wonderful congregation.
Thank you for blessing us in this difficult time.
Gene & Barbara Catterton

Thanks to all of you for your help with Erin.
Lacartoonia Dunbar

Arlene Ball writes:
Jim and I will be heading back to Michigan this weekend due to family matters and will return, Lord willing, next November. We ask for God’s grace to cover us and look forward to worshipping with you in the fall. Praise God for each of you!
Naomi Paeth, Widows Ministry Leader writes:
So many of our widows need our prayers currently. Please set a specific prayer time daily for them and the renewed health they want.

In order to stand up for the truth, you must know your Bible.
Sign up for free Bible lessons at www.bibletruth.worldbibleschool.org
**IMPACT Deposit due TODAY!**
The first $100 deposit for Impact is due today. This is a $100, non-refundable deposit that reserves your spot for Impact Junior or Senior. As of right now, we do plan to make both trips. The next deposit will not be due until Sunday, May 12th, also for $100. The total cost for Impact Senior is $250 and $200 for Impact Junior.

I cannot emphasize enough how important I feel it is for our students to attend this trip. It will enhance both their connection with God and their connection with others. There is no better way to be more involved and tapped in to what we do than going on trips like these with us. Please consider attending if you haven’t done so already.

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**Senior Honors Lineup and Deadlines**

Our Senior Honors program this year will be on Sunday, May 19th, and will honor the following seniors:

- Davarseah Barnes
- Zane Collins
- Kelly Duvall
- Chase Goodwin
- Kaitlyn Jacobson
- Mackenzie Robbins
- Chase Goodwin

Seniors, your pictures and Senior Info Sheet are due on Sunday, April 21st. I will also need to know how many will attend the breakfast that morning. Do plan to make both trips. The next deposit will not be due until Sunday, May 19th, also for $100. The total cost for Impact Senior is $250 and $200 for Impact Junior.

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**BulletinLog**

Angela’s birthday and our anniversary fall only five days apart, so it’s a week-long reminder of how lucky of a guy I am. The typical, unchallengeable compliment Christian men give their wives is that they are “Proverbs 31 woman.” While true about my wife, have you read Proverbs 31 lately? When was the last time your wife selected asex for you? And I don’t know that comparing Angela to a “merchant ship” is going to be a positive for our marriage. So without further ado, and in honor of my beautiful wife, I present to you the modern Proverbs 31 woman:

*A wife of noble character who can find?* / *She is worth far more than diamonds.* / *Her husband has full confidence in her* / *and lacks nothing of value.* / *She brings him good, not harm.* / *all the days of her life.* / *She selects the “essential” Essential Oils:* *and Researches the safety and side-effects of vaccines*/ *And types with eager fingers/Looking for the best Amazon deals.* / *She gets up while it is still night* / *just to have some peace and quiet away from the crazy kids.* / *She provides casseroles for her family.* / *She considers a school and enroll her kids there.* / *Heaven forbid you cross them in any way.* / *She sees that she stewards her money well* / *and Resists the temptations of myriad upstart merchants* / *to have some peace and quiet away from the crazy kids.* / *She provides casseroles for her family.* / *She considers a school and enroll her kids there.* / *Heaven forbid you cross them in any way.* / *She sees that she stewards her money well* / *and Resists the temptations of myriad upstart merchants.*

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**FREE CAR CARE**

If you are a single mother, widow, widower, or senior with financial hardship, this is your opportunity to receive free car maintenance. First Christian Church will offer the following services free (see below) and give free advice on any mechanical problems. Event date will be: Saturday, March 30, 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Limited appointment times. Service by appointment ONLY. Register by one of the following methods, including your information (address, car year, car make, model, etc.) E-mail: masterservants@gmail.com or call Margo at 941-416-9946. Service includes: (please note all work is done by volunteers) oil change, tire tread and air pressure checked, all lights checked, brake fluid, coolant, power steering, windshield washer fluids topped off, air filter inspection, CV boots checked, and exhaust system checked. If you enjoy auto maintenance and would like to volunteer to help with this effort, please call 941-416-9946.

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**VISITOR BIBLES**

Based on a few member suggestions, we are experimenting with providing Bibles to any visitors that may want to use one during service (if they take them home, that’s okay, too). It may prove to be the case that visitors are unfamiliar with finding passages in a Bible and may prefer to follow along on the screen or in the bulletin or on their phone, but we wanted to be sure. The Bibles are on the dresser nearest to the Welcome Center. Please offer one to a visitor you encounter who might express an interest.

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**Just Married**

Congratulations to Bryan Thaggard & Brittny Warren who tied the knot March 2 in LaBelle.

Bryan* & Brittny Thaggard
17468 Fuchsia Road
 Ft. Myers, FL 33967
239-560-1084
Blwarren23@gmail.com

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**Around Gulf Coast**

By Stephen Caldwell

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CONNECTION QUESTIONS FOR MARCH 24 MESSAGE

1. Ephesians 4:15 and other passages emphasize the importance of "speaking the truth." Why is it so important to speak the truth? Is it ever okay to not speak the truth?

2. Ephesians 4:15 and other passages emphasize the importance of "speaking in love." How would you define "speaking in love"?

3. Our human nature is that we go to one extreme or the other. We are either very sentimental and emphasize love, or we are very practical and pragmatic and emphasize truth. How do we reach a happy balance?

4. Jesus is the perfect example of blending TRUTH and LOVE. Give some examples from his life and ministry.

5. Would you say you personally lean more toward speaking the truth or speaking with love? What do you think other people would say about your truth/love style? What could you do to improve so that you are able to "speak the truth in love"?

Learn what it means to be a daughter of the King. Please sign up for this event for girls ages 5 thru 5th grade. (3 and 4 year old girls welcome if accompanied by adult 18 or older).

HELPERS NEEDED! If you can help set-up, clean-up, paint nails, brush hair, take pictures, kitchen help, be a "head-counter", etc., please see Tami Pominville or Dianne Simmons.

The event is FREE, however we MUST know how many are coming in order to be prepared. Sign up at the welcome center, or call the church office at 936-4554 or text Dianne @ 745-5728.